This report summarizes an entire year of vigorous work made possible by generous supporters like you. I hope you will be impressed with how we have robustly employed your donations, grants and encouragement.

Despite many obstructions, the good news is that animal welfare issues are gaining traction and posting some wins. Here is how your Animals & Society Institute plays an active part in these victories.

ASI is a think tank that delivers both research and education about how we interface with other animals. Our work gives activists, educators and practitioners the knowledge, and even the vocabulary, to do their job.

As an example, for the past three years, ASI has co-sponsored, first with Wesleyan University and now with the University of Illinois, a summer gathering of scholars interested in human-animal issues. This is a time of intense studying and discussion leading to publishable articles or book chapters. These papers in turn significantly enhance knowledge of animal issues and give other scholars and activists a firmer base for their work.

Plus, those who attend these Summer fellowships often channel their enthusiasm toward establishing a human-animal curriculum at their own universities.

In 2019 we will join our partners at the University of Illinois to hold the third annual Summer Institute. This year we are also partnering with the University of Kassel in Germany to put on a one-time summer school as well.

Also, because of a generous grant from Maddie's Fund we will be well into an important study of what happens when homeless people are helped, or hindered, in remaining united with their beloved pets.

There is so much more that ASI contributes toward improving the relationships people have with other animals. Our work not only informs educators but it penetrates into public policy and awareness. I hope you will use this 2018 ASI Annual Report to understand the extent of all we do.

Of course, the bad news is that maltreating all kinds of animals still exists, and those realities can be horrific. Ignorance and greed are usually the driving forces. But knowledge is a potent counterforce.

So while we want to share the accomplishments with you there is still plenty of work to do. With your encouragement and increasing generosity we can, and will, continue to amplify our ability to meet the challenges.

Sincerely,

John Thompson
Chair, Board of Directors
Human Animal Studies (HAS) Programs:

- ASI held the second annual ASI-UIUC Summer Institute at the University of Illinois in July, with an opening plenary session by Barbara King, author and anthropologist.

Margo DeMello spoke at Minding Animals in Mexico City in January.

- Released season 1 of the new Defining HAS video series on website and YouTube.

- Released the results of our Animal Attitudes Survey of HAS Course participants from the first five completed courses.

- Published new issue of SLOTH, Winter 2018.

- JAAWS released a special issue on ZOOs. ASI Board President Ken Shapiro wrote a piece for this issue.

- S&A released special issue on wildlife.

- Published comprehensive lists of new books and new research in 2018 on website.

- Published lots of new material on the ASI website: new film reviews, updated list of courses, degree programs, new document on key readings in the field, and more.
Human Animal Programs (HAP):

Provided innovative resources to make communities safer by launching our 2nd pilot of Behavior, Accountability, Responsibility, and Knowledge (BARK), intervention program for animal maltreatment offenders, in Syracuse, NY.

To date, 22 animal offenders have completed BARK and the program is set to be offered for the first in Rochester, NY in 2019.

In the past year, we have received inquiries about BARK from across the country and around the world, including New Zealand, Australia, Hungary, Spain, and Canada.

Educated professionals about the importance of addressing animal abuse, presenting at the Humane Society of Greater Rochester’s conference, “The Link Between Animal Abuse and Human Violence,” to 100+ attendees who represented a range of disciplines, including humane law enforcement, criminal justice, social work, child welfare and education.

Supported high-quality research by participating in the 2018 National Institutes of Health peer review of proposals to study human-animal interaction.

Pursued new partnerships by joining the Co-sheltering Collaborative, a new effort to identify and promote promising practices for homeless people and their companion animals. The group is working to share expertise, showcase examples of innovative programs that address human and animal sheltering needs, and develop a road map for best practices in co-sheltering.
We are proud to report a PROGRAM RATIO of 85%.

The percentage of total expenses devoted to programs and services equals a majority of the funds you donate.

TOTAL REVENUE: $163,977

- DONATIONS 95%
- MEMBERSHIPS 4%
- OTHER 1%

TOTAL EXPENSES: $216,666

- PROGRAMS 85%
- MANAGEMENT & FUNDRAISING 15%

These financials are unaudited, ASI will produce audited financials later in the year.

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I was thrilled to accept the role of Executive Director in January 2019. My involvement with ASI began in 2015 as a volunteer and later as a Board member in 2016. I have more than 10 years of experience in nonprofit management and fundraising and have served in key roles with animal welfare and conservation organizations.

I’m deeply committed to ASI’s mission and its work to create safer and more compassionate communities for all. ASI is the leader in translating research on human-animal interaction and has had many successes in its 35-year history.

**ASI looks forward to building upon these successes in 2019 by:**
- Introducing a new policy program that will help create safer and more compassionate communities for all.
- Releasing season two of the Defining HAS video series.
- Publishing the findings from a $50,000 Maddie’s Fund® grant that will be used to evaluate and identify best practices in “co-sheltering” of people and their companion animals. Project results will inform development of animal-friendly policies and practices in homeless shelters nationwide, reducing the likelihood that animals will be relinquished simply because their caregivers are experiencing a period of homelessness.
- Awarding the 6th annual International Development Project Award to support Human-Animal Studies programs at a university outside of the United States.
- Hosting the Human Animal Studies Summer Institute to support emerging scholars in the HAS field.

As we look forward to another successful year, I thank you for your steadfast support of our mission, our work and especially in creating more compassionate communities near and far.

Sincerely,

Ivy Collier, MPA, CFRE  
Executive Director

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