



2009 Annual Report





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Mission

The mission of the American Anti-Vivisection Society is to unequivocally oppose and work to end experimentation on animals and to oppose all other forms of cruelty to animals. AAVS was founded in 1883 as the first non-profit animal advocacy and educational organization in the United States dedicated to ending experimentation on animals in research, testing, and education.

Letter from the President

The Annual Report offers an opportunity to review our accomplishments from the year prior and to thank our members and supporters for making it all possible. We hope that you are proud of what your contributions support and that you are inspired to stay involved. I'd like to highlight four notable areas of achievement from 2009:

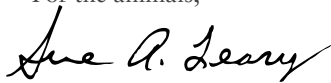
Dying to Learn: Exposing the supply and use of dogs and cats in higher education. Although what we documented in that report was tragic, a lot of good has come from it, as it continues to ripple through the field. Many who want to ensure excellence in humane science education are using the resources and information from the report to leverage changes on campuses across the U.S. and even internationally.

Pound Seizure and Class B Dealers. AAVS also exposed the misdeeds of pounds selling animals for research, especially via random source Class B dealers. Fortunately, the dealers have been on the ropes in Michigan and elsewhere, thanks to extraordinary grassroots activists who have benefitted from AAVS's legal and technical expertise.

Leaping Bunny. Operated by AAVS for the Coalition for Consumer Information on Cosmetics (CCIC), the Leaping Bunny Program experienced impressive growth last year. This amazingly efficient and successful program is one of a kind, aiming to maximize the number of consumers and companies supporting cruelty-free products. The Leaping Bunny's hallmark is its integrity, and who better than AAVS to ensure that it remains mission-true.

AV Magazine. As the magazine evolves, we continue to hear from you that it is highly valued. Each issue explores important matters and provides AAVS members with news and views not available anywhere else.

The evidence is clear: AAVS's expertise on issues of animal experimentation is influential and contributes to meaningful, lasting change for the animals. Thank you again for supporting our work!

For the animals,

Sue A. Leary
President



OUR WORK

Dying To Learn

www.DyingToLearn.org



Released on April 27, Animalearn's report, *Dying to Learn: Exposing the supply and use of dogs and cats in higher education*, documents the hidden practices of higher education, proving that science lab students are using former pets at major colleges and universities.

The result of a two-year investigation of animal acquisition and use from 92 public colleges and universities in the U.S., the report presents evidence of unnecessary use of animals, and unethical sources. A comprehensive review of official documents reveals that 52% of the colleges and universities examined are using live and dead dogs and cats for teaching and training purposes in life science, veterinary, and medical education, in spite of viable alternatives available that are being used by other schools.

The report documents problems with all sources of animals, including biological supply companies, which sell preserved specimens, and Class A dealers, which breed animals on their premises. However, of particular concern are cats and dogs purchased from random source Class B animal dealers, which collect animals through shelters and pounds, misleading ads, auctions, and other sources. Alarming, all categories of animal dealers have track records of Animal Welfare Act violations.

Dying to Learn's IMPACT

In the wake of the report's release, cases were built for numerous successes throughout the year:

After AAVS delivered your petitions to members of Congress with a copy of our report, federal legislation was re-introduced to put an end to random source Class B dealers.

The evidence we compiled from Utah Health Department records made the case for key legislative arguments to end mandatory pound seizure.

Alternatives are the Solution

Since Animalearn's expertise is humane alternatives, the report offers extensive resources, including studies showing that students learn as well or better with cost-effective humane alternatives and/or therapeutic uses of animals. *Dying to Learn* also recognizes the pivotal role students have played in adoption of student choice policies which provide options for use humane alternatives over harming animals. Additionally, the report includes recommendations and instructions for proactive advocates including a sample policy that would prohibit an institution from acquiring animals from random source Class B dealers.

Animalearn at Michigan State University

Animalearn conducted a lecture at Michigan State University's School of Veterinary Medicine, an institution which *Dying To Learn* revealed as having acquired significant numbers of animals from dealers for use in terminal surgery labs. Presenting key findings and solutions from the *Dying to Learn* Report, Animalearn created an opportunity for open dialogue and debate about the use of animals in education, which was very well-received by students, faculty, and administration in attendance. Animalearn continues to work with MSU students to make positive change for animals by implementing solutions for ethical sources and uses of animals in education.



Animalearn presented *Dying to Learn* as a scientific poster at the 7th World Congress on Alternatives & Animal Use in the Life Sciences, held in Rome, Italy from August 30 to September 3. The World Congress gathers scientists, policy-makers, and animals advocates from around the globe to assess progress towards the reduction, refinement and replacement of animals in science.

In Michigan, we are pressuring the U.S. Department of Agriculture to revoke the license of a dealer who has been cited for multiple violations.

In partnership with a student group at Michigan State University, we made the case for the College of Veterinary Medicine to end terminal animal labs.

The University of Cincinnati announced it will no longer use purpose bred animals as part of its curriculum.

Delta Biological Supply in Arizona came under fire after the report exposed their acquisition of cat carcasses from Mexico.

OUR WORK Animalearn

www.Animalearn.org



AAVS's education department, Animalearn, reaches out to parents, students, and educators at all levels to enlighten them about the benefits of humane education and promote the use of alternatives to dissection. From Philadelphia to New Orleans to San Diego, Animalearn traveled across the country in 2009 visiting schools, attending conferences, and exhibiting at events.

The Science Bank

Now offering over 500 humane alternatives for science education courses from kindergarten through college, veterinary, and medical school, The Science Bank is the largest free loan program of its kind in the United States. A new, intelligently organized catalog was designed to include all of newest product additions, including CD-ROMs, DVDs, models, and manikins. Over 2,100 inquiries to The Science Bank were received in 2009—an increase of 25% compared to the previous year.

Animalearn Online

Animalearn's website was completely redesigned in 2009, providing a more user-friendly and easily-navigable resource for students and teachers. Accompanying the new site is an improved search engine to readily locate alternatives available through The Science Bank, organized by education level, animal species, and type of alternative.

Animalearn further enhanced its online presence by establishing a page on the social media website Facebook. Since the page went active in May 2009, over 15,000 members of the Facebook community have become a "fan" of Animalearn.



Animalearn Helps Educators

One of Animalearn's most important contributions is providing expert consultation to educators. Here are just two examples:

Animalearn assisted Wisconsin veterinarian Dr. Susan Krebsbach with designing a presentation to demonstrate the effectiveness of dissection alternatives. The Digital Frog program was showcased to area teachers and administrators, who expressed enthusiasm for its ingenuity and cost-efficiency.

Animalearn came to the aid of Michigan high school science teacher Sandra Bussian, who had been using dissection alternatives in her classes, but would have to sacrifice these materials due to budgetary constraints. Donating multiple alternatives to Sandra's school, Animalearn ensured that students would continue to have humane options.

Humane Student of the Year

Megan Sweeney was honored as Animalearn's 2009 Humane Student of the Year for objecting to dissection and, with Animalearn's assistance, Megan was able to implement a student choice policy in her high school. To honor her accomplishment, Animalearn awarded Megan's school, situated in the suburbs of Philadelphia, PA, a variety of dissection alternatives for use in biology classes.

As a consequence of Megan's success, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia instituted a new dissection policy modeled on the Pennsylvania Student Choice Law. To promote and encourage use of alternatives, Animalearn distributed Science Bank brochures and Pennsylvania Student Choice Compliance posters to all 23 high schools within the school system of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

"Animalearn went above and beyond to ensure that all students have the opportunity to achieve. Thank you so much for your generous donation."
SANDY BUSSIAN,
SCIENCE TEACHER,
MICHIGAN



(Left to Right) Animalearn's Nicole Green, Humane Student Megan Sweeney, Animalearn's Laura Ducceschi



OUR WORK

Leaping Bunny

www.LeapingBunny.org



AAVS continued to serve in the leadership role as Chair of the Coalition for Consumer Information on Cosmetics' (CCIC) Leaping Bunny Program in 2009. Our work focuses on assuring that all cosmetic, personal care, and household product companies that join the program can guarantee that their products are free of new animal testing for ingredients, formulations, and finished products. In addition, companies must recommit to the program annually and be open to audits. In the past year, AAVS worked with an independent auditor to complete six audits to ensure continued compliance by companies in the Leaping Bunny Program. Because of their failure to agree to an independent audit, three companies were also removed from the *Compassionate Shopping Guide*. It is these additional steps that provide consumers with the highest level of confidence that companies in the Leaping Bunny Program are not engaged in animal testing.

To encourage more companies to join the Leaping Bunny Program, AAVS launched a nation-wide pledge campaign in 2008 urging consumers to take the leap and only use products not tested on animals. Since then, over 10,000 compassionate consumers have affirmed their dedication to using cruelty-free products. Sign the pledge at www.LeapingBunnyPledge.org

Marketing the Bunny

Reaching out to consumers and companies to spread the word about the Leaping Bunny Program remained a priority for AAVS in 2009. In July, AAVS staff spoke about the Leaping Bunny Program and the importance of cruelty-free shopping to attendees at the Taking Action for Animals conference. Staff also tabled on behalf of the Leaping Bunny Program to provide information and product samples to over 1,000 attendees. In addition, a consultant for Mary Kay joined us at our table to let attendees learn more about their great cruelty-free products. In September, staff attended Natural Products Expo East, gaining an opportunity to speak to over 50 potential new companies as well as thank 24 companies in attendance that are already certified by the Leaping Bunny Program.

AAVS also looked for new ways to reach compassionate consumers including producing a free iPhone application of the *Compassionate Shopping Guide*, creating a Facebook page, and working with a student to create a video about product testing and the Leaping Bunny Program for World Week for Animals in Laboratories. AAVS and the Leaping Bunny Program distributed over 230,000 *Compassionate Shopping Guides* in 2009, making it easy for compassionate consumers to identify and purchase cruelty-free products. We also provided five new businesses with retail display kits, which give store owners a simple way to dispense shopping guides.

Companies Take the Leap

AAVS efforts were met with great success for the Leaping Bunny Program. We corresponded with nearly 300 different companies at conferences and through e-mail and phone correspondence. By the end of the year, 57 new companies took the steps necessary to become certified by the Leaping Bunny Program, 25 of which also decided to license the Leaping Bunny Logo. See companies below.



230,000

SHOPPING GUIDES
HANDED OUT IN 2009

10,000

COMPASSIONATE
PEOPLE SIGNED THE
CRUELTY-FREE PLEDGE

300

CRUELTY-FREE
COMPANIES IN THE
SHOPPING GUIDE

57

COMPANIES BECAME
LEAPING BUNNY
CERTIFIED IN 2009

COMPANIES JOINED IN 2009

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| Alima Pure* | Mother Love Herbal Company* |
| Antiochia | Mountain Girl Botanics* |
| Apala Hair | Mountain Sky |
| A Spa For You Sedona Day Spa | Naturity LLC* |
| Aspen Clean* | Nurture My Body |
| Baby Bump, Inc. | Nutro Body Care |
| Back to the Earth Company | Obligé By Nature* |
| Better Life | Organic Oscar - |
| Castle Baths* | Pet Cosmetics Distribution* |
| Color Me Crazy | Paradise City Herbal |
| Dale Audrey/Oral Fitness, Inc.* | Philessential |
| The Damajon Group* | Sensibility Soaps* |
| Dhara Holistics | Spice Cosmetics |
| Eco-Me | SugarCane Skincare |
| Eminence Organics* | Trillium Organics* |
| Flowerfolk | Truth |
| Fourth Coast Soaps | Vapour Organic Beauty* |
| Golden Path Alchemy Skincare | VB Skin Systems* |
| Herbaluna | Vidolina Natura |
| Herban Lifestyle | V.I.P. Soap Products* |
| HERBOLOGIE, Inc.* | WellSpring Naturals* |
| HoneyMark International | White Dragon Essentials & |
| Infusion-naturally pure* | Earth Natural Essentials |
| Irie Star* | Wildflower Organic Bodycare |
| It's A 10 Haircare* | Xingu Amazonia* |
| Kimberly Parry Organics* | Yarok |
| Kokokahn | Ysolde |
| KZM Facial Care Boutique | Zatik Natural* |
| LoriannZ | Zhang's Lifebalm* |
| Mixaroma | |

*LICENSÉE OF THE LEAPING BUNNY LOGO



OUR WORK

Pound Seizure

www.BanPoundSeizure.org

“AAVS put pressure on the USDA to suspend R&R Research's Class B dealer license due to the facility's repeated violations of the Animal Welfare Act...”

In 2009, AAVS worked hard to prevent former pets from ending up behind laboratory doors. AAVS submitted extensive comments to an Institute of Laboratory Animal Research (ILAR) committee that studied the issue of random source animals used for research. We documented the ethical and practical problems associated with random source animals, who are obtained from pounds directly, but also from United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) licensed random source Class B dealers. Those dealers are permitted to obtain animals from pounds and shelters, auction sales, or individuals for sale to research and teaching facilities. AAVS commended the final ILAR report released in May, which concluded that the use of random source Class B dealers is not necessary for National Institutes of Health research.

AAVS worked closely with local activists in Montcalm County, Michigan to put a stop to the county's contract with a random source Class B dealer, R&R Research. In exchange for free disposal of euthanized animals, R&R was given access to the county's shelter animals so that they could be sold to research institutions. In April, Montcalm County Commissioners voted to end this contract. Earlier that month, Osceola County unanimously passed a recommendation to end the release of animals to research leaving only two counties in Michigan that continue to allow dogs and cats to be sold to research facilities.

At the same time, AAVS put pressure on the USDA to suspend R&R Research's Class B license due to the dealer's repeated violations of the Animal Welfare Act and the provisions that protect lost and stolen pets from being used in research in particular. AAVS members drove home that message and sent letters to USDA encouraging them to use their authority to put R&R out of business. Recent reports reveal that R&R is now under investigation by USDA.

OUR WORK

Outreach

www.aavs.org

AAVS works hard to ensure that you are equipped with the most comprehensive and reliable information available regarding critical issues surrounding the use of animals used in research, product testing, and education.

AAVS Online

The AAVS websites provide comprehensive information about our mission, programs, campaigns, and history. Users can easily access various resources—including press releases, reports, the *Compassionate Shopping Guide*, and an *AV Magazine* archive—and also shop for merchandise and take action. Our monthly e-newsletter further informs and motivates members to action, providing links to immediate electronic correspondence available on our website, including letters, petitions, and pledges. Sign up to stay informed at www.aavs.org.

Spreading the Message

AAVS has long supported the efforts of grassroots activists, providing printed materials to hundreds of groups for distribution at events and fundraisers. Staff members attend many conferences throughout the year, ranging in scope from animal advocacy to legislator gatherings to product expos. AAVS representatives are often featured as guest speakers at these events, and we promote our mission through the distribution of our publications and brochures.



PUBLICATIONS

AAVS distributed over 100,000 copies of our *AV Magazine* and *Activate for Animals* newsletter to members in 15 countries. The *AV* is a unique resource that provides in-depth reporting on various issues related to animal protection, while *Activate* keeps members current on AAVS's campaigns and programs, and presents opportunities to take timely and direct actions on behalf of animals.

ADVERTISING

In an effort to increase public awareness about the plight of animals in laboratories, AAVS promotes our work in several prominent publications, including *E Magazine*, *Vegetarian Times*, *Mother Jones*, *Bust*, *Urban Paws*, and *The Bark*.



A brown horse with a long, flowing white mane is grazing in a green field. The horse is wearing a dark halter. In the background, there is a dark wooden structure, possibly a barn or shed, and a fence. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

Sanctuary Fund

AAVS thanks our members for all their generous donations to the Tina Nelson Sanctuary Fund, which supports sanctuaries that provide direct care for animals who have been released from research labs or rescued from abusive situations. AAVS carefully screens the sanctuaries to make sure they are responsible and adhere to high standards of animal care. One-hundred percent of your donations to the Tina Nelson Sanctuary Fund directly benefit the grant program.

“We can’t thank AAVS enough for your immediate response in the wake of the barn fire. Your support will be instrumental in the recovery process.”

**SARAH BARNSHAW, ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER
RYERSS FARM FOR AGED EQUINES**



Ryerss' Farm for Aged Equines, Pennsylvania

www.ryerss.org

Its history dating to 1888, Ryerss cares for aged, abused, or injured horses, providing a home where they can spend their golden years out to pasture. The residents at Ryerss are never auctioned, forced to work, or subjected to experiments; they simply spend their days grazing and rollicking with their friends.



Mindy's Memory, Oklahoma

www.mindysmem.org

The sanctuary is named in honor of a rhesus macaque, "Mindy Sue," whose life of neglect and health problems inspired the facility's foundation. Mindy's Memory provides a healthy, safe, and humane environment for any formerly abused or abandoned primates needing care and treatment. They also educate the public on the humane treatment and proper care of primates.



Jungle Friends, Florida

www.junglefriends.org

Jungle Friends Primate Sanctuary rescues and offers permanent, safe haven for monkeys from around the United States who have been abused, confiscated by authorities, retired from research, or formerly maintained as pets. It is accredited by the American Sanctuary Association and Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries.



Chimpanzee Sanctuary Northwest, Washington

www.chimpsanctuarynw.org

Chimpanzee Sanctuary Northwest was founded in 2003 to provide lifetime quality care for formerly abused or exploited chimpanzees discarded from the entertainment and biomedical testing industries, while advocating for great apes through education and collaboration. Their goal is a world where free-living non-human primate populations thrive.



American Sanctuary Association, Nevada

www.asaanimalsanctuaries.org

The American Sanctuary Association works to find placement for a multitude of homeless, abandoned, neglected, and seized abused exotic animals, non-releasable native wild animals, farm animals, and companion animals.



Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries, Washington D.C.

www.sanctuaryfederation.org

The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries was formed by nationally and globally recognized leaders in the animal protection field for the sole purpose of strengthening and supporting the work of animal sanctuaries in the United States and abroad. GFAS objectively verifies that sanctuaries are providing animals the standards of care that they deserve—GFAS helps sanctuaries help animals.

Financial Summary

Accountability to Our Members

Your generous support enables AAVS's important work. It is our responsibility to ensure that your contributions are used wisely and for their intended purpose: to succeed for the animals. For your convenience, we summarize here key financial information; you are always welcome to request detailed organizational documents including our Audited Financial Statement, IRS Form 990, and internal governance policies.

Board of Managers Provides Active Oversight

AAVS's dedicated and experienced Board of Managers is comprised of elected Life Members of the organization who exercise their legal duties of care and loyalty. The Board meets six times a year; they are fully briefed on the activities of the organization, deliberate on key policies, and approve organizational plans and budgets developed by Board committees and staff. AAVS's active Board is the structural foundation that ensures the organization's continued dedication to its mission.

Getting the Work Done

AAVS employs skilled professionals who work here because they care passionately about animals. The organization ensures efficiency by providing the resources the staff needs to achieve AAVS's goals. Employee salaries are within industry standards, averaging \$41,110. Also, responsible purchasing and financial practices help maintain the organization's fiscal health.

Leveraging Resources through Cooperation

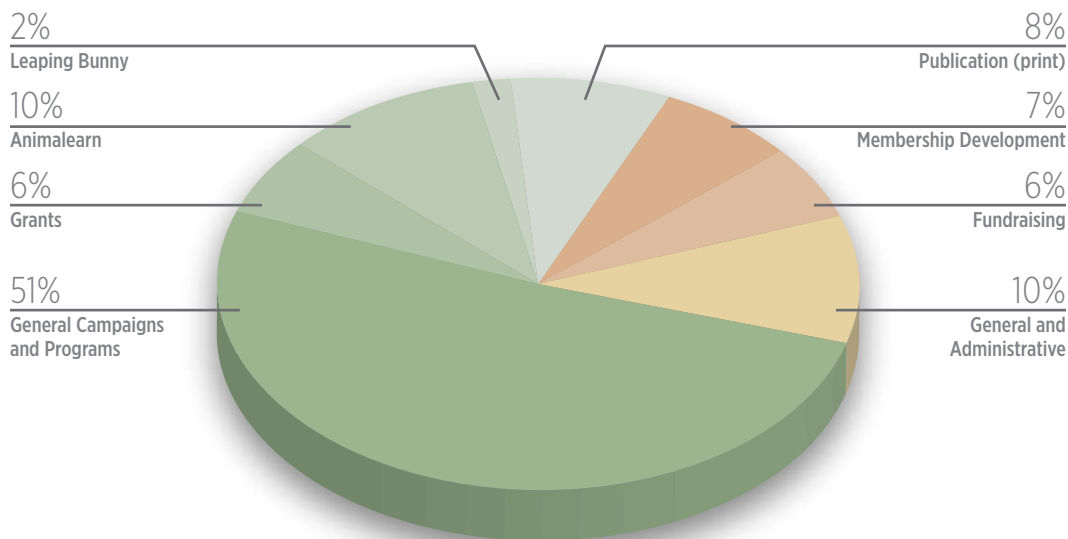
AAVS collaborates with like-minded organizations to maximize the effectiveness of our campaigns to help animals. In 2009, we participated in and financially contributed to several programs that advance our mission: Coalition for Consumer Information on Cosmetics, Animals & Society Institute Fellowship Program, National Council for Animal Protection, International Association Against Painful Experiments on Animals, Taking Action for Animals, and the Humane Education Coalition.

Investments

AAVS maintains prudent investment principles, with the added discipline of not investing in companies that engage in animal testing or other forms of animal exploitation contrary to our mission. The economic recession that began in 2008 fortunately did not continue at its initial dramatic pace throughout 2009. In fact, AAVS's long-term investments, which provide part of our operating funds, rebounded in fair value to a moderate extent. Our budgeting for 2009 and 2010 maintains a realistic perspective in what remains an uncertain economic time.

Summary

As hoped, 2009 brought about a partial recovery in the value of our investment assets. In addition, we were buoyed by the commitment and support of both long-time members and many new contributors; your generosity and dedication to our mission is truly inspiring.



Audited financial statements and our Form 990 filed with the IRS are available upon request.

Selected Financial Data as of and for the Year Ended: December 31, 2009

(all amounts in thousands of dollars)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

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| Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$ 3,382 |
| Receivable from Estates and Trusts | 151 |
| Long-term Investments at Fair Value** | 13,520 |
| Beneficial Interest in Charitable Trusts | 171 |
| Beneficial Interest in Perpetual Trusts | 1,204 |
| Other Assets | 115 |
| Total Assets | 18,543 |
| Accrued Expenses | \$ 46 |
| Deferred Membership Dues Revenue | 105 |
| Capital Leases | 21 |
| Other | 58 |
| Total Liabilities | 230 |
| Net Assets as of 12-31-09 | 18,313 |
| Total Liabilities and Net Assets | 18,543 |

CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

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| Net Assets as of 01-01-09 | \$ 15,404 |
| Membership Dues | 201 |
| Contributions and Bequests | 992 |
| Investment Income | 568 |
| Realized Losses on Long-Term Investments | (1,427) |
| Unrealized Gains on Long-Term Investments | 4,021 |
| Other | 40 |
| Total Revenues, Losses, Other | 4,395 |
| Program Expenses (77%) | 1,299 |
| General and Administrative (10%) | 167 |
| Fundraising (13%) | 227 |
| Total Decreases | 1,694 |
| Net Assets as of 12-31-09 | 18,313 |

** AAVS does not invest in companies engaged in animal experimentation or other companies contrary to our mission.

Planned Giving

AAVS Members Plan for the Future

In 2009, many of AAVS's most dedicated members stepped forward to designate a planned gift. They were welcomed into AAVS's exclusive Caroline Earle White Society and have our lasting appreciation. These generous benefactors are extraordinary friends to the animals.

Remembering Martha Porter

An extraordinary gift arrived as 2009 drew to a close. Martha Porter, who was from nearby Pottstown, Pennsylvania, made a generous provision in her estate for AAVS. Miss Porter, a dedicated member for many years, died in 1983, at the age of 83. She cared passionately for the animals and for her sister, Mary Porter, who became lifetime beneficiary of a Trust set up by Martha. When Mary died in 2009, that Trust was divided between charities that meant so much to the sisters. All of us associated with AAVS admire the foresight and compassion of the Porter sisters, who ensured, with their generosity, that their legacy of caring will live on through the organizations that carry on their values.



For Members Who Are Considering Planned Giving

Providing for AAVS in your estate is a powerful way to perpetuate your legacy of protecting animals and help us reach our goal of ending the use of animals in science. These gifts can include life insurance, real estate, annuities, trusts, and retirement funds.

There are many benefits of planned charitable giving to both the donor and AAVS. For the donor, these benefits can include: providing additional lifetime income for you or a loved one; passing assets to your family at a reduced tax cost; reducing income tax; avoiding capital gains tax; and making a significant gift to a cause that is important to you.

Planned giving to AAVS is a way to let your voice be heard for the animals well into the future. AAVS truly could not sustain our activities for the animals without the legacies that we receive and we are deeply grateful for each and every one.

HONORING LASTING LEGACIES

We would like to recognize members who have graciously left legacies to AAVS through their wills, trusts, and bequests in 2009.

With tremendous gratitude we honor and remember the following members who have provided support for AAVS, sustaining our programs into the future:

BEQUESTS

Florence F. Campbell
William B. Castetter
Jane Cherry
Mary Cochran
Mark Eisner, Jr.
Charles Inberg
Ruth Pearson
Martha D. Porter
Earl Wall Stroh
Leonard J. Zurek

TRUSTS

Wilfred Black
Leasure Darbaker
Eleanor Diehl
Helen Hootkins
Mildred Kelly
Alice Phelps Rider
Joanne B. F. Schlechter
Lillian Sporkin
Olive F. Stengel
Susan C. Stroud

Thanks to Our Members

You are amazing. 2009 was a tough year for many and despite hard economic conditions, AAVS could count on your dedication and support. You sent letters to decision makers within government agencies urging them to ban random source Class B dealers. You pledged to go cruelty-free and become a compassionate consumer. You asked your employer to double your generosity through a matching gift. You contacted your state and federal representatives about important animal issues. You promoted our mission by sending AAVS gift memberships to friends and family. You helped animals once suffering in labs find new lives by donating to our Sanctuary Fund. You distributed *Compassionate Shopping Guides* to co-workers and asked them to “Take the Leap.” You taught your children to be more humane by using alternatives to dissection available from The Science Bank. You provided funding for scientists to develop cutting-edge alternatives to animal research models. You made a very important decision to include AAVS in your estate plans. You are a true friend to the animals.

Your generosity enables AAVS to continue its vital work on behalf of the animals. You’re part of the team and we can’t do it without you. Thank you.

Regards,



Chris Derer

Director of Development & Member Services



For more information on planned giving, leadership gifts, or other support, please contact Chris Derer, at 800-SAY-AAVS, or via e-mail at cderer@avvs.org.

Help AAVS Do More For the Animals

BECOME A MONTHLY PARTNER. Donate on a monthly basis and help ensure that we have the necessary, steady funding throughout the year to help the animals. Even \$5 a month will make a difference! To sign up securely online, visit: www.avvs.org/MonthlyPartner.

SURF THE WEB. You can support AAVS while using the internet as you normally would for information searches, shopping, and online auctions. Visit GoodSearch.com, iGive.com, and MissionFish.com for more information.

HAVE YOUR GIFT MATCHED. Your generous gift to AAVS can be doubled! Ask your employer or human resources department if a matching gift program is available. Please remember to complete and attach any applicable form with your gift to AAVS.

GIVE A GIFT MEMBERSHIP. Introduce a friend, family member, or co-worker to AAVS’s mission and provide them with the same great benefits that you enjoy. AAVS gift memberships make great birthday presents and holiday gifts, promote our important work, and educate others about needless animal suffering.

BE A BILLBOARD. Promote AAVS by wearing apparel bearing our logo and specialized messages. Other merchandise is also available. Visit our online store at www.avvs.org/Store.

PLAN FOR THE FUTURE. You can give the animals a very special gift by providing for AAVS through a bequest, trust, annuity, or other planned giving option. This important decision will perpetuate your legacy of protecting animals while continuing AAVS’s important mission into the future. For more info, visit: www.avvs.org/PlannedGiving.



The Alternatives Research & Development Foundation is an affiliate of AAVS. ARDF's mission is to fund and promote the development, validation, and adoption of non-animal methods in biomedical research, product testing, and education. Focused on methods and models used in research, ARDF works constructively with partners in the science community to bring alternatives technology and compassion to modern laboratories and classrooms.

The ARDF Alternatives Research Grant Program was established to fund research projects that develop alternative investigation methodologies and/or utilize an alternative research approach to advance science. Over \$2.2 million in grants have been awarded to date. ARDF acknowledges these grant recipients from 2009—forward-thinking, progressive, and compassionate researchers working to reduce and end animal suffering:

MARIA POLIKANDRITOU LAMBROS, PhD

Western University of Health Sciences,
Pomona, CA

A 3-Dimensional Human Cell Culture
Model as a Replacement of Animal
Models in the Study of Mucositis

WARREN E. ROSE, PharmD

University of Wisconsin,
Madison, WI

Evaluation of an In Vitro Pharmacody-
namic Model as an Alternative to Animal
Models in Assessing Bacterial Virulence
and Toxins

DOUGLAS S. CLARK, PhD

University of California, Berkeley,
Berkeley, CA

Cellular and Enzymatic Microarrays to
Reduce the Use of Animals in Toxicology
Studies

JAMES ROBERT STONE, MD, PhD

Massachusetts General Hospital,
Boston, MA

Development of a Human Artery Model of
Atherosclerosis

ARDF recognizes and congratulates these individuals in the scientific community who have made extraordinary contributions to the advancement of alternatives.

Board of Managers

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Margaret Dawson

TREASURER

Aaron McIntyre

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Jeanne K. Bray

Denise Cowie

Richard I. Torpey, *Esq.*

James A. Clark, Lifetime Emeritus

Thanks to Joseph H. Donahue who retired from the Board during 2009, after serving 26 years of faithful service.

AAVS Personnel

Sue A. Leary, *President*

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Nina Mak, *Research Analyst*

Caitlin McGrother, *Membership Assistant*

Crystal Miller-Spiegel, *Policy Analyst*

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Austin Schlack, *Graphic Designer & Website Coordinator*

Julie Sinnamon, *Office Manager*



Ending the use of animals in science.





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Cruella's Story

In 2007, a shepherd-chow mix was found wearing a purple collar and chain in a small town in Michigan. Considered a stray, she was housed at a county animal control facility until being relinquished to R&R Research, a Class B random source animal dealer. She remained at R&R for six months, likely spending most of her time alone, confined in a cage with limited human companionship.

Later, traveling well over 1,000 miles with 13 other dogs, she was sold to the University of Florida, where veterinary students named her Cruella. There, over a period of seven months, she was sedated or anesthetized seven times, often for hours at a time, for use in medical training procedures, including endoscopy, abdominal surgery, and ultrasound exercises.

During one surgical procedure, it was discovered that she already had been spayed, further indication that she was once someone's companion animal.

On July 23, 2008, 195 days after her arrival at the University of Florida and over a year after she was found in Michigan, Cruella was killed via lethal injection.

In 2009, with the publication of *Dying to Learn*, AAVS dedicated its work to ensuring that other dogs don't suffer her fate.



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