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On face value, it would seem that the Humane Society of the United States is an organization we can believe in and support. We see the ads with mistreated dogs and cats and assume that our financial contributions go toward helping these animals. Nothing could be further from the truth.

HSUS is an animal-rights group, not an animal welfare organization. Their goal is to take your pets away, put farms and ranches out of business, stop hunting and fishing and eliminate the use of animals in medical research.

In a recent national poll, 71 percent of the respondents believed the HSUS is an umbrella group that represents thousands of local humane societies all across America. The HSUS doesn't represent a single one.

Fifty-nine percent thought HSUS contributes most of its money to local organizations that care for dogs and cats. IN 2008, one half of one percent of its \$90 million budget went to hands-on animal care facilities.

Nearly 1 million Americans donate money to the HSUS every year, and most are completely unaware that they are supporting PETA-style propaganda.

If you really want to help animals, donate to a local shelter instead of a professional fundraising organization with an agenda designed to take pets out of your house and meat off your table.