Letter from LCA President Chris DeRose

Dear Friend of Animals,

I spend my time as an activist for the rights of the most oppressed and exploited of all populations on earth: Animals. I’m no soft-hearted sentimentalist that just feels sorry for fuzzy, furry creatures. I have never even had a pet, but I hate injustice, and one of the greatest injustices in the world right now is how animals are treated.

During 2006, supporters like you made it possible for LCA to continue fighting injustice and end animal suffering, and I THANK YOU!

In July, we saw the final outcome of civil and criminal charges against USDA licensed Class “B” dealer, C.C. Baird. The nightmare is finally over! C.C. Baird has been convicted and now sentenced. This precedent setting case is a big WIN for the animals and has set CASE LAW. It was a huge accomplishment for LCA and every one of our supporters when Baird and his facility, Martin Creek Kennels, were shut down for good. Countless companion animals will now be safe from being stolen, abused and sold to research facilities.

LCA’s ground-breaking undercover investigation and bust of Baird is the subject of HBO’s America Undercover documentary, “Dealing Dogs.” The documentary, which aired during March and April on HBO, educated millions of shocked viewers who learned for the first time about Class “B” dealers, the pet theft industry and companion animals ending up in research facilities.

This year, LCA’s campaign to end puppy mills in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, “The Puppy Mill Capitol of the East Coast,” got a boost from Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell. Rendell has taken steps to increase the policing of kennels and has outlined some proposed legislation that would greatly increase the welfare of mill dogs. Read inside about Rudy, one puppy mill survivor.

The plight of zoo elephants in captivity is receiving heightened national attention, especially after the controversial death this year of L.A. Zoo’s Asian elephant, Gita. Read about LCA’s “Elephant Sanctuaries—Not Captivity!” campaign inside which is aimed at permanently closing down the L.A. Zoo elephant exhibit and getting the elephants relocated to a sanctuary.

Please read about these campaigns and much more inside! Thanks to your support, we were able to fight for those who can’t speak for themselves. With your help we will do more in 2007 than we did in 2006.

For the animals,

Chris DeRose
President and Founder

P.S. We have many goals for the coming year and need your help to be successful! Please use the reply form on the bottom of the back page and the enclosed donation envelope to help us start the New Year strong.
FREE the LA3

In late 2005, Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa called for a full review of the "housing and health needs" of the elephants at the Los Angeles Zoo and directed the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to conduct a study on the elephants. Mayor Villaraigosa also temporarily stopped the funding for the elephant exhibit renovation.

When the CAO report was released a few months later, the recommendation was for the elephants to stay at the LA Zoo, but increase the size of the enclosure.

The LA Zoo then submitted their final exhibit proposal to the city council. Their proposal included expanding the elephant exhibit from ¾ of an acre to approximately 3.5 acres at a cost of over $30 million. While this increase in space will be better for the elephants than their current enclosure, it is still far too small for earth's largest land mammal. Additionally, the exorbitant cost is a blatant waste of taxpayer and city dollars.

However, despite LCA's best efforts, the Los Angeles City Council turned its back on the elephants on April 19th, 2006 by voting in favor of the LA Zoo's proposed elephant exhibit.

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa had the power to veto the council's decision, but decided not to, as he felt he had "more important things to do."

Upset with the Mayor "passing the buck" and not keeping to the Mayor's belief that elephants should not be in zoos, LCA President Chris DeRose confronted the Mayor during LA's Earth Day festival, WorldFest.

Chris demanded the Mayor follow through on his campaign statement "to move the elephants out" and urged him to permanently close down the elephant exhibit at the LA Zoo and relocate the elephants to a sanctuary. The Mayor refused. Chris knew the Mayor's inaction would be disastrous for the LA Zoo elephants — and he was right.

Tragedy at the LA Zoo

On June 10, 2006, Gita, an Asian elephant held at the LA Zoo in inadequate and debilitating quarters, passed away at the young age of 47.

Gita's medical history is riddled with documentation of the harmful effects of a life in captivity. Gita is at peace, finally, but it is tragic this was the only way she could get out of the zoo.

Gita's controversial death raised many questions regarding the circumstances behind her death. The suspicions were confirmed a few weeks later when zoo officials admitted there was an 8 hour time delay before Gita received medical attention the day she went down. The necropsy reports the time delay was not 8 hours as stated by the Zoo, but 12 - 17 hours before anyone took action to help her.

If Gita had been cared for during these crucial hours, she may have survived — or at least been spared the unimaginable suffering she endured in the last hours of her life.
**Elephant Highlights 2006**

- In February, eight elephants were sent to the Elephant Sanctuary as a result of the USDA’s lawsuit against their owner, the Hawthorn Corp. Dubbed the “caravan to freedom,” the eight ex-circus elephants made the trip from Illinois to Tennessee and are now living as a bonded and happy herd in elephant paradise!

- In October, the Philadelphia Zoo became the 11th zoo in the U.S. to close down its elephant exhibit. Three of the zoo’s elephants will be sent to a zoo in Maryland and one elephant will be sent to the Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee.

![LCA’s campaign changed from “Free the LA 3” to “Free the LA 2” after the tragic death of Gita.](image)

**Update on Save the Mountain Gorillas Campaign**

**LCA SUPPORTERS MEET FUNDRAISING GOAL**

Africa’s mountain gorilla, one of man’s closest relatives, is in peril. They live in the forests of the Virunga volcano region, along the borders of Uganda, Rwanda and the Congo and are one of the world’s rarest animals. In recent years their plight has become more precarious due to poaching, political instability and deforestation. Sadly, the mountain gorilla is an endangered species now and there are only approximately 650 in existence today.

Bwindi National Park (also known as the Impenetrable Forest) in Uganda provides one of the last remaining sanctuaries for approximately 300 of the mountain gorillas. The rangers, trackers and wardens of the Ugandan Wildlife Authority (UWA) are the front line in gorilla conservation and are responsible for the gorillas’ day-to-day protection.

LCA’s first Save the Mountain Gorilla campaign was aimed at raising funds to purchase 60 Motorola GP340 handheld radios for the UWA in Bwindi. This specialized equipment allows monitoring and daily tracking of the gorillas to keep them safe from poachers and illegal activity. Our goal was met!

To learn more about the mountain gorillas and how you can participate in LCA’s next campaign, please visit www.LCAAnimal.org.

![One of Rwanda’s inquisitive juvenile gorillas.](image)

![UIWA Rangers using LCA donated radios to protect the mountain gorillas.](image)

![Motorola GP340 handheld radio](image)

![UWA receiving radios donated by LCA.](image)
Official Case Timeline

- **Early 2002**
  LCA special undercover investigator “Pete.” infiltrated C.C. Baird’s Martin Creek Kennels and acquired over 70 hours of undercover footage detailing an overwhelming amount of animal cruelty, abuse, neglect and unsanitary conditions. The documentation was handed over to the U.S. Attorney’s Office, which resulted in the largest multi-agency (federal, state and local) investigation of animal abuse in U.S. history.

- **August 27, 2003**
  Law enforcement officers descended upon Martin Creek Kennels, search warrant in hand, in a 6 a.m. dawn raid. Numerous animals were taken from the facilities.

- **March 11, 2004**
  Baird was officially charged with hundreds of violations of the Animal Welfare Act including mistreatment of animals, inadequate veterinary care and improper housing.

- **January 2005**
  The civil case against Baird was settled out of court and resulted in the permanent revocation of the Class “B” licenses of Baird, his wife and their two daughters, a $262,000 fine (the largest penalty ever assessed and paid in an Animal Welfare Act case) and 5 year probation including a penalty of $250,000 if any Baird is caught engaging in any activities under which their licenses were revoked.

- **August 30, 2005**
  Baird pleaded guilty to the federal charges against him, specifically conspiracy to launder money. Baird’s charges stemmed from his monetary transactions with research facilities of criminally derived property (dogs and cats). Patsy Baird (wife) pleaded guilty to misprision of felony mail fraud (misprision is neglect in preventing or reporting a crime).

As a result of his guilty plea, Baird consented to criminal forfeiture of 700 acres of property (valued at $11 million), criminal forfeiture of $200,000 and partial reimbursement of $42,000 to animal rescue organizations involved in rescuing the animals confiscated from Baird’s property.

**July 14th, 2006—Case Closed!**

AN UNPRECEDENTED VICTORY FOR THE ANIMALS!

BAIRD’S CASE SETS CASE LAW!

The nightmare is finally over! Baird has been convicted and now sentenced. **BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, PRECEDENT OR “CASE LAW” WAS SET!!!** C.C. Baird is the first Class “B” dealer to be convicted of money laundering due to his Class “B” dealer activities. This means that future animal abusers can expect to face prison time for their offenses. Violators of the Animal Welfare Act will be prosecuted. This was a landmark decision for our companion animals.

Baird is a convicted felon that cannot vote or hunt, has lost his right to bear arms and is a disgrace in his community. Because Baird and his wife cooperated with the federal government and **gave up everything they owned** (see timeline), they received a commuted sentence. Baird was sentenced to 3 years probation including 6 months home detention for his guilty plea to the federal charges. His wife, Patsy, received 2 years probation and they paid an additional fine of $10,000. This is in addition to over two million in property fines and monies surrendered.

ONE MAJOR BATTLE HAS BEEN WON FOR THE ANIMALS!

**What You Can Do:**

Pet theft is a major problem in this country! Your companion animals are counting on you to keep them safe. Visit www.DealingDogs.com for steps you can take to ensure your animals don’t end up in research facilities.

Protect America’s Companion Animals

Support The Pet Safety and Protection Act

S. 451 & H.R. 5229

When passed, The Pet Safety and Protection Act (PSPA) will amend the Animal Welfare Act to prohibit Class “B” dealers from selling animals to research facilities. **This will put the remaining Class “B” dealers out of business.**

The PSPA was introduced in the Senate in 2005 by Sen. Akaka and in the House in 2006 by Reps. Doyle and English.

In June 2006, LCA joined forces with The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and Society for Animal Protection Legislation (SAPL) to conduct a briefing on the PSPA for members of the House and their staffs. Attendees at the briefing included rescued dogs from Baird’s facility and “Pete,” LCA’s undercover investigator. HBO’s “Dealing Dogs” showed the problems associated with Class “B” dealers and the need for the PSPA.

LCA will not stop until the PSPA is passed into law!
HBO America Undercover followed LCA's investigation of Class "B" animal dealer, C.C. Baird, for over three years. In March and April 2006, HBO aired, "Dealing Dogs," which profiles LCA's groundbreaking undercover investigation of Baird. LCA succeeded in planting special undercover investigator, "Pete," inside Baird's Arkansas kennel for over six months. Wearing a hidden camera while working a low-level job at the kennel, he secretly filmed overwhelming amounts of horrible abuse and neglect committed against the dogs. "Dealing Dogs" tells the story of the harrowing undercover investigation and its historic outcome.

The documentary educated millions of shocked viewers who learned for the first time about Class "B" dealers, the pet theft industry and companion animals ending up in research facilities. The media attention and public outcry from "Dealing Dogs" has been overwhelming. With the help of "Dealing Dogs" and "The Case Against 'B' Dealers," the time has never been better to get The Pet Safety and Protection Act passed. Please visit www.DealingDogs.com for information on how you can help.

"Dealing Dogs" Red Carpet Los Angeles Premiere The Los Angeles premiere of "Dealing Dogs" was held in March 2006 at Paramount Studios. The red carpet event celebrated the years of hard work LCA put into the undercover investigation of Baird and the resulting HBO documentary. Kim Basinger, a longtime advocate for LCA, hosted the evening. After the screening and a standing ovation, LCA President Chris DeRose led a Q&A session with LCA undercover investigator "Pete" and one of the film's producers, Sarah Teale.

LCA Produces "The Case Against 'B' Dealers" for Congress

During 2006, Class "B" animal dealer, C.C. Baird, consented to grant LCA an exclusive on-camera interview. Baird's interview, along with interviews of other convicted USDA licensed Class "B" dealers, was used to produce the LCA 14 minute documentary, "The Case Against 'B' Dealers." The documentary provides incriminating evidence about the theft of companion animals for medical research, the entire "B" dealer system and the horrific failure of the USDA/APHIS to enforce the Animal Welfare Act to protect America's companion animals from ending up in research laboratories. "The Case Against 'B' Dealers" will be given to Congress to get The Pet Safety and Protection Act passed.

18th Annual Pet Theft Awareness Day 2006

Last Chance for Animals launched the First Annual National Pet Theft Awareness Day in 1988 on Valentine's Day to memorialize the nearly two million companion animals that are stolen each year and sold to research facilities, dog fighting rings or puppy mills. Every year, on February 14th, LCA celebrates Pet Theft Awareness Day along with the help of individuals and other national animal welfare/rights organizations by educating the public about the problem of pet theft and how to protect companion animals.

On February 14th, 2006, LCA held a Candlelight Vigil for the 18th Annual Pet Theft Awareness Day in Los Angeles. Protesters lit up Wilshire Blvd with candlelight in memory of our stolen — but not forgotten — companion animals. Please visit www.stolenpets.com to learn more.

The Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act - Unconstitutional!

The Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act (AETA, S. 3880 ENR) is the most dangerous bill that has been signed into law facing animal rights protection advocates. Causing any business classified as an "animal enterprise" (e.g., factory farms, fur farms, vivisection labs, rodeos, zoos and circuses) to suffer a profit loss could be defined as a "terrorist" act — even if the company's financial decline is caused by peaceful protests, boycotts, media campaigns or leafleting. This Act stifles our First Amendment right of freedom of speech.

If the AETA had been in effect a few years ago, LCA would never have been able to infiltrate, conduct an undercover investigation and bring down Class "B" dealer, C.C. Baird, without being prosecuted as terrorists.

The bill was fast-tracked through the House and Senate with a push by the biomedical research industry — which has everything to gain by silencing legitimate protests against cruel animal abuse. The AETA passed the Senate by unanimous consent in September, passed the House in November with little discussion or dissent, and was signed into law by President Bush at the end of November. Go to www.LCAAnimal.org and see how you can RIGHT the AETA!
In September 2006, Last Chance for Animals hosted the Third Annual Puppy Mill Awareness Day in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania to demonstrate and raise public awareness about the horrors of the puppy mill industry.

Lancaster County — known as “The Puppy Mill Capital of the East Coast” — has the largest concentration of dog breeders for any county in the United States. Lancaster’s breeding facilities house an average of 119 dogs, almost twice the national average of 60 dogs per USDA-licensed facility. There were 193 licensed breeding kennels in Lancaster County that produced more than 200,000 animals in 2004. However, even with licensing requirements, it is estimated that half of the breeders in Lancaster County are unlicensed — which means they are difficult to locate and operate unregulated by the USDA.

Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell acted on his pledge to do something about the puppy mills in PA; he dismissed a 14-member panel in charge of creating recommendations related to dog laws and appointed 16 new people. Rendell also proposed new legislation to deal with puppy mills that includes stronger criminal penalties for violations.

LCA continues its billboard campaign in Lancaster; educating locals and tourists about what is going on right under their noses. Please join LCA in the fight to end puppy mills! Visit www.BanPuppyMills.com for more information.

“Rudy,” The Puppy Mill Dog

Approximately 500,000 puppies per year are bred in puppy mills, facilities known for their filthy, overcrowded conditions and the unhealthy animals they produce. There are 4,000-5,000 puppy mills in the U.S., most of which are located in the Midwest. Only half of the dogs bred at puppy mills make it to the pet store; the other half die from the mill’s squalid conditions, hypothermia, starvation, or other horrors of transport.

“Rudy” was one of over 100 dogs that were rescued from a puppy mill in Kentucky by one of LCA’s SIU investigators. Rudy was infested with mange, fleas, parasites and sores. He had a ruptured and infected eye, epilepsy and both of his knees have luxated patellas that will eventually require surgery. He required months of treatment for his mange and skin problems and had multiple surgeries to repair his eye.

Rudy’s guardian says, “Rudy is now a very happy little boy. His miserable life in a tiny cage has been replaced with freedom and love. He loves to run just as fast as he can. He is most happy when he is running and chasing his favorite ball.”

How You Can Help:

Rudy’s story has a happy ending, but, unfortunately, this is not the norm for puppy mill dogs. Help ban puppy mills now! Spread the word that companion animals should NOT be bought from pet stores but adopted from local shelters and rescue organizations. VISIT banpuppymills.com to find out more information!
2006 LCA Happenings

LCA - part of California Animal Association

California Animal Association (CAA) is a coalition of animal rights and animal welfare groups (including LCA) working together to bring important animal legislation to the forefront of California politics. The first successful bill carried by CAA, CA Dog Chaining Bill, SB 1578, became law in California in 2006. The anti-chaining bill bans dog chaining as the primary means of confinement and is important to the foreword momentum of animal legislation in California.

LCA’s First Annual Japan Dolphin Slaughter Protest

LCA led the first annual protest at the Los Angeles Japanese Embassy to demand Japan stop the brutal and inhumane slaughter of dolphins. Each year from October through March, in small Japanese fishing towns, thousands of dolphins are confined and brutally slaughtered. During those months, Japanese fishermen herd whole families and pods of dolphins, porpoises, and small whales into shallow bays and mercilessly hack them to death. Most of these animals are sold as meat in restaurants and stores, while others are destined for captivity. Visit www.LCAAnimal.org to see how you can help stop the slaughter.

18th Annual Fur-Free Friday 2006

The Friday after Thanksgiving is the busiest shopping day of the year and has grown to become one of the most widely attended annual protests of the animal rights movement. LCA organized and led the protest down the streets of Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills, California. Rodeo Drive is home to Neiman Marcus, one of the country’s largest purveyors of fur. Escorted by police, protesters respectfully marched and educated passers-by about the horrors of the fur trade and alternatives to fur. LCA’s animal news van followed the procession with video footage showing the cruelties of the fur industry. To get more information and see photos from this year’s event, visit www.furfreefriday.com.

LCA on the streets for Fur-Free Friday in Beverly Hills

“Dealing Dogs” Helps Ban Pound Seizure in Michigan

The summer of 2006 brought success in the fight against pound seizure in Michigan. The Jackson County commission voted 10-1 to ban pound seizure which had been legal since the 1960s. There were also victories in Gladwin and Allegan Counties. Gladwin County suspended the sale of dogs from its animal shelter to review the county’s earlier decision to begin selling dogs to Fred Hodgins, a Class “B” dealer who supplies animals to research institutions. Allegan County turned down Hodgins’ request to buy their shelter dogs for research. The HBO documentary “Dealing Dogs” is being used to educate Michigan county commissioners about the abuse and torture companion animals suffer at the hands of Class “B” dealers.
MERCHANDISE

“In Your Face” - Autobiography
by LCA’s President & Founder Chris DeRose. Chris’ amazing story is a compelling, passionate narrative that inspires people to become advocates for animals. $24.00 ($38 for autographed copy) includes shipping.

LCA T-shirts - Show your support by wearing the 100% cotton LCA logo t-shirt. $14.95 includes shipping.

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Spread compassion by giving a gift membership to LCA. For a minimum donation of $25, LCA will send a personalized gift card to your chosen loved one, friend or business colleague.

Shop for Gifts and Help the Animals!
LCA has partnered with various companies to give animals a FIGHTING CHANCE! A percentage of your purchases will be donated to LCA.

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• www.MessageProducts.com – order LCA checks, address labels and checkbook covers. Each check is imprinted with LCA’s logo and the message, “This is not a research tool!” Order through their website or call 800/243-2565.

More Ways You Can Help

Automatic Monthly/Quarterly Giving
Sign up to donate regularly to LCA via automatic debits to your bank account or credit card. Automatic donations help LCA establish a steady income to fight for the animals. To sign up, go to www.LCAnimal.org/donate/auto.htm

Workplace Giving/Matching Gifts
Increase your donation to LCA through employer matching programs. Inquire at your employer’s human resources or contact LCA for information.

Creating a Living Legacy for the Animals!
When LCA is named as a beneficiary in your will, you make an important gift that will give animals a FIGHTING CHANCE! You can also give to LCA in other ways such as life insurance policies and retirement accounts. Ask your tax advisor for details to create lasting support for LCA.

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Searching the Web Creates Money for LCA
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