

unique -- and essential.

While many animal activists concentrate their energies on public education and the initiation of legislative reform, we believe that such efforts must be supplemented with necessary court actions.

Through litigation, legal research and legal advice, ALDF provides a powerful tool in fighting against the growing abuse of animals.

Beginning in 1978, we volunteered our services and have filed numerous lawsuits (and won) on behalf of animals and have provided thousands of hours of counseling and legal advice to many humane societies and concerned individuals, as well.

We are dedicated, experienced, prepared and willing to continue the fight for an end to all animal cruelty and abuse. There is no shortage of cases for legal action ... only a scarcity of financial resources to carry out the work.

That is why I am writing to you today and asking for your immediate help in launching this expanded -- and urgent -- effort for ALDF.

Right now, we have an immediate need to raise a minimum of \$120,000 to support our team of legal experts for the next six months.

We currently have two full-time offices, in San Francisco and New York, as well as part-time offices in Los Angeles, Boston, and Washington.

We have the legal theories to attempt to stop the growing list of animal cruelties, but our hands are tied without sufficient financial support. To carry out this vital legal effort will take thousands of staff hours.

If you can afford to send \$100, \$250, \$500 or more, it will be an immense help to us in funding this critical work of establishing precedent-setting court decisions.

But if \$50, \$25 or \$20 is what you can spare, please feel confident that it will be spent wisely and efficiently -- without duplicating the work of any other animal rights organization. No other group provides the legal services of ALDF.

Please don't delay in offering your help today. We are faced with battling some of the most well-financed industry "interest groups" in the country, and we definitely will have our work cut out for us. Still, we are very confident that, with your help and support, we can be successful in working for an end to animal cruelty and abuse.

Thank you, in advance, for your thoughtful answers to our Survey and for your generous support for this important work to end animal cruelty.

Sincerely,


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