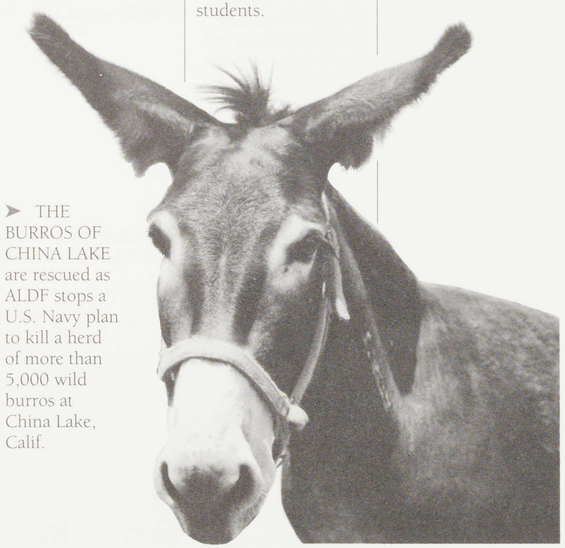
ANIMAL LEGAL DEFENSE FUND: A TRADITION OF WORKING FOR JUSTICE FOR ANIMALS

10 Years of Fighting Animal Abuse

1981

➤ ATTORNEY NETWORK ESTABLISHED which eventually grows to more than 450 attorneys and law students nationwide.

➤ THE BURROS OF CHINA LAKE are rescued as ALDF stops a U.S. Navy plan to kill a herd of more than 5,000 wild burros at China Lake, Calif.



1982

➤ ALDF WORKS WITH CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY GENERAL to keep products from endangered species from entering the state.

➤ ALDF HOLDS FIRST NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING as it begins to build a strong organization of attorneys and law students.

1983

➤ ALDF BEGINS ANNUAL CONFERENCE for legal professionals to address critical legal issues facing the animal rights movement.

1984

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➤ ALDF INTERVENES IN COURT TO SAVE 71,500 MONKEYS in Bangladesh from being imported to the U.S. by a research lab.

➤ ALDF AIDS IN THE PASSAGE AND LEGAL DEFENSE OF A NEW YORK CITY LAW to protect tenants and companion animals.

1985

➤ ALDF SUES PROVIMI, INC., bringing the cruel treatment of veal calves to national attention.

➤ ALDF FILES SUIT IN NEW YORK TO CHALLENGE THE STEEL–JAW LEGHOLD TRAP.

Wherever animals are threatened with abuse — in laboratories, in the wild, in classrooms, on farms, and even in shelters and homes — the Animal Legal Defense Fund has been involved in legal work to protect them. ALDF is a national network of more than 450 attorneys dedicated to taking direct legal action to fight animal abuse, and to winning court victories that will provide long–term protection for animals, no matter what their plight.

Celebrating our 10th anniversary in 1991, ALDF is the only national legal organization devoted exclusively to animal rights, and now has more than 50,000 members who stand behind our legal work on behalf of animals.

1986

➤ MORE THAN A DOZEN ALDF ATTORNEYS win an 11th–hour injunction to stop hot–iron face branding of cows by the USDA.

➤ ALDF DEFENDS ACTIVISTS WHO PROTESTED ANIMAL RESEARCH abuses in court, focusing worldwide attention on the plight of animals in laboratories.

➤ AFRICAN ELEPHANT MARA RESCUED BY ALDF and the Performing Animal Welfare Society from being sold to a Mexican circus.

1987

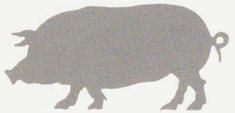
➤ TROPHY HUNTING OF CALIFORNIA MOUNTAIN LIONS HALTED IN COURT.

➤ ALDF ATTORNEYS ENTER THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA by attending CITES, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species, which works to end abuse in the wildlife trade.

➤ ALDF ESTABLISHES LEGAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM.

1988

➤ ALDF FILES SUIT TO BLOCK PATENTING OF GENETICALLY–ALTERED ANIMALS.



➤ ALDF FORCES USDA to issue final regulations to enforce the Animal Welfare Act amendments of 1985 and bring new protections to animals in research.

➤ ALDF LAUNCHES NATIONAL DISSECTION HOTLINE.

1989

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➤ ALDF STOPS CALIFORNIA BEAR HUNT.

1990

➤ CALIFORNIA BEAR ARCHERY HUNT HALTED by ALDF for the second time.

➤ ALDF CHALLENGES MAKEUP OF MASS. FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE BOARD composed of a majority of hunters and trappers.

1991

➤ RATS, MICE AND BIRDS IN LABS win important protection through landmark ALDF legal victory.

➤ ALDF SUES USDA over failure to set and enforce specific standards of care for animals in research laboratories as mandated by Congress.

➤ AS A RESULT OF ALDF LAWSUIT, court orders the University of Vermont to open animal care committee meetings to the public.