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- More big names in fashion dropped fur from their production lines and sales floors, including Saks Fifth Avenue, Nieman Marcus, Alexander McQueen, Balenciaga, Yves Saint Laurent, Oscar de la Renta, Canada Goose and Valentino.

- We helped Maryland become the eighth state to pass a ban on cruel wildlife killing contests. And we helped defeat legislation that would have allowed the hunting of bears in Connecticut, mountain lions in Oklahoma, wolves in Minnesota and expanded the black bear hunt in Maine.

- Through our partnership with Chewy, we delivered more than $8.4 million worth of pet food and supplies to vulnerable companion animals in 101 U.S. cities and towns.

- Five more U.S. states took a decisive stand against animal testing this year. With our support, Hawaii, Maine, Maryland, New Jersey and Virginia banned the sale of animal-tested cosmetics. And 51 more companies endorsed the Humane Cosmetics Act, bringing the total to 367!

- We welcomed 170 dogs and one cat rescued during Humane Society International dog farm closures in South Korea to our Washington, D.C.-area shelter, where all the animals were cared for and readied for adoption.

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- Count your donation toward any required minimum distributions.
- Witness the impact of your gift today.
- Lower your annual income level (may help reduce Medicare premiums and the amount of Social Security subject to taxes).

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