

Profiting Off Pets

How National Animal Rights Groups Spend Donations

The Humane Society of the United States and ASPCA raise over \$500 million a year, but very little of that money helps animals in Illinois. Despite their names, neither group is affiliated with local humane societies, SPCAs, or other pet shelters. Recent news reports have stated that only 1-2% of the money raised by these organizations is given to local pet shelters.

Humane Society of the United States

- Receives a "D" grade from the Chicago-based CharityWatch, a top nonprofit watchdog.
- HSUS executives raked in over \$5 million in 2022. CEO Kitty Block made over \$600,000 in salary and benefits.
- 140 employees at the Humane Society of the United States received over \$100,000.
- Sitting on \$330 million in investments, including \$80 million kept offshore in the Caribbean. This money is being hoarded instead of helping homeless animals.
- Reported giving \$0 to Illinois pet shelters on its most recent tax return.

ASPCA

- Receives a "C-minus" grade from the Chicago-based CharityWatch.
- CEO Matt Bershadker makes nearly \$1 million in compensation.
- Spent over \$5 million on its executives in 2021.
- Hoarding over \$300 million in investments, including \$11 million kept offshore in the Caribbean instead of helping pets.
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Sources: Form 990 tax returns, viewable at ProPublica.org