



Obama Administration Report Card for 2011

from The Humane Society of the United States

Ratings on Key Animal Protection Issues	Overall: C-
<p>Animal welfare funding <i>Increased funding for enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act and Horse Protection Act</i></p>	+
<p>Horse transport <i>Closed loophole to ban double-decker trailers for horses transported to slaughter</i></p>	+
<p>Chimpanzee protection <i>Made a preliminary finding to list all chimps as endangered; proposed transfer of Alamogordo chimps to research facility, though halted after public outcry; adopted Institute of Medicine recommendations that chimp research is largely unnecessary; failed to answer an HSUS petition on breeding of federally owned or supported chimps</i></p>	+/-
<p>Puppy mills <i>Pledged to regulate breeders who sell puppies over the Internet, though lacking a timeline</i></p>	+/-
<p>Wild horses <i>Rounded up more than 10,000 horses in FY 2011, despite pledge to reduce roundups</i></p>	-
<p>Wolves <i>Removed protections for gray wolves in Northern Rockies and Western Great Lakes regions</i></p>	-
<p>Downed animals <i>Sided with slaughterhouse industry in U.S. Supreme Court case seeking override of California law banning abuse of sick, injured cows, pigs, and other farm animals</i></p>	-
<p>Lethal predator control <i>Continued to spend more than \$10 million a year killing wildlife with poisons, leghold traps, and other inhumane and indiscriminate methods as a subsidy for private livestock ranchers</i></p>	-
<p>Agribusiness subsidies <i>Despite record profits for agribusiness, gave tens of millions in hand-outs to the pork industry without requiring any industry reforms for animal welfare, manure management, or reduction in non-therapeutic use of antibiotics</i></p>	-
<p>Sea lions <i>Twice authorized state wildlife officials to kill federally protected sea lions in the Pacific Northwest, even after a federal court of appeals called the administration's decision arbitrary and capricious</i></p>	-
<p>Snakes <i>Delayed action to ban imports and interstate trade of nine species of large constrictor snakes</i></p>	-

Overall grade reflects weighted ratings.

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