

## **Humane Society of the United States and Humane Society Legislative Fund Honor U.S. Rep. Young for Animal Welfare Leadership in 2010**

WASHINGTON (March 30, 2011) — On behalf of its almost 35,000 supporters in Florida's 10<sup>th</sup> district, The Humane Society of the United States, together with its affiliate, the Humane Society Legislative Fund, will present an award to U.S. Rep. Bill Young, R-Fla., for his leadership on animal protection legislation in 2010.

Rep. Young will receive a Legislative Leader award for his leadership on legislation to require licensing and inspection of commercial dog breeders who sell 50 or more puppies per year online and directly to the public, and to require that all breeding dogs at commercial facilities be provided daily exercise.

“Representative Young has been an important voice for enhancing animal protection in federal law,” said Wayne Pacelle, president and CEO of The HSUS. “We’re grateful to him for taking the lead and drawing attention to these vital concerns.”

Every year, the Humane Society Legislative Fund compiles a federal [Humane Scorecard](#) to provide a snapshot of animal protection issues considered by the U.S. Congress and give animal advocates a tool to assess the performance of their Senators and Representatives. The scorecard tracks key votes as well as co-sponsorship of important pro-animal bills and signing an annual letter seeking funds needed to enforce key animal welfare laws.

In total, 146 legislators – more than one-third of the Senate and one-quarter of the House (representing 38 states and two U. S. territories) – will receive awards for their work in 2010. To see the complete list of 2010 awardees, please click [here](#).

“Time and again, we see animal protection issues bringing Members of Congress together and bridging partisan divides,” said HSLF President Michael Markarian. “We thank Rep. Young for his compassion and determination to ensure that our animal welfare laws reflect our basic values and attitudes shared by people across the country.”

HSUS and HSLF will present the award at an event on Capitol Hill on Wednesday, March 30

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*The Humane Society Legislative Fund is a social welfare organization incorporated under section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code and formed in 2004 as a separate lobbying affiliate of The Humane Society of the United States. The HSLF works to pass animal protection laws at the state and federal level, to educate the public about animal protection issues, and to support humane candidates for office. On the web at [hslf.org](http://hslf.org).*