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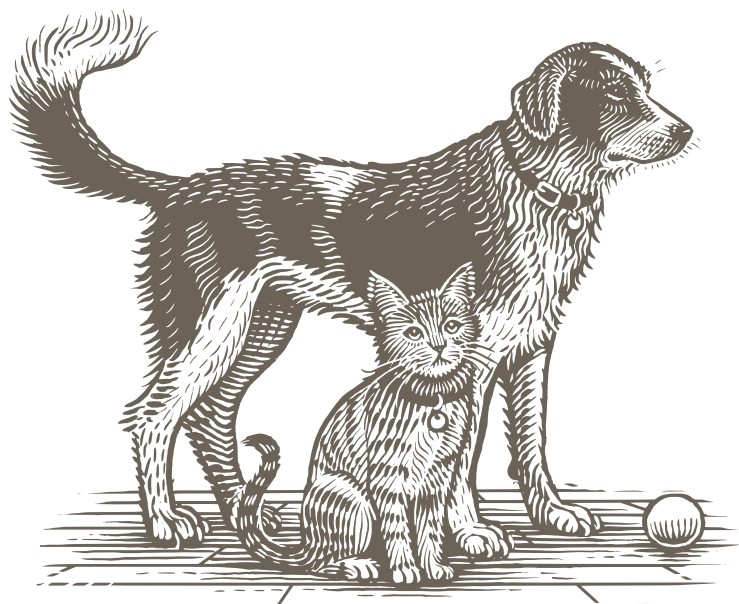
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Ricki, a black bear, spent 16 years living alone in a 250-square-foot concrete enclosure outside an ice cream shop in Pennsylvania. She paced repetitively back and forth — a hallmark of psychological distress. Representing several animal-advocate plaintiffs, the Animal Legal Defense Fund sued the ice cream shop, resulting in a settlement in which Ricki was relinquished to The Wild Animal Sanctuary in Colorado. She has now lived at the sanctuary for nearly a decade, thriving with acres to roam and able to live as a bear should. Learn about the latest lawsuit the Animal Legal Defense Fund has filed to protect black bears in need on page 11.

*Photo credit: The Wild Animal Sanctuary*

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Dear Fellow Animal Advocate,

Every October, the Animal Legal Defense Fund celebrates Speak Out for Farmed Animals Month, honoring these all-too-often-abused animals, **and the caring people like you who stand strong against cruelty.**

For animals exploited on an industrial scale, every action counts. This year, the fight to protect farmed animals feels especially urgent as we continue working to stop disastrous language from being included in the federal Farm Bill. Some industry-friendly lawmakers are trying to use this must-pass legislation to angle for beneficial treatment of corporate agriculture interests and *subvert* the will of voters who have passed state laws cracking down on factory farm cruelty.

Working within the political system for animals who don't have their own civic voice requires strategy and collaboration. I'm honored this October to be hosting an important panel discussion, *Navigating Politics to Protect Animals*, which will kick off the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Animal Law Conference, co-presented by the Animal Legal Defense Fund and the Center for Animal Law Studies at Lewis & Clark Law School.

We're in this together, and **there's no time more critical than now** to fight for animals with everything we have. In these pages, you'll see some of the recent progress you've made possible — from the introduction of the first-ever federal bill to protect octopuses from cruel industrial farming (see page 6), to a newly enacted Massachusetts law protecting elephants, bears, big cats, primates, and giraffes from exploitation in circuses (see page 9). You helped power a key legal win for the free speech of animal advocates in a lawsuit challenging the National Institutes of Health's suppression of comments critical of its funding of animal experimentation (see page 7). And speaking of animal research, you enabled us to join with sanctuary partners to rescue six sweet pigs from a laboratory (see photos of two of these joyful new sanctuary residents, Rocco and Max, on page 8).

Your support is truly the engine that powers these victories. Thank you for all you do!



**For the animals,**

**Chris Green**  
Executive Director

*Photo: Chris visiting with Maggie May at Rosie's Farm Sanctuary in Potomac, Maryland. Learn more about how your support is helping farmed animals on page 5. Photo Credit: Thomas Hecquet – Animal Society.*



## Fighting Cruelty to Dogs and Cats

**Y**our support powers work across the country to protect animals from cruelty and demand justice for animal victims.

### Taking Puppy Mill Cruelty to Court

When California enacted the country's first statewide retail pet sale ban — an action designed to crack down on puppy mill cruelty — some puppy profiteers were undeterred. A notorious Iowa puppy mill broker, JAK's Puppies, hatched a scheme in which mill-bred puppies were “laundered” through fake rescue groups, transported to California, and falsely sold as “rescue dogs” for high prices in pet stores in the state. Well-meaning consumers who intended to adopt animals in need were instead tricked into supporting the puppy mill industry.



*Sadie was bred in a puppy mill but falsely presented as a “rescue dog” in a California pet store. Her guardian is among the plaintiffs in the class-action lawsuit against JAK's and other defendants.*



**Sign the Petition:** Among the defendants in the JAK's Puppies case is Subject Enterprise, a company that transports mill-bred puppies for JAK's. Numerous puppies have been injured, sickened, and killed in Subject Enterprise's care, and the company has even attempted to deliver puppies infected with contagious illnesses to pet stores to be sold to unsuspecting

families. In addition to suing Subject Enterprise directly, we've just filed an official complaint with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), urging the agency to investigate the company and revoke its ability to transport animals. **Join us in calling on the USDA to take action at [aldf.org/usdaprotectpuppies](https://aldf.org/usdaprotectpuppies).**



With your help, the Animal Legal Defense Fund is fighting back. We're currently engaged in a class-action lawsuit against JAK's and others involved in the scheme — including a Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) claim — representing puppy guardians who were duped. The plaintiffs are represented by the Animal Legal Defense Fund and class-action firm Smith & Lowney PLLC.

### **Demanding Justice for Teddy**

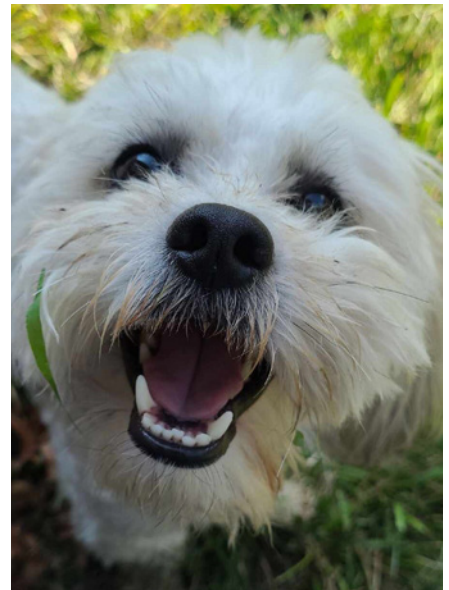
When a blind and deaf shih tzu mix named Teddy escaped his fenced dog run and wandered into a caring neighbor's yard in May, the neighbor set out to find his guardian. But unable to determine where Teddy belonged, she called local police, who are also tasked with animal-control duties in the small town of Sturgeon, Missouri.

An officer was dispatched, but he didn't help Teddy get safely back home. Instead, he fatally shot the 13-pound dog, though Teddy clearly posed

no threat. The incident has sparked outrage from animal advocates across the country.

We can't bring Teddy back, but with your help, we're working to prevent similar tragedies.

We're providing grant funding to help cover costs for a federal lawsuit brought by attorneys Daniel J. Kolde and Eric C. Crinnian, seeking more than \$1 million in damages for Teddy's heartbroken guardian for violation of rights under the Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.



*Teddy didn't pose a threat, but was shot and killed by a police officer.*



## **WHO YOU'RE HELPING: ZOEY**

**Rescued From:** Cruelty in Prince Edward County, Virginia.

**Background:** Trapped in a plastic bag and placed inside an industrial trash compactor, tiny Zoey meowed for help. Fortunately, a kind worker heard Zoey's cries and found her before it was too late. Tragically, two other kittens had already passed away by the time their rescuer arrived.

**Status:** Zoey was rushed to a veterinarian's office, and later taken to a local animal sheltering agency for care. She has since been adopted and is thriving in her happy new home.

**How You're Helping:** Thanks to you, the Animal Legal Defense Fund is poised to help bring justice for cruelty victims like Zoey and her siblings. We've offered a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for throwing these innocent kittens away like trash.

Learn more about the criminal justice work you're powering to protect animals from cruelty and bring justice to animal victims at [aldf.org/criminaljustice](https://aldf.org/criminaljustice).



## COMBATING THE INHUMANE FACTORY FARMING INDUSTRY

**F**rom fighting for farmed animals in court to advocating for legislation to end the cruelest forms of factory farm confinement, your support powers critical victories for farmed animals. Public education is also a crucial part of the work to protect farmed animals. That's why the Animal Legal Defense Fund launched an awareness month dedicated solely to advocating for these often-abused animals.

### Speak Out for Farmed Animals Month

October is Speak Out for Farmed Animals Month, and there are so many opportunities to participate,

from visiting a farmed animal sanctuary to sharing why you care about farmed animals on social media! One powerful way to advocate for farmed animals is to urge your U.S. Representative to oppose harmful language in the federal Farm Bill that could undo years of hard-fought legislative progress against the cruelest factory farm conditions.

**Send a message to your lawmaker at [aldf.org/farmbill](https://aldf.org/farmbill).**



Spread a message of compassion with the Animal Legal Defense Fund's "I Speak Out for Farmed Animals" T-shirt or hoodie. Find this and more animal-friendly designs at [aldf.org/shop](https://aldf.org/shop).







## Protecting Consumers from Hidden Animal Ingredients

Many consumers are unaware that the foods they eat may contain hidden animal-derived ingredients including bones, connective tissue, duck feathers, and sheep's wool. As a result, they may unknowingly eat foods that violate their ethical or religious beliefs, and can even suffer life-threatening health complications from allergies like alpha-gal syndrome — which can cause anaphylactic shock after exposure to even trace amounts of mammal-derived ingredients.

The Animal Legal Defense Fund has released a new report showing that 90% of study respondents value knowing what ingredients are in their food, and nearly half would be upset to learn that a food they didn't expect to contain animal-derived ingredients actually did — but only 28% can identify individual animal-derived ingredients when shown a list to choose from.

This confusion stems from inadequate labeling requirements from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). We're urging the agency to require that food product labels disclose the presence of animal ingredients. **Sign and share the petition at [aldf.org/labeltransparency](https://aldf.org/labeltransparency).**

## New Federal Bill Would Protect Octopuses from Farming Cruelty

The cruelty of corporate animal agriculture knows no bounds. Currently, industry actors are working to create a new type of aquaculture farm to raise octopuses for food on a large scale.

Because octopuses are naturally shy and solitary creatures, farming them in cramped pens would be particularly inhumane, leading to stress and aggression. Octopuses have even been known to eat their own arms due to stress.

Fortunately, the movement to oppose octopus farming is strong and growing — with leadership from you and the Animal



Legal Defense Fund. Earlier this year, we supported the passage of the world's first octopus farming ban, in Washington state. We're co-sponsoring a California bill to ban octopus farming and have supported similar legislation in Hawaii.

Now, a bipartisan federal bill has been introduced in the U.S. Senate with support from the Animal Legal Defense Fund. It would ban octopus farming across the U.S., as well as the import of farmed octopus from other countries.

Factory farm cruelty needs to end — not expand to additional species. **Send a message to your senators asking them to co-sponsor this important bill at [aldf.org/banoctopusfarming](https://aldf.org/banoctopusfarming).**

**“Scientists have proven octopuses are complex, intelligent creatures who can feel a full range of emotions. Instead of exploiting them, we must protect this dynamic species who suffer terribly in confined settings.”**



*Animal Legal Defense Fund Legislative Affairs Manager Allison Ludtke, to NPR*



## VICTORY! ANTI-ANIMAL-TESTING ADVOCATES PREVAIL IN FREE-SPEECH LAWSUIT

**I**n July, your support helped bring a major win for animal advocates who speak out against cruel animal experiments.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit ruled that the National Institutes of Health (NIH) violated advocates' First Amendment rights by censoring their critical social media comments about animal research funded by the federal agency.

### The Case

Madeline Krasno aspired to working in the field of primate conservation — so when she had the opportunity to work hands-on with primates during college, she jumped at the chance.

But the job was as a student caregiver in one of the most notorious research laboratories in the country, at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. It would change Krasno's life — exposing her to heartbreaking

cruelty to the monkeys she loved and inspiring her to speak out against what she had witnessed.

She began sharing her views as an animal-research whistleblower on the social media accounts of the NIH and UW-Madison. But she soon discovered that her comments weren't visible to other social media followers — they'd been hidden automatically because they used words related to animal testing.

Krasno is among the plaintiffs in the NIH lawsuit, along with another individual advocate and People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA). The plaintiffs are represented by the Animal Legal Defense Fund, the Knight First Amendment Institute at Columbia University, and PETA. The Animal Legal Defense Fund is additionally representing Krasno in a separate lawsuit challenging UW-Madison's social media censorship; that case is pending. **Learn more about both cases at [aldf.org/research](https://aldf.org/research).**



# WHO YOU'RE HELPING: ROCCO, MAX, AND FRIENDS

**Rescued From:** Life and death in a research laboratory.

**Background:** Rocco and Max are two of six Göttingen pigs rescued from an animal testing facility in July. With your help, the Animal Legal Defense Fund worked with partner organizations to secure the pigs' release, find lifetime placement for them in reputable sanctuaries, and arrange safe transport to their new homes.

**Status:** The six pigs are now loving life at Lighthouse Farm Sanctuary in Scio, Oregon; Wildlings Forest Sanctuary in Portland, Oregon; and Leo's Animal Rescue in Onyx, California. New Life Sanctuary, which specializes in rescuing animals from labs, played a vital role in the rescue.

**How You're Helping:** Most animals used in research don't leave the lab alive. But thanks to you, the Animal Legal Defense Fund was able to drop everything to ensure that Rocco, Max, and their friends made it to safety. We've also provided grant funding to pay for their travel expenses and to help get them off to a good start in their new sanctuary lives. They will never again know anything but love, care, and the comfort of home.



*Photos: Rocco (top) and Max (bottom) in their new home.  
Credit: Lighthouse Farm Sanctuary.*

**Animal Law Conference:** The 32nd annual Animal Law Conference is being held October 18-20 in Portland, Oregon, and online! Panel discussions include "Laboratory Animal Legislation, Litigation, and Care Standards," "Protecting Farmed Animals & Preserving Land Resources," and many more! The Animal Law Conference is co-presented by the Animal Legal Defense Fund and the Center for Animal Law Studies at Lewis & Clark Law School. Learn more at [animallawconference.org](http://animallawconference.org).







## VICTORY! ELEPHANTS, BEARS, AND OTHERS PROTECTED FROM CIRCUS CRUELTY IN MASSACHUSETTS

**F**ollowing years of dedicated advocacy from the Animal Legal Defense Fund and our coalition partners, Massachusetts has enacted a new law banning the exploitation of elephants, bears, big cats, primates, and giraffes in circuses and other traveling shows throughout the state.

This law means that no other elephant will ever again suffer in Massachusetts the way Beulah the elephant once did. Beulah, an Asian elephant who was stolen from the wild as a calf in 1967, had been brought to the U.S. and kept at a Connecticut facility that shipped her out to other venues for use in traveling exhibits. After being transported to the Big E fair in Massachusetts in 2019, she collapsed multiple times and ultimately died. She'd reportedly developed septicemia as the result of a uterine infection.

You enabled the Animal Legal Defense Fund to advocate for animals like Beulah, working directly with state lawmakers and driving more than 1,500 messages from our Massachusetts supporters to their legislators.

Captive wild animals used in circuses and traveling shows spend most of their days in barren cages, deprived of any chance to do what comes naturally to them and often forced to perform scary or painful tricks under duress. Cruel devices such as whips, bullhooks, and electric-shock devices are



*Animal Legal Defense Fund Senior Legislative Affairs Manager Stephanie Harris speaks at a rally in favor of the Massachusetts circus legislation.*

commonly used by circus trainers. These shows also endanger workers and the public.

With your help, we're making important progress on this issue, with numerous states and localities now having adopted restrictions on the use of animals or cruel implements used to control them in circuses and other traveling acts. In May, Maryland enacted its own ban on the use of certain captive wild animals in circuses with support from the Animal Legal Defense Fund; the new law officially went into effect on October 1. Massachusetts' law becomes effective on January 1.



# DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS: THE FASTEST-GROWING WAY TO GIVE TO CHARITIES!

**A** Donor-Advised Fund (DAF) is a charitable giving vehicle administered by a public charity. DAFs are a simple, flexible way for supporters like you to manage your charitable giving and help protect animals' lives and interests by recommending gifts/grants to the Animal Legal Defense Fund to support our programmatic work.

## Interested in giving through a DAF? Here's how they work:

DAFs are solely for the purpose of supporting IRS-qualified public charities like the Animal Legal Defense Fund.

When you make a tax-deductible contribution of cash, securities, stock, real estate, or other assets to a DAF, it is irrevocable. The funds cannot be returned or used for any other purpose than grantmaking to a charity.

Once you make your contribution, generally, you are immediately eligible to receive the maximum tax deduction that the IRS allows.

Your contribution is placed into a donor-advised fund account where it can be invested and grow tax-free — maximizing your charitable giving and impact!

At any time afterward, you can recommend grants from your account to qualified charities like the Animal Legal Defense Fund.



## The Animal Legal Defense Fund accepts DAF grants!

Every year, more and more of our donors are choosing to support us through DAF grants. Fidelity Charitable, Schwab Charitable, and the American Endowment Foundation are some of the most common DAFs the Animal Legal Defense Fund receives donations from, among many others.

If you have a DAF, or are thinking of getting one, please consider making a gift to the Animal Legal Defense Fund to fuel our fight against cruelty and injustice. You can also access your DAF account through a portal on our website at [aldf.org/DAF](https://aldf.org/DAF). Thank you for your commitment to animals.





## LAWSUIT FILED: DEMANDING PROTECTION FOR BABY BEARS

In the wild, black bear cubs stay with their mothers for up to two years.

But at an Idaho drive-through roadside zoo called Yellowstone Bear World, baby bears are taken from their mothers at just *8 weeks old*, according to the facility's website.



*Pictured: Black bear cubs in the wild (not those from Yellowstone Bear World).*

The cubs are then forced into paid bottle-feeding and photo opportunities with members of the public. At the facility, cubs have been seen to show clear signs of distress; during its traveling shows, cubs have been observed

crying and struggling to escape their handlers and members of the public.

These vulnerable baby bears have been observed engaging in “stereotypic” behaviors — classic signs of psychological distress — such as repetitive pacing and attempting in vain to suckle.

All of this is happening in plain view, but the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) — the agency tasked with upholding the Animal Welfare Act — has rubber-stamped Yellowstone Bear World's license to exhibit captive wild animals rather than properly enforcing the law.

With your help, we've filed a federal lawsuit against the USDA — demanding that it do its job to give these bears the protections they're entitled to under the law. **Learn more about the work you're powering to protect captive wild animals at [aldf.org/captiveanimals](https://aldf.org/captiveanimals).**



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