

# Humane Legacy



THE HUMANE SOCIETY  
OF THE UNITED STATES



The Duncans with  
Mitch, one of their  
miniature horses.

## Securing their support far into the future

**DONNA DUNCAN'S HEART FOR ANIMALS** developed at an early age. One of her first memories is feeling distress for a stuffed animal that someone had teasingly dangled from a tree branch. "I cried because I thought how cruel someone could be to harm an innocent animal," she recalls. "To me that stuffed animal was real."

Toys gave way to family dogs and then a first dog of her own, Tiffany, a Yorkshire terrier. "She was attached to my soul," says Donna. "After her, I really understood how important animals are in our daily lives."

Donna's husband, James, agrees. The couple started rescuing dogs 20 years ago. Today their "muttly crew" numbers an even dozen, mostly mixed breeds that range from 2.5 pounds to more than 100. The Duncans also adopted three neglected miniature horses, reflecting their openness to helping any animal in peril.

"Any good work being done by rescue groups or other animal

welfare organizations is a blessing and deserves equal recognition and praise," says James. "We have always supported local rescues and, of course, the HSUS—a national organization that can make much larger scale differences for all animals."

Like many longtime HSUS members, the Duncans have secured their support far into the future by naming the organization in their estate plans. "We included the HSUS so that we can help their great work continue after we're gone," says Donna.

"Over the years we have seen this organization grow and do groundbreaking work," adds James. "Whether by passing legislation; providing education, outreach and community services; or performing actual rescues, the HSUS is the real thing!"

→ **LEARN MORE:** Contact the Planned Giving team at 800-808-7858 or [humanelegacy@humanesociety.org](mailto:humanelegacy@humanesociety.org) or visit [legacy.humanesociety.org/request](https://legacy.humanesociety.org/request).

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## HSUS-led #SpayTogether initiative responds to pandemic

**THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC** has affected animal shelters across the United States in unprecedented ways, including the temporary suspension of non-emergency veterinary services such as spay/neuter surgeries. To meet this need once restrictions were lifted, the Humane Society of the United States announced the launch of #SpayTogether in early June 2020. This coalition of more than 25 of the largest and most impactful animal welfare organizations in the United States is helping animal shelters and spay/neuter veterinary clinics perform 50,000 lifesaving spay/neuter surgeries on a fast track over three months.

“Approximately 1.5 million healthy, adoptable cats and dogs are euthanized in shelters annually,” notes HSUS President and CEO Kitty Block. “Animal protection groups like ours have worked for years to lower this number, with great success. But it is crucial we do not let it go back up as our nation deals with a human health crisis.”

After raising nearly \$4.5 million in funds, in-kind donations and services, the HSUS is providing surgery subsidy support grants; on-ground assistance; training in high quality, high-volume spay/neuter surgeries; and discounted veterinary supplies and services to shelters and veterinary clinics. Veterinary providers can offer discounted surgeries to the public, delivering much-needed help to underserved communities throughout the country.

In leading #SpayTogether, the HSUS builds on experience gained through prior efforts, including global work targeting street dog populations, multi-million-dollar post-Hurricane Katrina Gulf Coast initiatives and Spayathon for Puerto Rico™.

→ **GET INVOLVED:** Follow the progress of #SpayTogether and other HSUS campaigns by subscribing to Kitty Block’s blog, *A Humane World*, at [blog.humanesociety.org](http://blog.humanesociety.org).

## Secure your future and help animals with a charitable gift annuity

**CREATING A MORE HUMANE WORLD** can benefit you, too. Charitable Gift Annuities (CGAs) offer a way to create a legacy for animals now and receive dependable, fixed payments for life, in exchange for a gift of at least \$10,000 in cash or appreciated securities to the Humane Society of the United States. The rate of the payments is determined by age and number of annuitants (one or two). Part of the donation is tax-deductible, and part of the payments could be tax-free. Rates are set by the American Council on Gift Annuities and are subject to change.

Age	Sample One-Life Rate
65	4.2%
70	4.7%
75	5.4%
80	6.5%
85	7.6%
90	8.6%

Rates effective 7/1/2020; subject to change. Please note that the HSUS does not offer gift annuities for residents of Alabama, Arkansas, Hawaii or North Dakota.

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