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ARC Teams Up to Fight Puppy Mills

Diverse organizations find much common ground in fight against puppy mill

ARC and other Minnesota and national animal groups are working together to fight a planned puppy mill in Belle Prairie, Minnesota.

Following the news that Morrison County commissioners approved a conditional use permit for a 600-dog puppy mill on 40 acres near Little Falls, ARC decided to fund the retainer for the law firm of Mansfield, Tanick, and Cohen to launch a legal challenge to the permit.



Attorney Marshall

Tanick filed a lawsuit on behalf of neighbors of the proposed puppy mill against Gary McDuffee, owner of the proposed Waggin' Tails kennel, on the grounds that the county failed to conduct an environmental-impact study before giving approval to the permit.

Other Partners in the Case

ARC is working on this case with Animal Ark No-Kill Shelter and the Minnesota Humane Society, which has pledged to help fund the ongoing legal efforts. Animal Ark is coordinating our efforts with the Colorado-based Companion Animal Protection Society (CAPS).

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Meeting and Event Calendar

ARC in Action (AIA) Meetings

ARC In Action meetings are held the second Saturday of every month from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the ARC office. At these informal meetings we work on current projects and campaigns. This is a great way to meet other people who care about animals. The ARC office is located at 3249 Hennepin Ave. S. in the Uptown Office Park Building, lower level.

Living Green Expo

ARC will have a booth at the Living Green Expo on May 6 and 7 at the Grandstand Building on the Minnesota State Fairgrounds. Admission to the expo is free. (<http://www.livinggreen.org/>)

Garage Sale

Start saving your unwanted stuff now for ARC's garage sale to be held on Saturday, June 3 at 2834 39th Ave. S. in Minneapolis from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call (612) 722-6168 to schedule a donation drop-off.

Juneteenth

Stop by the ARC booth at Juneteenth on Saturday, June 17 at Theodore Wirth Park in Minneapolis. Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States, emphasizing education and achievement.

GLBT Pride/Twin Cities Festival

Visit ARC's booth at the Pride Festival in Loring Park in Minneapolis on Saturday, June 24 and Sunday, June 25. The Twin Cities Pride Festival is one of the largest Pride events in the U.S. (http://www.tcpride.org/festival_overview.html)

Twin Cities Book Festival

ARC will display animal-rights related books and magazines on Saturday, October 14. (<http://www.raintaxi.com/bookfest/>)

Education Minnesota Professional Conference

Thursday, October 19 and Friday, October 20 at St. Paul River Centre. ARC will showcase materials on humane education and alternatives to dissection.

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Where: 294 Snelling Ave, St. Paul
Just a mile south of I-94, in a white house with teal trim

Web: www.fastandfurless.com

Phone: (651) 698-4585



Wings Exhibit and Lecture Highlights the Plight of Domestic Fowl

In conjunction with National Bird Month, the “Wings” exhibit and lecture in February at the Hopkins Center for the Arts brought together three artists who have dedicated their lives to helping birds and other animals (Mary Britton Clouse, Steve Nowatzki, and Vazalt).

Each artist explored the plight experienced by birds as unique individual beings and the tragedies that happen when human interests collide with the interests of birds on factory farms, in the exotic pet industry, and in vanishing native habitat.

As part of this event, ARC sponsored a lecture by Dr. Karen Davis, author and President and Founder of United Poultry Concerns entitled “The Unseen Being Revealed; the Plight of Domestic Fowl.” Her deeply moving presentation included photos and first-hand accounts of the conditions experienced by battery hens who are raised for their eggs.

“I am battery hen. I live in a cage so small I cannot stretch my wings. I am forced to stand night and day on a sloping wire mesh floor that painfully cuts into my feet. The cage walls tear my feathers, forming blood blisters that never heal. The air is so full of ammonia that my lungs hurt and my eyes burn and I think I am going blind.”

© United Poultry Concerns. From Karen Davis, PhD, “Thinking Like a Chicken: Farm Animals and the Feminine Connection,” *Animals and Women: Feminist Theoretical Explorations*, Durham & London: Duke University Press, 1995.

ARC Members Tour Chicken Run Rescue

Every year, domestic fowl, mostly chickens, are impounded by Minneapolis Animal Control (MAC). These birds are victims of abuse and abandonment, sometimes used as a source of eggs or intended for fighting or ritual sacrifice. Some are the discarded outcome of school hatching projects for children. Before July 2001, most domestic fowl were reluctantly killed simply because MAC had nowhere for them to go.

Chicken Run Rescue (CRR) was founded in 2001 to find adoptive homes for these birds. After their release from MAC, Chicken Run provides the birds with shelter and vet care, locates and screens adopters, and transports the birds to their new homes. CRR has placed over 130 birds to date.

ARC In Action group members were invited to tour CRR and spent an enjoyable afternoon making friends with the CRR permanent residents and those waiting for adoption, and learning all about chickens’ natural behavior, diet, and personalities—for example, many of us weren’t aware that chickens can have a life span of 12 to 15 years, but that most are killed after about 2 years in a battery cage facility. And we were surprised to learn that chickens in the wild will sleep in trees to safeguard themselves from predators. 🐔



Battery hens crowded together; their feathers are missing from constant rubbing against cage walls



ARC In Action group members enjoying their tour of Chicken Run Rescue

Fighting Puppy Mills

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CAPS has been following and studying puppy mills in Minnesota for many years. By combining CAPS' puppy mill expertise with the education/outreach capabilities of the other groups involved, it is no surprise that complaints about the puppy mill have been flooding the *Morrison Country Record* as well as the Morrison County Commissioners offices.

Gary McDuffee's past history

Gary McDuffee, owner of the proposed puppy mill, is a 25-year veteran of the kennel business and a Little Falls special education teacher.

McDuffee had claimed that no formal complaints had ever been lodged against his operation of two other kennels in Morrison County. But opponents discovered that his former business partner and ex-wife, Wanda McDuffee, had been suspended until 2008 by the American Kennel Club for misrepresenting breeds, according to Daisy Okas, a Kennel Club spokesperson.

Until recently, McDuffee co-owned the Happy Tails Kennel with his ex-wife. While McDuffee ran that facility, USDA inspectors at times saw areas lined with urine and waste buildup.

Federal reports also noted that the kennel had substandard-size cages with exposed sharp edges and records of puppies being sold before reaching a government-required age of eight weeks.

Drawing a line in the sand

ARC and the other groups involved have been trying to get the press to cover the growing animal mill industry for years. In this case, finally, the press has been all over the story, helping to fuel the fire that is now raging against this puppy mill.

"We are drawing a line in the sand," Mike Fry, Executive Director of Animal Ark told the *Star Tribune*. "We are done. Game over. Puppy mills in our state are not going to have such an easy time any more."



Definition of a Puppy Mill

Puppy mills are breeding facilities that produce purebred and mixed breed puppies in large numbers. Mixed breed "Designer Dogs" like Labradoodles, Yorkipoos, and Schnoodles are becoming increasingly common at puppy mills.

The puppies are sold either directly to the public via the Internet, newspaper ads, at the mill itself, or are sold to brokers and pet shops across the country.

The documented problems of puppy mills include overbreeding, inbreeding, minimal veterinary care, poor quality of food and shelter, lack of socialization with humans, overcrowded cages, and the killing of unwanted animals.



To the unwitting consumer, this situation frequently means buying a puppy facing an array of immediate veterinary problems or harboring genetically borne diseases that do not appear until years later.

Sadly, some dogs are forced to live in puppy mills for their entire lives. They are kept there for one reason only: to produce more puppies. Repeatedly bred, these "brood bitches" are killed once their reproductive capacity wanes.

Thousands of these breeding operations currently exist in the United States, many of them despite repeated violations of the federal Animal Welfare Act (AWA).

Across Minnesota, 127 commercial kennels are licensed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to breed and sell dogs that turn up in pet shops across the country. Three of those kennels are among the nation's largest, often housing more than 1,000 dogs apiece.

The USDA is charged with enforcing the AWA; with inspectors nationwide overseeing not only thousands of puppy mills, but also zoos, circuses, laboratories, and animals transported via commercial airlines, the USDA is an agency stretched too thin to enforce even the AWA's minimal standards. **Only three USDA inspectors work in Minnesota.** 🐾

Reaching Out to the Community

Once again ARC has been busy spreading the word about compassionate living. Community education and outreach activities varied from large community events to assisting the hundreds of individuals who called or emailed ARC looking for help with animal issues. Here are a few of the events in which ARC has participated recently:

- 🍷 **Holiday Open House and 25th Anniversary Celebration (December)**
Incorporated in 1981, ARC continues to be a locally and nationally recognized voice for animal rights in Minnesota. To celebrate 25 years of helping animals, we hosted this celebration with displays featuring ARC history and past campaigns. A certificate naming her “President Emerita” was awarded to Vonnie Thomasberg, founder and past president of ARC. An article about ARC and a photo of the presentation to Vonnie was published in the *Uptown Neighborhood News*.
- 🍷 **Twin Cities Women’s Expo (January)**
This three-day event at the Minneapolis Convention Center was a new event for ARC. We were delighted with the enthusiastic response of attendees to the vegetarian starter packets and recipes we passed out.
- 🍷 **Twin Cities Pet Expo (February)**
Companion animals took center stage at the annual Pet Expo at the Minneapolis Convention Center. For the fourth year in a row ARC distributed information on topics such as the importance of spaying and neutering and fact sheets about declawing, ear docking, and tail cropping.
- 🍷 **Children’s Expo (February)**
ARC’s booth distributed information to help parents raise compassionate children. Our circus coloring books explained in a gentle way why circuses are bad for the animals.
- 🍷 **Helping Animals 101 (March)**
ARC distributed information about our campaigns and activities to the many new activists who attended this two-day PETA conference in Minneapolis. 🐾



Enjoying the 25th anniversary celebration

Helping the Animal Victims of Hurricane Katrina

ARC made substantial donations to groups working to rescue animals in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. We provided support to the Humane Society of Louisiana, which was founded by former ARC activist Jeff Dorson. The hurricane destroyed HSLA’s sanctuary and headquarters in New Orleans. The group has since been operating an emergency shelter at its Tylertown, Mississippi property, where it evacuated its animals before the storm.

When three HSLA workers fled with more than 100 animals from their New Orleans sanctuary, they had no idea that HSLA would later be able to mobilize a disaster relief shelter for animals in need. Against all odds, HSLA saved more than 1,300 animals and remained in operation. HSLA is now committed to making their Tylertown sanctuary a permanent sanctuary, which will continue to serve the animals of the region for years to come. See <http://www.humanela.org> for info.

In addition, the ARC-sponsored “Neuter Commuter,” a mobile surgical van, was sent by Animal Ark to help animal victims of Hurricane Katrina shortly after the hurricane. As the only surgical facility of its kind in the area, the Neuter Commuter provided medical care to hundreds of rescued animals, as well as spaying and neutering these animals. ARC also provided financial support to help fund the Neuter Commuter’s operation in Tylertown, Mississippi. 🐾



A marooned dog needing rescue
in New Orleans

Minnesota Wolves in Danger

by Linda Hatfield, Executive Director, Help Our Wolves Live (HOWL)

On March 27 a proposal to de-list (remove) wolves from the protection of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in the Great Lakes area, which includes Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan, was published in the Federal Register.

What Will Happen to Wolves in Minnesota?

Under current ESA protections, only federal trappers are allowed to destroy wolves within 1/2 mile of a farm where verified livestock loss has occurred due to wolf depredation. Farmers and ranchers often call trappers because they think they have experienced wolf depredation. After agents examine a site, they frequently find that losses are due to coyotes rather than wolves.

If the wolf is de-listed, the welfare of the wolf will fall to the State of Minnesota. In 2000, the Minnesota legislature passed a wolf management bill that was signed into law and in 2001, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) wrote its wolf management plan—both the wolf law and wolf plan divide the state into two management zones: A and B.

In Zone A, the northeast part of the state, the law provides for a bounty, a \$150 reward disguised as a predator control payment. Predator controllers will be trappers certified by the DNR and trapping is supposed to be limited to cases of verified losses within a one-mile radius of a depredation site.

However, it will be up to the trapper to decide whether a wolf is responsible for a loss. Coyotes are also known to cause depredation, yet more often than not, wolves will take the blame as predator controllers will be paid only \$60 for a coyote, but \$150 for a wolf.

In Zone B, the remaining part of the state, liberal killing of wolves is allowed. Farmers, ranchers, property managers, and “pet owners” may at any time without a permit shoot or destroy a gray wolf when the wolf is posing an “immediate threat” on land they own, lease, or manage. The decision on what constitutes an immediate threat will be left up to personal interpretation.

Wolf populations in Zone B will be subject to the Federal Recovery Plan, which discourages establishing a wolf population in this portion of the state.

Also in Zone B, if the commissioner verifies that livestock, domestic animals, or companion animals were destroyed by a gray wolf within the previous five years, and if the animals’ owner requests gray wolf control, the commissioner will open a predator control area for gray wolves.

The sad result is that many wolves will be killed!



Minnesota law says that an open season on gray wolves is not allowed for five years after the wolf is de-listed from the ESA. However, laws can be easily changed and amended and some Minnesota legislators are itching to have an open season on wolves.

Once wolves in Minnesota are de-listed, they will be turned over to the Minnesota DNR for management. For years, the DNR has stated that they do not want to manage the wolf unless they can have a regulated “sport” hunting or trapping season. So the DNR is likely to support changes to the law that are not in the wolf’s best interest.

Sport trapping and hunting of wolves will not help farmers solve depredation problems because sport trapping is a winter activity designed to obtain prime pelts (summer trapped wolves have low-quality pelts). Wolves should not be de-listed in order to have a sport hunting and trapping season on them. There is no justification for a season as data indicates that arbitrarily killing wolves for sport is not an effective method of depredation control.

What You Can Do:

1) Submit comments by 6/26 against de-listing using any of the following methods (all submissions must include the identifier “RIN 1018-AU54”):

- Fish and Wildlife Service Region 3 web site (follow the instructions on the site):
<http://www.fws.gov/midwest/wolf/>
- E-mail: WGLwolfdelist@fws.gov
- Fax: 612-713-5292. Put “WGL Wolf Delisting; RIN 1018-AU54” in the subject line.
- Mail: WGL Wolf Delisting, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Whipple Federal Building, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, MN 55111-4056.

2) Attend the public hearing on May 8 in Duluth at the Inn on Lake Superior, Northern Lights 1 Room, 350 Cannel Park Dr. from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Memorials

In memory of Bob Zanko

Bob loved animals like
Robbie.

Anne Woolsey



In memory of Nemo

Beloved rooster who was rescued from the Dodge Nature Center in West St. Paul. He was blind, emaciated, dehydrated, and had frostbite on over 80% of his comb and wattles. He had been left to die in a cage in a closet in a barn at the nature center. As his health improved after being rescued, he became accustomed to care, warmth, and the constant company of a gentle little hen named Pa Zsa Zsa, and his true gentle and gallant nature emerged. Nemo taught us to greet the day at the top of one's lungs with tempo and heart.

Tempeh Fajitas

Serving size: 4

Ingredients:

- 2 tbsp tamari soy sauce
- 2 tbsp ketchup
- 4 tbsp water
- 1/4 tsp garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp cumin
- 1/2 tsp coriander
- 8 ounces tempeh, cut into 1/4" strips
- 1 tbsp oil
- 1 medium onion, sliced
- 1 green or red bell pepper, sliced
- 4 tortillas, warmed



Garnish:

Salsa, lettuce, tomatoes, shredded soy cheese,
soy sour cream

Combine tamari, ketchup, water, garlic powder, cumin and coriander. Pour over tempeh strips and marinate at least 30 minutes in the refrigerator.

Heat oil in a large skillet. Place tempeh strips carefully in the hot skillet and cook about 5 minutes on each side. Add onion and pepper, lower heat, and stir fry until onion and pepper are soft. Lay strips of tempeh, onions, and peppers in warm tortillas. Drizzle with salsa and add garnish of lettuce, tomatoes, shredded soy cheese and soy sour cream if desired. 🐾

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