



# *Looking for Common Ground on Farm Animal Welfare*



## Common Sense Measures to Raise the Bar



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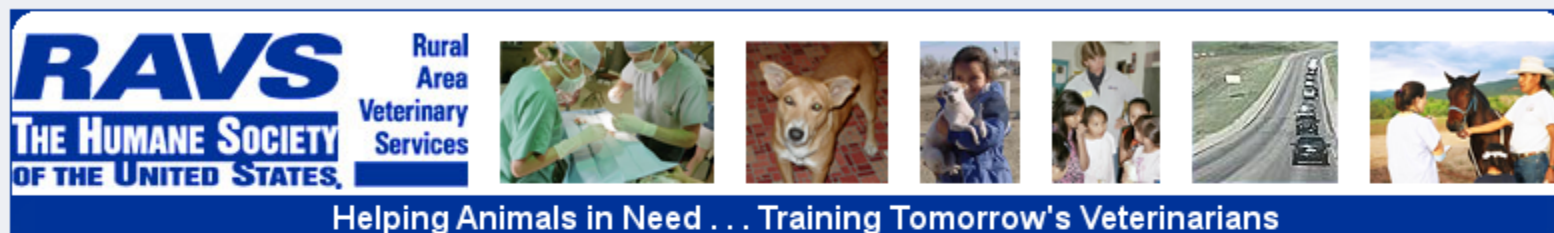
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## RURAL AREA VETERINARY SERVICES

Rural Area Veterinary Services (RAVS), a program of **The Humane Society of the United States** and **The Fund for Animals** is a non-profit program combining community outreach and veterinary education to bring free veterinary services to underserved rural communities where poverty and geographic isolation make regular veterinary care inaccessible.

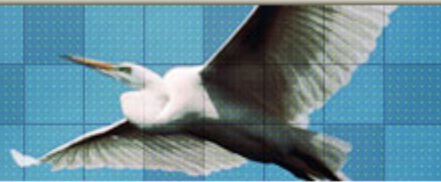
In 2006, the program's seven staff members and more than 900 volunteers provided veterinary care for animals in over 50 communities where no other animal services exist, including communities on Native American reservations throughout the United States, in rural Appalachian counties, remote villages in Guatemala, and island nations in the Caribbean and Pacific.

Each year RAVS provides over \$1 million in free veterinary services to upwards of 10,000 animals, all at no cost to the clients or communities we serve. In addition the program provides valuable training and experience for hundreds of future veterinary professionals that goes far beyond anything they could learn in a classroom alone.

The success of our program depends on the generosity of volunteers and donors who support this important work. You can help us continue by **volunteering your time** or **making a donation**.

This website is primarily intended to provide information to prospective volunteers. If you would like to learn more about the RAVS program or would like to donate to the program please visit us at [www.hsus.org/ravs](http://www.hsus.org/ravs)







# Concern for Animals Raised for Food

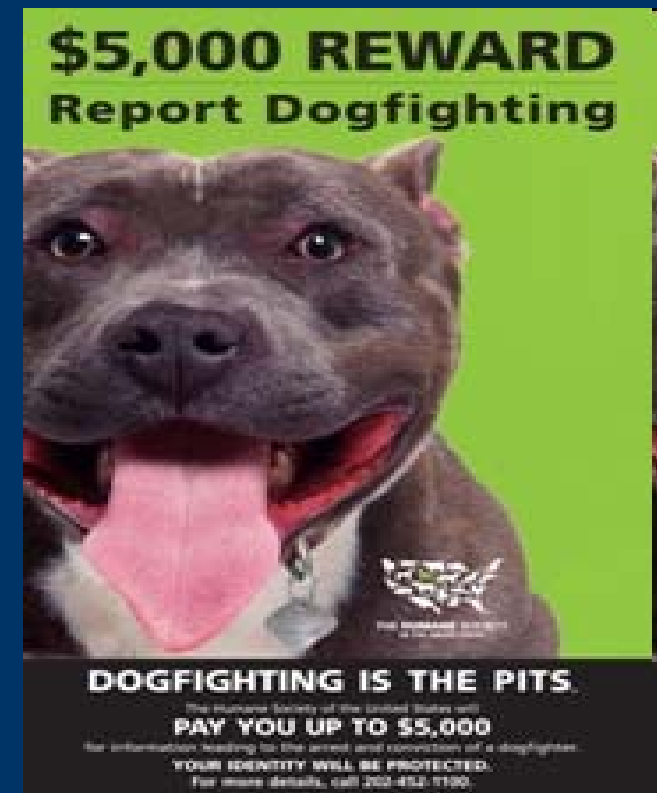






# Americans Believe Animals Deserve Legal Protection

- 50 state anti-cruelty codes
- 50 states ban dogfighting  
(All felony)
- 50 states ban cockfighting  
(38 felony; 12 misd.)





# *Does That Consideration Extend to Farm Animals?*





# Where Do Americans Stand?





# 2007 American Farm Bureau-funded Oklahoma State Univ. Poll

**81% agree:** Farm animals have roughly the same ability to feel pain and discomfort as humans.

**75% agree:** Would vote for a law in their state that would require farmers to treat their animals more humanely.

**95% agree:** It is important to me that animals on farms are well cared for.

**68% agree:** The government should take an active role in promoting farm animal welfare.

**89% agree:** Food companies that require farmers to treat their animals better are doing the right thing.

**70% agree:** Food companies that require farmers to treat their animals better, no matter what it costs farmers, are doing the right thing.



# *How Much Protection Do Farm Animals Really Have?*







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# Battery Cage Confinement







*Afforded Less Space Than a  
Sheet of Paper Per Hen*





# An Alternative: Cage-Free Eggs







## *The LayWel Project*

- the most recent comprehensive analysis of the welfare of laying hens in cages and alternative systems
- a collaborative effort among working groups in seven European countries
- data collected from 230 different hen flocks





## *The LayWel Project*

After exhaustive review of the scientific data, the report concluded:

*“With the exception of conventional cages, we conclude that all systems have the potential to provide satisfactory welfare for laying hens.”*



# *Gestation Crates & Veal Crates*





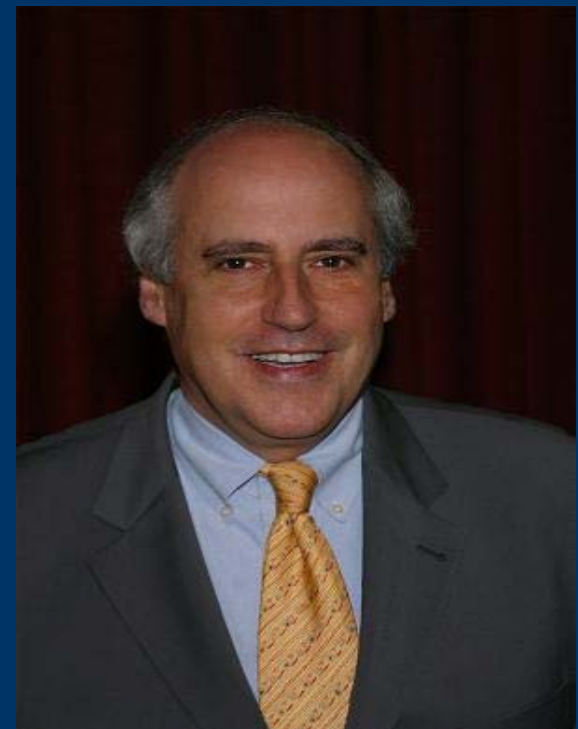
## *Dr. Temple Grandin*



"Gestation crates for pigs are a real problem . . . . Basically, you're asking a sow to live in an airline seat . . . . I think it's something that needs to be phased out."



- Funded by Pew Charitable Trusts and Johns Hopkins School of Public Health
- 2.5 extensive study
- Chaired by former Gov. of Kansas
- Included scientists, veterinarians, and even the former Secretary of Agriculture







# Unanimous Conclusion:

## Phase out:

- Battery cages
- Gestation crates
- Veal crates







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# *Banned by the Entire European Union*





# *Pork Industry Giants Now Moving*



**Smithfield**



# *Veal Industry Phasing Out Crates*



"[Veal crates are] inhumane and archaic practices that do nothing more than subject a calf to stress, fear, physical harm and pain."

Randy Strauss, CEO of Strauss Veal



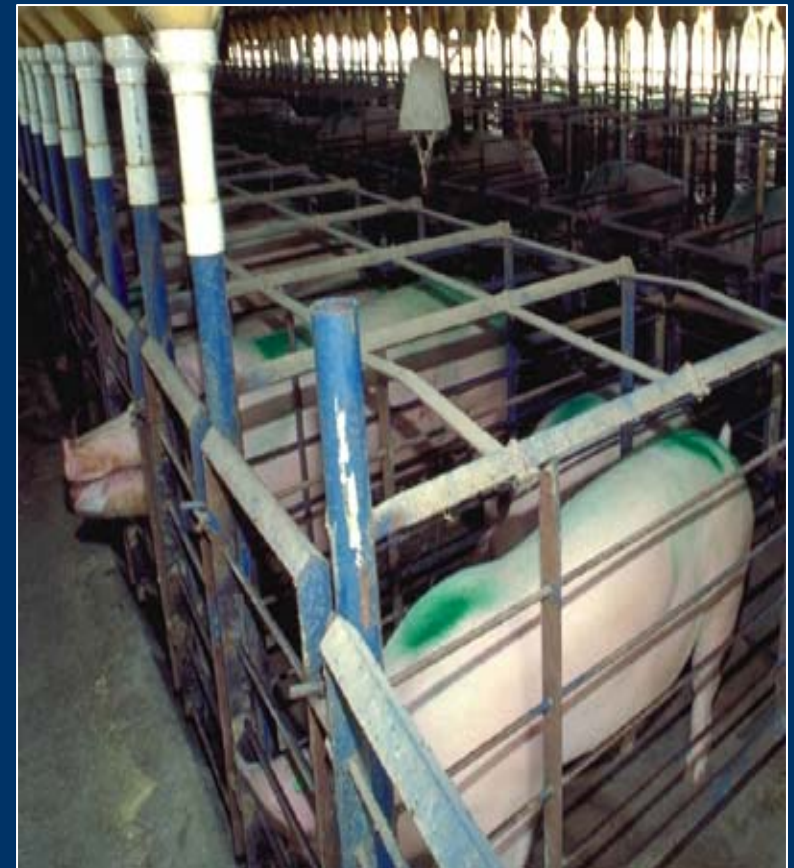
"recommends that the entire veal industry convert to the group housing methodology."

May 2007 Resolution, American Veal Association





- 2002: Gestation crates banned by FL voters, 55%-45%
- 2006: Gestation/veal crates banned by AZ voters, 62%-38%
- 2007: Gestation crates banned in OR
- 2008: Gestation/veal crates banned in CO
- 2008: Gestation/veal crates & battery cages banned by CA voters, 63.5%-36.5%













# Should Animals Raised for Food Really Be Unprotected?



Criminal



Legal?



# *The Ag Community Should Lead, Not Hinder, the Effort for Animal Welfare Improvements*



Together, we can implement sensible,  
win-win, humane-minded policies.



**Thank you.**

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