

## Some of START's Activities and Achievements since 1985

- \* Sponsored a 'Run for the Animals' in Clayton in October 1985
- \* Presented "Unnecessary Fuss" to the public to expose the University of Pennsylvania laboratory's abuse of baboons in 1985 (the research lab was closed as a result of nationwide public pressure)
- \* Organized one of the country's largest anti-fur motorcades in December 1986
- \* Opposed Amendment 8 to allow pari-mutuel wagering at horse racetracks in 1986
- \* Collaborated with other groups to defeat a proposed pound seizure ordinance in Maryland Heights in March 1986
- \* Opposed greyhound racing legislation in Missouri in 1987-88
- \* Supported legislative efforts in Congress attempting to ban trapping and the use of shelter animals in lab experimentation
- \* Advanced the animal rights philosophy to US Fish & Wildlife Service as part of the Environmental Impact Statement for wildlife refuges
- \* Protested at Monsanto against the introduction of Bovine Growth Hormone in 1993
- \* Formally addressed the Institute of Lab Animal Resources seeking revision of their policies on the care and use of lab animals in February 1994
- \* Prominent role in shutting down Continental Furs in December 1996
- \* Offered two-day AAVS (American Anti-Vivisection Society) workshops to the public on communication, empowerment and compassion in October 1996
- \* Essential role in gathering signatures and filing lawsuits opposing the trapping of Missouri river otters during 1996-1997
- \* Instrumental in acquiring enough signatures to place Proposition A, banning cockfighting, on the ballot for Missouri voters in 1998 (it passed by an overwhelming 63%)
- \* Supported & helped implement a groundbreaking relocation plan to address deer complaints in Town & Country in 1999
- \* "Meat Kills" demonstrations at Union Station to protest the Meatpackers Convention in July 1999
- \* Organized the "I'd Rather Go Naked" campaign at the Arch in November 1999
- \* Collaboratively lobbied Congress to successfully enact federal laws:
  - ~ Banning the import and sale of dog and cat fur
  - ~ Establishing safer air travel for animals
  - ~ Initiating the conservation of great apes
  - ~ Protecting retired military dogs from automatic euthanasia
  - ~ Banning shark fining in U.S. waters
  - ~ Establishing a committee to develop alternatives to animal-based tests for consumer products (such as cosmetics & cleaning supplies)
    - ~ Creating a sanctuary system for 1,000 chimps once used in AIDS experiments
- \* Hosting an annual "An Evening for the Animals" event
- \* Hosting an annual New Year's Day Vegan celebration brunch or dinner
- \* Organized the 'Gateway to Compassion Symposium' involving national & international speakers & conducted various workshops to educate and motivate animal activists throughout the Midwest in October 2001
- \* Used our unique "body screens" at various public events to screen videos of factory farming, animals in labs, circus cruelty & inadequate zoo conditions
- \* Hosted Harold Brown, Howard Lyman and several other national and international speakers to St. Louis
- \* Participated in Lobby & Humane Days in Jefferson City
- \* Brought speaker Howard Lyman to St. Louis in 2003
- \* Did a screening of "Peaceable Kingdom" in 2005
- \* Protested weekly at the Puppy Expo in Shrewsbury in 2006 until it closed
- \* Were guests on Randy Grim's radio talk show regarding the treatment of zoo animals in 2007
- \* Worked collaboratively to protest the cruel confinement of elephants at the St. Louis Zoo
- \* Initiated the campaign and helped finance the city fire department oxygen masks for animals in 2008
- \* Ran a pro-vegan TV PSA on multiple networks in 2008
- \* Participated weekly in the Pampered Pets (Chesterfield Mall) protests in 2009
- \* Worked extensively with Missourians for the Protection of Dogs on the Puppy Mill Cruelty Prevention Act in 2010
- \* Were guests on a show with Gateway Greens TV about animal testing of cosmetics & household products in December of 2010
- \* Protested outside the "Got Milk" campaign in favor of veganism in 2010
- \* Sponsored advertisements educating the public about fur, circuses, hunting, trapping, factory farming and vivisection (experimentation on live animals)
- \* Purchased billboards denouncing fur and vivisection & promoting spay/neuter
- \* Co-sponsored several anti-fur busboards annually
- \* Launched countless protests and demonstrations to draw attention to the cruelty of circuses, veal, fur, dairy, factory farming (McDonald's, Wendy's, KFC, U.S. Egg & Poultry Breeders, U.S. Pork Producers Association), vivisection at local animal research labs, consumer product testing on animals and pet theft
- \* Attended various court cases to show support for animal victims
- \* Host our annual 'An Evening for the Animals' every year since 2000
- \* Paid for several anti-chaining billboards around the city in 2011
- \* Demonstrated against dog-fighting at the Edward Jones Dome when Michael Vick with the Philadelphia Eagles was in town in 2011
- \* Protested outside the American Veterinary Medical Association conference against cat declawing in 2011
- \* Worked with Your Vote Counts campaign gathering petition signatures for ballot initiative in 2012

- \* **Protested** at the National Bull Riders Association event (since '12)
- \* **Launched** a campaign to bring attention to the plight of carriage horses including annual purchase of a slogan ad on a downtown rickshaw in 2012
- \* **Helped sponsor** a national animal rights conference in 2012
- \* **Worked with Alliance for Medical Progress** to protest the use of cats in intubation training at Washington University
- \* **Worked with area activists** to do Pay-Per-View at various college/university campuses (Farm to Fridge video) '13 & '14
- \* **Ran a pro-vegan TV PSA** on several networks in 2013
- \* **Sponsored a fundraiser** for animal sanctuaries
- \* **Adopted a starving horse** from a substandard farm & found her safe haven, paying for her vet expenses (2013)

- \* **Host our annual Turkey-Free-Thanksgiving Dinner**
- \* **Working with local authorities and the ALDF** to gain oversight of the horse carriage industry here which is currently unregulated (2014)
- \* **Created and launched anti-vivisection billboard** (2014)
- \* **Worked to educate to try to defeat the 'Right to Farm'** state constitutional amendment (2014) ~ the state legislature did this in retaliation of the 2010 Prop B: "The Puppy Mill Initiative"
- \* **Filed a lawsuit against the St. Louis Metropolitan Taxicab Commission** to get them to resume their duty to oversee the horse carriage industry, which they stopped doing in 2013 (2015)
- \* **Obtained & started using the "Tiger Truck,"** which has four huge outside screens to help educate the public about various animal issues (2015)

**START's current efforts include:**

- \* **Purchasing billboards, Metro-link windscreens, and television public service announcements** denouncing the use of animals in circuses, the fur industry, factory farming, vivisection & against dog chaining
- \* **Running booths at various community venues** to distribute literature, prepare & serve homemade vegan food and educate people about animal-related issues
- \* **Coordinating events for Great American Meatout, World Animals in Laboratories Day, World Farm Animals Day, Fur-Free-Friday, National Primate Liberation Week and many others**
- \* **Letter-writing campaigns to city officials, county officials, Congressional members, and newspaper editors**
- \* **Protesting circuses, fur, vivisection, factory farming, puppy mills, horseracing, substandard zoos, cat de-clawing & dog fighting**
- \* **Offering educational events and speakers to the public**
- \* **Speaking to local clubs, schools, city/county councils and other civic organizations**
- \* **Supporting victims of animal abusers**
- \* **Responding to statewide calls for help with animal-related crises and general issues of mistreatment, abuse & abandonment**