

Apr 30 2012 The Bottom Line: HSUS = PETA

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While this isn't a website about PETA (if you want one, try this), it's helpful to remember the bigger picture. HSUS is not about animal welfare, it's about animal rights.

Your local humane society is about animal welfare—ensuring animals are treated well. The Humane Society of the United States is different than (and unaffiliated with) local humane societies. It's about ending most uses of animals under the premise that use equals abuse. Given that the vast majority of Americans eat meat, for example, HSUS isn't going to win influence by claiming, as PETA does, that giving a kid a hamburger is child abuse. HSUS is smart enough to know this.

Writing in *The New Yorker* a few years back, Michael Specter put it well:



It has been argued many times that in any social movement there has to be somebody radical enough to alienate the mainstream—and to permit more moderate influences to prevail. For every Malcolm X there is a Martin Luther King, Jr., and for every Andrea Dworkin there is a Gloria Steinem. Newkirk and PETA provide a similar dynamic for groups like the Humane Society of the United States...

When you do a little digging, you discover that PETA's practically a revolving door for HSUS employees, a radical training ground before these activists don a more respectable brand (to say nothing of clothing...). Here's a list of just some of the links we've dug up:

- [Matt Prescott](#), HSUS food policy director—former corporate campaigner with PETA
- [Ann Chynoweth](#), senior director of the End Animal Fighting and Cruelty Campaign at HSUS—former researcher and the director of grassroots campaigns at PETA
- [Mary Beth Sweetland](#), HSUS director of investigation—former director of research and rescue at PETA
- [Paul Shapiro](#), “factory farm” campaign director—former PETA volunteer
- [Alexis Fox](#), Mass. state director—former legal fellow at The PETA Foundation (aka Foundation to Support Animal Protection)
- [Jill Fritz](#), HSUS Mich. Director— former PETA student coordinator
- [Peter Petersan](#), Deputy Director of Animal Protection Litigation —former PETA activist
- [Leana Stormont](#), HSUS attorney—former PETA counsel
- [Miyun Park](#), former HSUS VP—former PETA employee
- [Patrick Kwan](#), New York state director—former media assistant for PETA-linked Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine

Keep in mind that this is just PETA and its quasi-medical front group the “[Physicians Committee](#)” for “[Responsible Medicine.](#)” (Click the link to see why the scare quotes are appropriate.)

There's a whole web of animal rights groups with essentially the same agenda: to eliminate the use of animals for food, research, clothing, and entertainment. Many HSUS leaders come from these groups—PETA-esque in worldview, but without the same budget or notoriety as PETA. Wayne Pacelle, Michael Markarian, and several HSUS board members hail from the Fund for Animals, an anti-hunting group, for one example.

Here's HSUS and PETA in their own words. On the major goals, we can't see any difference:

PETA Says...

"Animals Are Not Ours to Eat"

"Animals Are Not Ours to Wear"

"Animals Are Not Ours to Experiment On"

"Animals Are Not Ours to Use for Entertainment"

HSUS Says...

"We don't want any of these animals to be raised and killed."

"HSUS is committed to ending...killing for fur."

"HSUS advocates an end to the use of animals in research..."

HSUS "opposes the use of wild animals in circuses"

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We need more of this kind of research. Why are you not exposing ex HSUS/PETA employees, and/or with strong connections, that are currently employed by the Obama administration or in government service?

Dennis Foster

Posted by Dennis Foster on 05/01 at 10:44 AM

It's interesting that both PETA and the H\$U\$ have changed their narrative to obfuscate the fact that they also want to eliminate pets, (and then ELIMINATE pets, if you get my drift).

I guess they finally sussed that John and Jane Q. Public might be fooled into believing all farmers and breeders are sadistic torturers, but resent being told THEY are, as well.

This is why I make an effort to point out to folks whenever I get a chance that the AR movement hates domestic animals nearly as much as they hate women, and wants to outlaw ALL human contact with animals, not just "mean evil icky-boo-boo 'factory' farmers/breeders".

Posted by BADKarma on 05/01 at 12:55 PM

make sure to click on Mary Beth Sweetlands name.. this needs to be EXPOSED.. another video please.. the "lawyers in cages " is up to over 108,000 let's get these noticed and out to the public.. by the way.. HSUS holds the patent on PZP the horse contraceptive.. which is made from.. TA DA pigs.. here is what they say:

In recent years, criticism has been directed towards The HSUS regarding our efforts to work with the BLM to expand the use of the immunocontraceptive vaccine Porcine Zona Pellucida (PZP) for managing wild horse herds in the U.S. Some advocates oppose the use of any form of fertility control, including PZP, to manage wild horses because they believe that herds should be managed using a "hands-off" approach—meaning the animals should live their lives free from any form of human intervention whatsoever.

so when HSUS wants a "hands on" approach to use pigs based contraceptive on horse.. well the NO PROBLEM.. but if YOU want to do it HEY leave those horses alone.

PETA with deodorant and they still stink

Posted by bestuvall on 05/01 at 01:09 PM

HSUS is a lying group of people that are stealing people's animals and making profits from donations for claiming to have "saved this or that animal from neglect". They play the media while preying on innocent animal owners. Lawyers are not easy to obtain to get to handle lawsuits of this nature. I have an excellent case if anyone knows an attorney that has the guts to stand up for basic property owners rights.

Posted by Emily on 05/01 at 03: 48 PM

This is why I stopped following HSUS on Twitter. In my lifetime I've owned around 20 animals & all but a few have been rescues. Does that make me a bad person? NO. Thank you for doing the research I never would have thought to do. I'd previously supported the HSUS, but as a since they are no better than peta, I'll save my support for the ones who truly deserve it.. the animals.

Posted by michelle on 05/01 at 05: 47 PM

Wayne Pacelle, 4-20-12 blog, says Joe Schulbvogel (Sp) of the US Zoological Association claims Terry Thompson, the owner of the Ohio big cat farm, was murdered and then the cats were released in a scheme to advance stronger (animal ownership) legislation. Pacelle says the idea is ludicrous.

The US Zoological Association is a credible organization and must have some supportive reasons to make the claim.

National media sources reported that "Bolt Cutters" were used to cut the locked chains on the animal cages. Questions: Why would Thompson use bolt cutters to cut the chains when he had keys to all the locks that were apparently used daily in the care for the animals? Was this the act of some radical nuts that wanted to "save-the-animals"?

Now that the US Zoological Association has raised the question—I pray and hope that authorities will do a thorough investigation—and if needed, call in the FBI to help.

Posted by Charkie on 05/03 at 01: 44 AM

I just read in the Columbus Dispatch, 3-5-12 that the state of Ohio

will return 5 animals to the widow of Terry Thompson including a spotted leopard, a black leopard, 2 culex mecaques and a brown bear. A spotted leopard was put down after injuries resulting from a gate closing.

State agriculture and the governor says State of Ohio has no authority to keep the animals.

Posted by Charkie on 05/03 at 02:14 AM

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