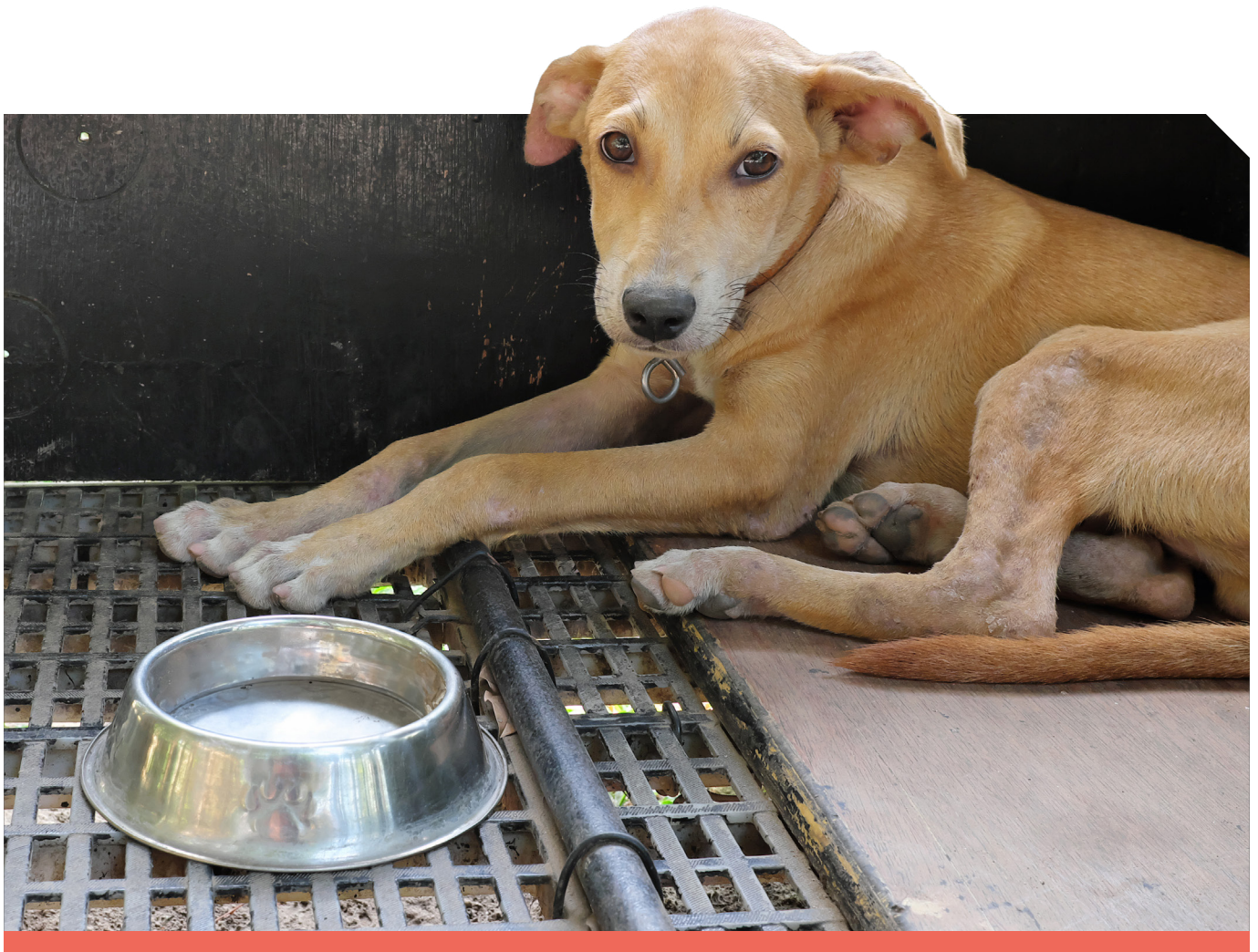




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Humane World for Animals raises hundreds of millions of dollars while giving little to pet shelters



Executive Summary

Humane World for Animals (formerly known as the Humane Society of the United States) raised \$208 million in 2024 and had a budget of \$195 million.

But just how much of this massive fundraising haul actually makes it to animals in need?

Despite what many people believe, Humane World is not affiliated with a network of humane societies across the country. Humane World does not operate a single pet shelter, and the organization does little to fund local pet shelters via its financial grant program.

The Center for the Environment and Welfare (CEW) examined Humane World's 2024 tax return and found that the organization reported giving less than one percent of its budget to local pet shelters as financial grants. Additionally, CEW's review found that Humane World does not report granting money to any shelter in 32 states.

Fast Fact: Humane World for Animals has \$106.7 million worth of investments held in the Caribbean.

WHERE ARE DONATIONS TO HUMANE WORLD GOING INSTEAD?

Humane World is currently sitting on a huge asset pile. The group holds nearly \$500 million in assets, including \$116 million in offshore accounts, and \$435 million in investments.

Humane World also spends an extravagant amount of money on compensation for its executives. Humane World's CEO, Kitty Block, is paid \$676,674. Overall, the group spent \$5.2 million compensating its executives and paid 167 staffers six-figure salaries in 2024.

Much of Humane World's revenue not spent on its executives was eaten up by overhead costs. Humane World spent \$7 million on travel, \$11.6 million on mailing costs, and \$31.2 million on consultants and contractors.

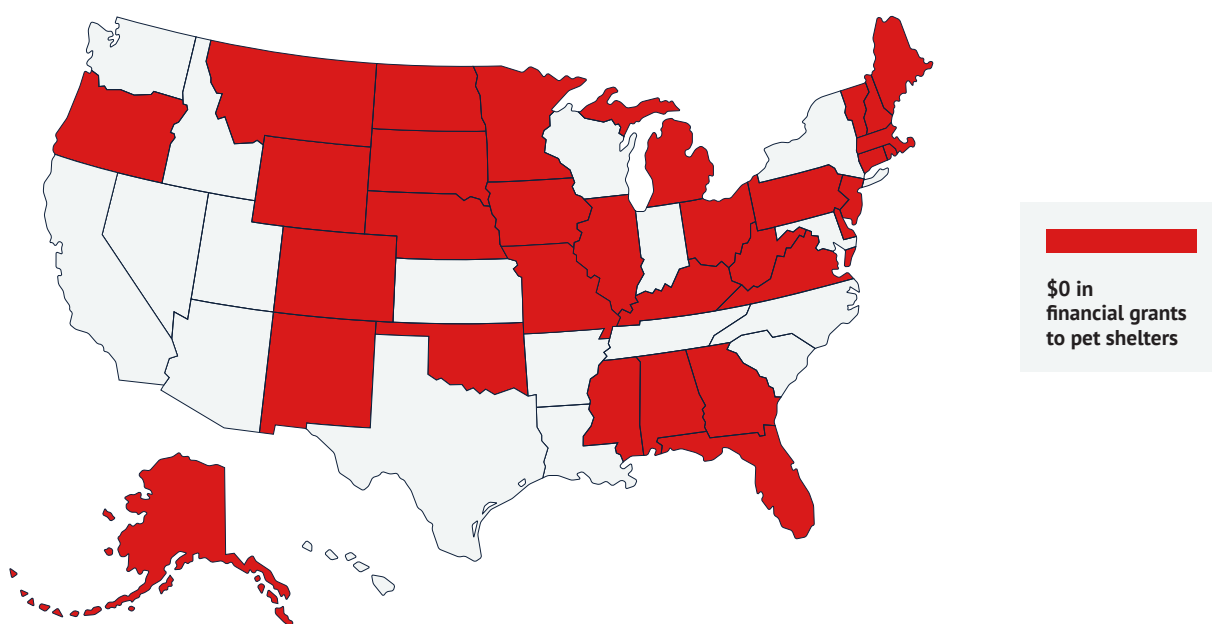
While Humane World for Animals sat on its massive asset pile and spent millions on its executives, 600,000 cats and dogs were euthanized in 2024.



How Does Humane World for Animals Actually Spend its Money?



Did Humane World for Animals Donate to a Pet Shelter in Your State?



Appendix: Reported Financial Grants to Pet Shelters by Humane World for Animals in 2024

Name	Amount	State	Name	Amount	State
Good Shepherd Humane Society	\$500	AR	Asheville Humane Society	\$551	NC
Pet Allies	\$500	AZ	Hearts Alive Village	\$1,103	NV
Ventura County Animal Services	\$500	CA	Susquehanna SPCA	\$10,000	NY
Hawaiian Humane Society	\$26,051	HI	Horry County Animal Services	\$1,500	SC
Animal Shelter of Wood River Valley Inc	\$75,000	ID	Nashville Humane Association	\$15,000	TN
Better Together Animal Alliance	\$100,000	ID	Austin Pets Alive	\$551	TX
Idaho Humane Society	\$95,000	ID	Houston Humane Society	\$2,000	TX
Owen County Humane Society	\$7,500	IN	Palm Valley Animal Center	\$1,900	TX
Humane Society of Greater Kansas City	\$1,654	KS	Ruff Haven	\$1,000	UT
Companion Animal Alliance	\$21,000	LA	Auburn Valley Humane Society	\$100,000	WA
Pointe Coupee Parish Animal Services	\$500	LA	Kitsap Humane Society	\$15,000	WA
Maryland SPCA	\$500	MD	Seattle Humane	\$150,000	WA
			Dane County Humane Society	\$25,000	WI
			Wisconsin Humane Society	\$100,551	WI

Methodology

Nonprofits are required to annually file a Form 990, which details the organization's spending. Likewise, Humane World for Animals publishes annual audited financial statements, conducted by outside groups. The Form 990s and the audited financial statements for 2024 (the most recent available documents) were analyzed for Humane World.

Humane World lists individual grants made to other organizations on its tax return. Grant recipients were researched to determine if they were, in fact, a pet shelter. Nonprofits are not required to disclose microgrants under \$5,000. If either organization decided not to disclose a grant of this nature then it has not been accounted for in this analysis.

For the purpose of this study, pet shelters are defined as organizations that have a facility for housing and adopting abandoned pets. This includes both local animal welfare groups that run shelters, as well as local governmental animal services departments that run shelters, and does not include animal welfare organizations without shelters, and local governmental organizations that give no indication of running a shelter. Pets are defined as cats and dogs, and do not include livestock, horses, or small mammals. Grants were only counted if they were actual donations of financial assistance. Previously, Humane World donated pet food to shelters, but the organization notes that it merely "distributed" the food; Chewy made the actual donation of food. Such grants were not counted.