

Please understand that until these criminals are made to pay for their heinous acts, cruelty to animals will continue unabated.

Every week more urgent pleas for help cross my desk. Let me share just a few of these letters with you:

"Dear Joyce,

We have a horrific situation here in Chico, as you can see by the enclosed newspaper articles [about a ghastly puppy mill where dozens of animals had died]. The District Attorney's last statement was that he was 'considering' prosecution. Is there anything you can do to help make sure these criminals are brought to justice?"

-- Liz H., Chico, California

"Dear Ms. Tischler,

I've already contacted several animal organizations in this area about possible prosecution [of a company that had killed several horses during transport to a slaughterhouse], but so far no one has come forward. The SPCA said it was out of their jurisdiction and the Humane Society said they wouldn't know how to proceed. Is there anything ALDF can do?"

-- Hal B., Fresno, CA

"Dear Joyce,

I am writing to you because we need help! Here in North East Wisconsin, after years of trying, we finally got a notorious animal dealer arrested for animal abuse. He provided research animals to labs and also sold dog meat as food to immigrants. What I need to know is, can you help us put this dealer in jail and out of business for good?"

-- Paul K., Casco, WI

While all these cases cry out for immediate attention, the sad truth is that as animal abuse cases multiply across the country, demand for our legal services has simply outstripped our ability to respond.

ALDF's 650 attorneys and law students comprise a potent fighting force against animal abuse. But we need more financial resources to keep our army of dedicated professionals in the field winning justice for abused animals...

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