

September 10, 2005

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Dear Mr. Pacelle,

This year, some five million dogs and cats will be killed in shelters. The vast majority can and should be placed into loving homes or should never enter shelters in the first place. But there is hope.

No Kill sheltering models, based on innovative, non-lethal programs and services, have already saved the lives of tens of thousands of animals. But instead of embracing No Kill, many shelters—and their national agency allies—cling to their failed models of the past, models that result in the killing of millions of dogs and cats in U.S. shelters every year.

No Kill is a revolution. And behind every revolution is a declaration—a statement of grievances, and a listing of rights and principles that underscore our great hope for the future. We assert that a No Kill nation is within our reach—that the killing can and should be brought to an end.

On the HSUS website, it says you have a “passion for advocating change—not only for the benefit of animals, but for the public good as well.” We ask that you put deeds behind words and sign the *Declaration of the No Kill Movement in the United States*. To do so, you have to repudiate the Asilomar Accords. They are simply not compatible.

- One says feral cats can be killed without recrimination. The other says feral cats have a right to live.
- One says dogs can be killed under draconian animal ordinances. The other calls for their repeal.
- One says shelters do not have to put programs and services in place that save lives. The other mandates that they do.
- One says “No Kill” is hurtful. The other says killing animals is.

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- One says that criticism for killing must end. The other says killing should.

HSUS claims to be the largest animal protection organization in the U.S. Will HSUS lead the effort to end the killing of homeless pets? Or will it continue to provide political cover for those mired in the failed philosophies of the past?

Our questions are simple: Do you really have a passion for advocating change “for the benefit of the animals”? Or are you just another indifferent animal executive who gets handsomely paid, while animals pay the ultimate price for that indifference?

Enclosed please find the *Declaration of the No Kill Movement in the United States*. There is a place at the bottom for your signature. Join over 2,000 other groups and individuals who signed it within just two days of its release.

No Kill is the social conscience movement of our time. Its conquest of the status quo is inevitable. When the history books are written, Mr. Pacelle, how will you be remembered?

It is time to make your choice.

For the animals,

Nathan J. Winograd

Enclosed