One of ASI’s friends commented that sending her donations to ASI is one of those *feel good* experiences. “I feel that ASI is an extension of my values; it transforms my care for animals into substantial results,” she says.

That is the essence of philanthropy; good people who want to see tangible benefits support good organizations like ASI to make great things happen. Like our friend suggests, that support enables our work. We are deeply grateful for that flow of support from our community.

Using the key word “community” is valid. We who work at ASI and you who enable the work form a community of shared values. That community illustrates the concept that it really does take a village,

This annual report is one way of reflecting what our community, all of us, including you, has accomplished and what we see as next steps. Please give some time to surveying the spectrum of projects ASI does with your support. And note the projects we want to develop that you will enable with additional funding.

I hope you will agree that we have done an enormous amount and have “moved the needle” toward our goal of advancing knowledge that enables a more compassionate world where all animals flourish. And that’s not just words. It is the concept that founded ASI 39 years ago, and it motivates us just as much today.

We are deeply grateful to our community of supporters, staff, and partners. They are all “enablers” in the best sense of that word.

John Thompson

Ken Shapiro

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2019 ASI HAS Accomplishments

- Helped organize, implement and participated in a new international summer program in Kassel, Germany with our partners at the University of Kassel.
- Successfully put on the third year of the Summer Institute for HAS, which included 23 attendees from 10 countries.
- Participated in a new summer school for early graduate students held at the University of Lisbon in Portugal.
- Awarded the University of Lisbon the 2019-2020 International Program Award.
- Released 15 videos for Season 2 of Defining HAS series.
- Published 6 new issues of Society & Animals, including a special issue on wildlife.
- Published 4 new issues of JAAWS.
- Published 2 new books in the Brill HAS series.
Launched the third pilot of ASI's programs for maltreatment offenders in Maricopa County, Arizona. This is the first pilot site using all three tiers of ASI’s intervention programs: CARE (Companion Animal Responsibility and Education), BARK (Behavior, Accountability, Responsibility, and Knowledge), and AniCare.

Received a $50,000 grant from Maddie’s Fund to partner with My Dog is My Home to evaluate and identify best practices in “co-sheltering” of people and their companion animals.

Worked with the Co-Sheltering Collaborative to identify and promote promising practices for people experiencing homelessness and their companion animals and share preliminary findings from our evaluation project.

ASI’s HAP Director served on the governing committee of the Human Animal Interaction section of the American Psychological Association.

Supported high-quality research by participating in the 2019 National Institutes of Health peer review of proposals to study human-animal interaction.
A Look Ahead from the Executive Director

I originally sat down to write a note that shared the programs, projects and successes that we looked forward to in 2020. But life has changed. COVID-19 has altered our sense of normalcy. This has been a challenging time, and we’ve had to make hard decisions. One such decision was to postpone the ASI-UIUC Summer Institute. Although we were disappointed to do this, we know it is more important to ensure the safety of our participants, speakers, staff, and board.

While this is a time of uncertainty, we recognize it will not last forever. In turn, we are looking toward the future.

ASI continues to be at the forefront of human-animal relationship research. This past July we announced our new mission statement:

**Advancing human knowledge to improve animal lives.**

We believe these words offer a clear, aspirational expression of what people most value and want from a nonprofit think tank dedicated to research and sharing knowledge. We are uniquely positioned to provide resources for scholars, students, human service provider, and animal advocates that support efforts to better human-animal relationships in all settings.

We’ve had many successes over the years and, look forward to building upon these in 2020. Thank you for standing with ASI. Your continued support of our mission and programs allows us to change the lives of animals and people alike. Together, we can create safer and compassionate communities near and far.

Sincerely,

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