



# Happy Holidays!

*It's been a busy year for us, and we wanted to share some highlights with you. Your donations have funded some very important work.*

## Education

NYSHA's workshops and its unique manual on INVESTIGATING ANIMAL CRUELTY have set the standards for teaching law enforcement and other individuals the "ins and outs" of successfully prosecuting animal abuse cases. With your support, we have travelled throughout New York State and are always gratified to hear about victories in the courts because of what the police and humane agents have learned from our highly qualified and dedicated instructors.



*NYSHA workshop instructor Andrea Stene and Board Chair Patricia Valusek with K-9 Reddy and his partner, Trooper Nolan.*



*Instructor and Board VP Dr. Holly Cheever with NYS Troopers who attended our workshop*

*"Excellent, very informative."*

- Representative, Washington County DA's Office

*"Excellent information, and as a police officer, I know firsthand that most officers don't know much, if anything, about animal cruelty laws and what to look for."*

- Officer, SUNY Oneonta Police

*"Very knowledgeable speakers -- they all had something different to add."*

- CPS Caseworker, Broome County

*"Very informative -- I had very little knowledge on this topic."*

- Lieutenant, Suffolk County Police Dept.

*"NYSHA helped educate me and countless others to make a difference in the lives of abused animals. With their guidance over the years, we have successfully supported the prosecution of horse cruelty cases."*

- Colleen Segarra, Founder, Equine Rescue Resource

## Cruelty Intervention

Not a day goes by that we are not confronted with another case of animal cruelty. We respond with advice, resource assistance, and our experts on the spot, if possible. Our education efforts for all ages are geared toward preventing cruelty and the overpopulation of companion animals, all too frequently the cause of abuse. Especially distressing this year has been the increase in situations involving the mistreatment of equines, and we have formed a special committee to focus on this tragic and horrific problem.



*Samantha Mullen at a hoarder case.*

*With her life as a racing thoroughbred behind her, Talk of the City was a breeding mare when rescued from an equine auction's killer pen where she was headed to the unspeakable horrors of a slaughterhouse. As long as horses like her are making money, they are worth something.*

*According to Jo Anne Normile, Racehorse Protection Consultant, "Once a thoroughbred enters the starting gate, odds are that the finish line will be a slaughterhouse."*



*Workshop instructors Andrea Stene, Sue McDonough, and Dr. Harry Hovel with Troopers at our workshop at the State Police Academy.*



*Dr. Harry Hovel, Andrea Stene, and Patricia Valusek with workshop attendees from Seneca County.*

## Legislation



*Samantha Mullen, chair of NYSHA's Legislation Committee, recognizing Assemblyman Jack McEneny for his lifetime work promoting animal-friendly laws in the NYS Assembly.*



*NYSHA Board member Jean Daniels at Animal Advocacy Day.*

We co-sponsored Lobby Day, participated in Animal Advocacy Day, and we are very proud of the bills we helped pass this year. These new laws ban the sale and possession of animal fighting paraphernalia, raise standards of care that pet dealers must provide, increase safety in pet grooming facilities, and regulate the location where captured wild animals are released...but we need your help to continue our presence at the Capitol and our rapport with state leaders.



*NYSHA's Laura-Ann Cammisa with her donkeys, who have finally found a lifetime home.*

On behalf of the Board and staff at NYSHA, we thank you for your past support that has enabled us to make a difference for animals. We ask that you be as generous as you can this year to allow us to continue our efforts to end suffering for all the creatures who so enrich our world.

Wishing you and yours peace and happiness now and in the coming year.

As always, for the animals,

*Laura-Ann Cammisa*

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