



Humane Society of the United States

SMART BRIEF



grade issued by
CharityWatch

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pet shelters
operated

\$486
THOUSAND

CEO
compensation

1%

of revenue given
to pet shelters

\$59
MILLION

offshore assets
in the Caribbean

\$11
MILLION

paid to settle
racketeering
lawsuit

The Humane Society of the United States is not a real humane society. HSUS runs zero pet shelters and is not affiliated with the many local humane societies that do. It only gives about 1% of the money it raises to local pet shelters, according to its latest tax filing. Through name confusion and ads full of dogs and cats, HSUS is able to raise over \$100 million a year.

The Humane Society of the United States is a national animal liberation group with an agenda similar to that of PETA. HSUS advocates for vegan lifestyles, attacks businesses that use animals, and seeks to ban the sale of animal products.

HSUS has been the subject of numerous scandals. In 2018, its longtime CEO Wayne Pacelle resigned after a number of women accused him of sexual harassment. HSUS also paid nearly \$11 million to settle a federal racketeering lawsuit. HSUS receives a “D” grade from CharityWatch for how much money it puts into fundraising instead of programs.

HSUS is ultimately about money and radical politics—not shelter pets.

