



Animal Rights groups continue to grow funding base

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Charitable donations to animal-rights groups rose 5% in 2006, the latest period available, according to the Animal Agriculture Alliance. Donations to People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) increased by 17%, while donations to PETA's so-called Foundation to Support Animal Protection (FSAP) also posted a double-digit increase, jumping 18%. The findings come from the 2007 Animal People Watchdog Report on 150 Animal Charities - the newspaper Animal People's annual review of animal charity budgets which is based upon Internal Revenue Service Form 990 filings.

Given/Earned	2006 (\$millions)	2005 (\$millions)	Change
Humane Society of the United States/Fund for Animals/DDAL/DDAF	130.2	119.9	9%
Massachusetts SPCA	46.9	49.6	-5%
People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA)	30.2	25.8	17%
Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM)	7.0	7.0	0%
PCRM Foundation	6.1	6.1	0%
Friends of Animals (FoA)	5.6	5.0	12%
Foundation to Support Animal Protection (FSAP)	5.1	4.3	18%
Farm Sanctuary	4.5	4.5	0%
Animal Legal Defense Fund	3.8	4.0*	-5%
Compassion in World Farming	3.0	1.4	114%

* Number appears as reported on Charity Navigator, a third party charity evaluation site.

** Includes Humane Society of the United States, Fund for Animals, Doris Day Animal League and Doris Day Animal Foundation.

The report also revealed that **the largest animal-rights activist group in the USA, Humane Society for the United States (HSUS), increased donations by 9%**, including its subsidiary organizations. This increase builds on the striking 62% increase in donations the organization garnered in 2005, says the Animal Agriculture Alliance. This follows a year where HSUS successfully raised its revenues by a stunning 62%, but overall donations to groups with animal-rights campaigns was essentially flat.