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Whether you're celebrating the Solstice, Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanza, or Festivus, thank you for spending your valuable time during this busy holiday season reading this letter.

These are just some of ASI's many accomplishments your support made possible in 2017.

Human Animal Programs:

- ASI's new [Diversion Program](#) launched in Syracuse, NY in collaboration with the Central New York Animal Cruelty Task Force. We are training task force representatives to offer this three-level program designed to hold perpetrators of animal neglect and cruelty accountable while at the same time helping them to develop empathy and the skills needed to care compassionately for animals. Dr. Lisa Lunghofer, ASI's Human Animal Programs Director, is discussing possibilities for similar programs in Washington state, Canada, New Zealand, and Australia.

- Following Lisa's presentation at the Humane Society of Huron Valley, the local domestic violence shelter, SafeHouse Center, has formally included animals in safety plans.
- Lisa provided training to the leaders of CHAI, a non-profit promoting humane education and treatment of animals in Israel, on animal abuse and intervention strategies.
- Lisa provided workshops on animal abuse and children, animal abuse and other antisocial behavior, and logic model development to various professional audiences.

Human-Animal Studies:

- ASI refined our former Fellowship program into the [Human-Animal Studies Summer Institute](#), held in partnership with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. 29 advanced graduate students and early career scholars attended the first annual intensive 7-day Institute. The Institute enables ASI to help more students than ever before, offering them the support and guidance of mentors from a variety of disciplines within HAS, including ASI's own Dr. Margo DeMello, our Human-Animal Studies Director and a major force behind the Institute. You can see a [video](#) about this program on [ASI's YouTube channel](#).
- ASI's [International Development Program](#) is ongoing, with progress made at the University of Athens and the Tata Institute of Social Sciences in India on their new programs.
- ASI has been promoting HAS at the undergraduate level with our online journal, [Sloth](#), and our Undergraduate Paper Prize; the winner's paper is published in ASI's journal, [Society & Animals](#). ASI has a new [Student Animals & Society Institute](#) (SASI) chapter at University of Redlands.
- ASI surveyed students from five HAS classes at two universities in the U.S. and two universities in Europe before and after taking the classes. The statistically significant results suggest that HAS classes positively affect students' attitudes toward animals.



The holiday season is a time for generosity and gratitude. Thank you so much for enabling ASI to be the leader in translating research on human-animal interaction into practice, providing essential knowledge and tools, and promoting evidence-based approaches that get results.

With your help, ASI can expand our work on human-animal relationships in 2018 by:

- promoting our Diversion Program and bringing it to more cities;
- welcoming another group of early-career scholars to the HAS Summer Institute;
- designing a database of programs that focus on human-animal relationships;

- summarizing journal articles to make research more accessible to animal advocates;
- sharing HAS scholars' key word videos to define commonly misunderstood concepts, theories or terms;
- recording webinars to offer remote, on-demand training opportunities.

Your tax-deductible donation will help ASI improve and expand knowledge about human-animal relationships in order to create safer and more compassionate communities for all.

Thank you for supporting ASI, especially during this busy season. Happy holidays!

Happy New Year,



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