HUMANE ACTION
Pittsburgh

ANNUAL REPORT
2021
Friends,

In April, we will celebrate our 7th anniversary since the founding of HAP in a church basement, when 45 dreamers assembled and dared to ask “what if”.

Now, with 17 HAP inspired ordinances signed into law, more than 100 educational events behind us, and a network of members and partners driving animal protection forward, we believe our best days are surely ahead. This is rather impressive considering that everything we’ve accomplished together happened with an unpaid staff and occurred during a pandemic for two out of our seven years.

Securing animal protections, given the challenges of 2020-2021, meant keeping our same goals but changing plans and strategies as needed. That’s what perseverance is all about — finding opportunities in difficult times.

These campaigns, years in the making, proved victorious in 2021 — like the Pittsburgh Zoo’s commitment to restore AZA protections for over 8,000 animals in their custody, enactment of the new reptile ordinance, enforcement of the wild bird law, and the introduction of our first HAP inspired statewide puppy mill law. Animal protection requires determination from all of us.

In the last 50 years, our world has lost 60% of wildlife across the globe and 29% of all birds in North America alone, yet livestock populations have tripled at the hands of humans. Quite honestly, Pennsylvania is home to some of the worst animal atrocities in the country. We remain the “Puppy Mill Capital of the East” and are the last state to openly and legally hold live pigeon shoots. Our task sounds daunting and hopeless. Not so.

HAP is developing deeper educational forums and coordinating campaigns to help you end animal suffering within your circle of influence. Your volunteer efforts and financial contributions to HAP have sustained us and continue to make meaningful change for animals here in Pittsburgh and beyond.

We’re optimistic that we will be safely back in the classroom in 2022. Until we meet in person again, keep the faith that better days are near, and whenever you have the opportunity to do good for animals and each other, take action!

For all animals,

Brian Bonsteel
President and Founder

Natalie Ahwesh
Executive Director
Meet Our New Talent

Rene Claypool  Compassionate Living Strategic Analyst
Dominique Green  Website Manager
Linda Halloran  Administrative Assistant
Jessica Ho  Administrative Assistant
Akanksha Satyarthi  Social Media Manager
Jennifer Thomas  Intern, MSW Student, University of Pittsburgh
Irina Zambrano  Website Manager

Learn more about our new team members here.

2021 Promotions

Shannon Dickerson  Promoted to Vice President
Aimee Douglass  Promoted to Director of Compassionate Living
Kayla Seifert  Promoted to Director of Fundraising

Our Newest Program

Membership

Long in development during 2021 and officially launched in 2022, the Humane Action Pittsburgh Membership Program is a monthly giving program that ensures regular and predictable support for our organization, allowing us to fund operations and further our mission.

Membership to HAP ranges in monthly prices of $5 - $75 and includes a number of exciting perks at each giving level, including public recognition of support, swag like branded decals and mugs, free and discounted tickets to HAP events, inclusion in inner circle calls, and more!

To learn more about becoming a HAP member by clicking here

Our Working Partners in Animal Protection

Animal Advocates of South Central PA
Animal Wellness Action
Biscuits Bingo
Center for a Humane Economy
Chatham University
John Craig Media
Dogs Trust UK
EmMedia
Endangered Species Coalition
Good Food Purchasing Policy
Hauser Furniture
Humane Animal Rescue of Pittsburgh & Wildlife Center
Humane Society of the United States
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Voters for Animal Rights
Vegan Expo
Our 2022 Goals

**Stronger Campaign Outreach**

With a team of experienced leaders, HAP campaigns are reaching more people than ever using multimedia and partner organizations to deliver measurable results in Pittsburgh and beyond.

**Ending Canine Cruelty Coalition**

HAP is unifying animal welfare advocates across the state to end puppy mill misery in Pennsylvania. Led by HAP volunteer Linda Halloran, the coalition meets bimonthly to educate members on legislation and policy affecting the most inhumane treatment of dogs and cats, strategizing on moving these initiatives forward, and empowering members to take action.

Apply [here](#) to join

**In-Depth Educational Forums**

As we re-open in a post-pandemic world, HAP will offer forums that offer a deep dive into one-topic discussions led by experts to raise your subject knowledge so you in turn can elevate the consciousness of those around you. Schedules and topics TBA.

**Paid Staff**

2021 saw massive growth within Humane Action Pittsburgh and, as such, we will be looking to hire paid staff. Our first hire will be in June 2022, as our Executive Director Natalie Ahwesh will become our first employee. Natalie has been with HAP since our founding and oversees all campaigns and operations. She is looking forward to growing the HAP team, while increasing our visibility and financial stability. Thank you to Spring Point Partners for the grant making this staff position possible.

Get Healthy Pittsburgh! is holding its inaugural event in May 2022

This will be a new iteration of our successful 2019 event, Heart of a Hero, that was held in partnership with the City of Pittsburgh and Rip Esseltyn's organization, Engine2. During that event, we invited city employees to go plant-based for one week for the purposes of improving their health. **The results were astounding**! Every single participant saw an improvement in cholesterol, blood pressure, blood sugar, and weight. It also allowed the City of Pittsburgh to reduce their healthcare costs as employees were healthier, and many were able to reduce their medications following the event. In this new Get Healthy Pittsburgh! event, everyone in the Pittsburgh area will be invited to participate! Engine2, now rebranded as PlantStrong, will be joining us again along with founder, Rip Esseltyn.

More details will be coming soon, so keep an eye out for the HAP newsletter and information on social media pages!

Visit [gethealthypittsburgh.org](http://gethealthypittsburgh.org) and watch our short video to learn more!
Spreading the Word with Effective Communication

**HAP Blog**
Our blog, authored by Aimee Douglass and Hannah Lewis, continued to educate readers on the most pressing animal issues in 2021. We also featured guest authors Jennifer Thomas and Lisa Glaser.

**Our 2021 Blogs**
- Hex and Jinx: Bettas Fresh Start at Life
- Protecting Rachel Carson’s Legacy in Pittsburgh by Protecting Pittsburgh’s Pigeons
- Gardening for Animals and the Earth: Part 1
- Ownership of Reptiles Banned in Pittsburgh
- Contacting Legislators
- Gardening for Animals and the Earth: June Update
- Alert for Bird Lovers: Remove Your Feeders, For Now
- Plastic is Choking Our Oceans — But You Can Help
- What Lies Beneath: A Look at the Destruction Caused by the Commercial Fishing Industry
- Life Cycle of a Single-Use Compostable Product
- The Dairy Industry: A Shocking Look Behind-the-Scenes
- Cruel and Unusual Clothing
- 2021 Compassionate Gifts Guide
- The Link Between Animal Abuse and Domestic Violence

**HAP Newsletter**
HAP’s monthly newsletter was taken over by Hannah Lewis when our Director of Communications, Rachel Sekine-Tenny, moved in July. The newsletter includes the important work of HAP, gives tips for living a compassionate lifestyle, introduces our volunteers, and highlights state and federal bills needing action by our members.

Subscribe to our Newsletter today by clicking [here](#).

**HAP Podcast**
Jason Hinkledire and Natalie Ahwesh started HAP’s podcast to interview people making a difference around the country for animals.

Episodes can be found on Podbean, Spotify, and wherever you listen to your podcasts.

Visit our podcast page by clicking [here](#).
At Humane Action Pittsburgh, we believe we cannot thoroughly promote the protection of animals while simultaneously serving animals on our plates at our events. Unfortunately, however, most fundraisers and events— even by advocates of animals, the environment, and human health— are still serving meat, contradicting the very missions of their organizations. That is why in 2019, HAP began the Compassionate Events (CE) Program, to identify organizations who have pledged to remove animal products from their fundraising menus.

While fundraisers were still largely on hold in 2021 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, we still have 20 CE partners who are pledged to this mission. In lieu of actively recruiting new organizations to the program during a year when many were focused on staying financially afloat, we opted to plan for the future in 2021 and instead focus on building our Compassionate Events Resource Guide, which provides information on where to find vegan food in the Pittsburgh region. This comprehensive list includes vegan-friendly restaurants, catering companies, food trucks, bakeries, and more as well as tips on hosting compassionate and eco-friendly events! The Resource Guide is free to use and accessible on our website.

Humane Action Dice was formed when a Taylor Allderdice High School student approached HAP to start an animal protection club. Similar to our original HAP community format, HADice has monthly meetings with a HAP representative to learn about effective communication with legislators, the animal issues of our time, and taking collective action to protect animals. These young people are determined and knowledgeable, giving hope for a brighter future for animals — and all of us.

On October 27, 2021, the Pittsburgh Public School Board officially adopted a Good Food Purchasing Policy. This policy now allows the Pittsburgh Public School District to prioritize healthier and more plant-based food options for their students. The plan seeks to promote healthy eating, environmental sustainability, local businesses, fair labor practices, and the humane treatment of animals. This is an exciting development because most schools in the United States do not provide their students with healthy, plant-based options. HAP has been proud to be a part of the Good Food Purchasing Policy Coalition. While we recognize that there's more progress that needs to be made, we are confident that this is a step in the right direction to providing students with healthier meals free from animal products and harm.

Compassionate Living

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Compassionate Event Partners

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Reimagine Takeout

Reimagine Takeout is our campaign to promote Pittsburgh’s transition away from single-use plastic through composting. ReimagineTakeout.com contains a database of Pittsburgh area businesses using compostables and educates consumers on what to do with these containers when they receive them from a restaurant. HAP was awarded a $2500 grant from the Edith J. Goode Residuary Trust, through the PNC Charitable Trusts Grant Review Committee to build the educational website. In 2022, HAP will partner with Onion Maiden restaurant on a pilot program where consumers will receive a compostable card in their takeout order directing them to the Reimagine Takeout website. HAP can track views and clicks on the website to measure the success of our program. Once proof of concept is established, we hope to expand the program to restaurants all over the city using compostables.

Plogging/Literatti

Our HAP Vice President, Shannon Dickerson, founded Pittsburgh Ploggers as a way to stay active, reduce litter, and connect with our community in the Spring of 2017. In 2020, HAP formally adopted the club under our Habitat Regeneration department. In 2021, HAP took it to the next level with student athlete groups from the University of Pittsburgh partaking in plogs across the city!

In July, HAP was also humbled to host an Honorary Plogging event for Shannon’s dad, Roger Dickerson, her inspiration for founding the club and the original plogger—before it had a name! Sadly, Roger passed away after a long battle with cancer on January 19th of 2022. HAP looks forward to growing the club in 2022 in his memory. We encourage you to watch our short honorary documentary and continue keep our communities clean.
Habitat Regeneration continued

**Pittsburgh City Council Bag Fee/Ban**

In November 2021, City Councilperson Erika Strassburger introduced a bill in Pittsburgh City Council to ban the use of most plastic bags and impose a fee on paper bags. Ideally, this legislation would encourage consumers to bring their own reusable bags when shopping. HAP worked very closely with Councilperson Strassburger’s office to offer feedback on the legislation and plan an educational summit on the legislation through the Plastics Collaborative, of which HAP Executive Director Natalie Ahwesh and Director of Habitat Regeneration Sabrina Culyba serve as chairs. While the legislation did expire at the end of the legislative council session, HAP looks forward to working with Councilperson Strassburger’s office on reintroduction in 2022.

**Our Work with Shell**

Safeguarding our Rivers from Nurdles

Shell has created a Community Advisory Panel to guide and address issues relating to their Beaver County cracker plant. HAP was invited to join along with other community, business, and industry leaders. Through HAP’s participation, animal and environmental activists’ concerns have been raised, and Shell has responded with meaningful policies to ensure our environment and its inhabitants are protected and monitored. HAP will continue to observe and work with Shell to ensure all protocols are followed and any incidents are reported and redressed.
Pittsburgh’s 2020 **Wild Bird Amendment** Tested and Upheld

Four people were arrested in March 2021 after a HAP advocate found ten pigeons convulsing and dying outside of the Frick Building on Thanksgiving Day 2020. After an investigation by Officer Christine Luffey, the PA Department of Agriculture, and Allegheny County District Attorney's Office, it was found that the birds had been given Avitrol, a dangerous nervous system poison that causes convulsions and death. Two people were convicted of felony charges and fined.

**Passage of the Reptile Ordinance**

Pittsburgh City Council passed a new reptile ordinance, initiated by HAP, that would ban the ownership of any crocodilian species, such as alligators and crocodiles, and red-eared slider turtles.

**Pittsburgh Zoo to Restore AZA Accreditation**

Following years of behind-the-scenes work by HAP leadership, the Pittsburgh Zoo announced they would begin the process of restoring AZA accreditation. The Zoo relinquished its accreditation in 2015 after disagreements with the AZA on elephant care standards, prompting a material breach of their lease with the City of Pittsburgh. Incoming Zoo President Dr. Jeremy Goodman has assured HAP that restoring AZA accreditation is a top priority.
End Cockfighting in America
In 2021, the federal courts delivered a series of rulings that affirmed the authority of the United States to ban cockfighting in the territories, eliminating any ambiguity about our nation’s total ban on staged animal fights. Dozens of lawmakers wrote to the U.S. Postal Service and told the agency to crack down on shipments of live animals for fighting through the mail.

Saving America’s Horses
The House, for the first time in more than a decade, passed a ban on the shipment of horses to Canada and Mexico for slaughter with no vocal opposition. The Senate did not pick up the amendment, but support on this issue is set up for success in the near future.

Dog Meat Trade
Winning amendments gained traction that challenge the CDC’s ban on dog imports (including rescues) from 113 nations, including China where there is a robust effort to save dogs destined for the meat trade.

Ban on Shark Fins
A key Senate committee passed a shark fin ban, providing a very real opportunity to make this legislation law in 2022.

Big Cats are Not Pets
It was a tough year for roadside zoos exploiting big cats as pets. Major cub petting operators and exhibitors were shut down, with federal enforcement actions against Jeff Lowe and Tim Stark. The Big Cat Public Safety Act has nearly 300 cosponsors and is poised for success in 2022.
The City of Pittsburgh has one of those most inhumane and ineffective wildlife trapping programs in the country. For any reason, residents can call Animal Care & Control (AC&C) to trap wild animals on their property. If the animal is a rabies-vector species (raccoon, skunk, groundhog), it must be killed by state law. The majority of wildlife conflicts occur because residents are inviting animals onto their property, either through improper trash storage, plants in their yard, or providing other food sources. Unless the root of why the animal is making their way onto property is addressed, trapping only temporarily solves the problem.

In an attempt to save the hundreds of wildlife unnecessarily killed each year by AC&C - at taxpayer expense - HAP created LoveYourWildNeighbor.org, a species-specific, step-by-step guide to educate residents on humane and effective ways to solve wildlife conflicts. Made possible by a $15,000 grant from the Edith J. Goode Residuary Trust, through the PNC Charitable Trusts Grant Review Committee, HAP hired EmMedia, a local marketing firm, to create digital media ads that refer people to the LYWN website. To date, thousands of Pittsburghers have viewed our ads where HAP the Raccoon teaches people about storing trash properly and the truth behind what happens after an animal is trapped.
2021 Events

Heroes Award Gala

It was our great pleasure to be able to hold our 6th annual Heroes Award Gala in November 2021 after a two year hiatus.

SENIOR ROY AFFLERBACH AWARD FOR LIFETIME SERVICE TO ANIMALS — PITTSBURGH POLICE OFFICER CHRISTINE LUFFEY

Our highest award given for monumental achievement in animal protection was presented to Pittsburgh’s best friend in animal law enforcement, Officer Luffey, famous for rescuing Effie the dog from abuse and neglect, is known as the animal authority on the street and in the courtroom. She’s one of a kind, but with her efforts to train officers in animal protection throughout the city, we trust that her legacy will produce a ‘model humane police department’ both willing and able to help animals in need.

LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR — U.S. CONGRESSMAN MIKE DOYLE

Ranked as one of America’s most bi-partisan members of the U.S. Congress, Representative Mike Doyle is widely respected for his humanitarian efforts and for giving a voice to animals. For his exceptional pro-animal voting record, Congressman Doyle was HAP’s Legislative Animal Champion for 2021.

COMPASSIONATE LIVING AWARD — RICHARD BUTLER

As our partner in the ‘Heart of a Hero’ campaign in 2019, Richard Butler introduced ‘plant-strong’ eating into the vernacular of City of Pittsburgh employees. His innovative approach to reversing heart disease and diabetes with a diet that is sustainable and kind is what compassionate living is all about.

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Kelly Kilgour and Alex Rodriguez

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Em Media
Hauser Furniture
Kelly Kilgour and Alejandro Rodriguez

TECHNICAL MANAGER
Jennifer Thomas

Visit our photo gallery to see more pictures of this event by clicking here.
Community meetings
Community meetings looked a little different in 2021 than pre-Covid. While we did hold several meetings for the public over Zoom and held two outdoor gatherings, we hope 2022 will allow us to hold more in-person educational meetings.

Biscuits Bingo
On August 14, 2021, Humane Action Pittsburgh had the opportunity to participate in the Pittsburgh Police’s Annual Biscuits Bingo event for the second year in a row. Biscuits Bingo, spearheaded by Officer Christine Luffey for the past 24 years, features 16 games of bingo, raffles, and food, and benefits multiple animal advocacy organizations throughout the region. For the first year since its inception, with HAP’s partnership, Biscuits Bingo was completely vegetarian! HAP is excited to continue participating in this fun fundraiser!

Wine and Cheese - Yule Party
Pittsburgh Vegan LLC hosted a Yule Party on December 15th at JD Wine Cellars. The event boasted vegan wine and cheese, dessert cocktails, tarot readings, jewelry vendors, and raffles benefiting Humane Action Pittsburgh. HAP representatives were present to educate guests on what we do and how to get involved. Future events are scheduled marking other notable dates of the year.

Vegan Expo
Pittsburgh Vegan Expo/The Original Pittsburgh Vegan Festival is the city’s original, largest and longest-running vegan event, founded in the 1990s. The event includes food, entertainment, speakers, films, and a kids’ room. HAP has tabled at the event for 3 years now and has also had the opportunity to speak to a live audience, educating visitors on a number of animal topics.
Meet our **Leadership**

**Board of Directors**

Our Founding Four

- Dr. Brian Bonsteel, Chairman
- Natalie Ahwesh, M. Ed., Executive Director
- Mario Costanzo, Secretary
- Sam Ahwesh, Esq., Treasurer

Shannon Dickerson, MA., Vice President

Kayla Seifert, Director of Fundraising

**Advisory Council**

Christin Bummer, Creator of "The Forever Diet"

Jeffery Cohan, Executive Director, Jewish Veg

Paul Shapiro, CEO, The Better Meat Co.

John Weinstein, Allegheny County Treasurer

Learn more about our advisory council by clicking [here](#).
Our Team

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Natalie Ahwesh  Executive Director
Sam Ahwesh  Treasurer
Mario Costanzo  Secretary
Shannon Dickerson  Vice President
Janice Bahary  Director of Grant Writing
Sabrina Culyba  Director of Habitat Regeneration
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Hannah Lewis  Grant Writer and Assistant Blogger
Bob McGrogan  “no plastic please” Strategic Analyst
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Akanksha Satyarthy  Social Media Manager
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Jennifer Thomas  MSW Intern | University of Pittsburgh
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*Special thanks to Attorney David Mongillo for researching and drafting all HAP initiated legislation, and to Nancy and Attorney Albert Lee for their guidance and support that made achieving our goals possible.

2021 Income Report

HAP raised $54,461.18 in 2021 through grants, individual donations, fundraising events, tabling, and recurring donations. These funds were spent on things such as consultants, continuing education for staff members, campaign materials, event planning, outreach expenses, website development, a CRM, and administrative expenses.

All staff members took no pay in 2021, which allowed us to use financial gifts for campaigns and modest administrative expenses. HAP currently operates from in-home offices and holds the majority of our meetings over virtual Zoom calls.
## Thank you to our 2021 Donors!

### $10,000+

- Edith J. Goode Residuary Trust, through the PNC Charitable Trusts Grant Review Committee
- VegFund

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- Anonymous

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- Dr. Brian Bonsteel
- Google Pittsburgh
- Tucker Arensberg, P.C.

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Do the right thing, for the right reasons.

Only one thing could bring more joy to an advocate’s heart than to see a rescued animal finally living in peace. This, of course, is protecting animals from harm in the first place.

Every dollar and effort you give to HAP goes to the prevention of suffering through education, policy, and community action. Together, we’re making animal protection happen in a big way.

Because of you, in 2022, HAP will have more vibrant campaigns, in-depth educational forums, and reach far beyond Pittsburgh and across the state.

On behalf the HAP Leadership Team, and more importantly, the animals we protect, including

all of Pittsburgh’s wild birds who won’t be trapped or poisoned,

the fortunate alligators who won’t be kept as lonely pets locked in a box,

and the 8,000 animals held in the Pittsburgh Zoo who will soon have meaningful AZA protections restored,

THANK YOU