



SHOWING ANIMALS RESPECT AND KINDNESS

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2018 YEAR IN REVIEW

Dear Friends and Supporters,

2018 has proven to be another momentous year for SHARK's work for animals. This year, our small but dedicated team of investigators have documented and fought against animal cruelty in twenty-five states. This is not only a record for us, but represents more field work for animals than groups that have hundreds of employees in dozens of offices, and tens of millions of dollars in the bank.

This year we added disaster relief to our already overflowing workload. When Hurricane Florence hit North Carolina, we took our Osprey hovercraft (above right) on its first rescue mission and used it to speed the transport of rescuers and supplies to abandoned or stranded animals in flood zones. The rescuers we carried were very excited about not having to slowly slog through toxic flood waters on foot. **Our hovercraft makes rescues faster and safer so more animals can be saved.**



A dog rescued during SHARK's efforts in North Carolina

I am as excited about bringing hovercraft into rescue efforts as I was to bring camera-equipped drones to field investigations. Those drones have ended pigeon shoots in multiple states, and caused such consternation in pigeon shooters in Pennsylvania that they went into hiding. As you'll see in this mailer, we found them anyway. Additionally, our drones have filmed dog breeding facilities, canned hunts, and factory farms in ways that were previously impossible without a multimillion dollar helicopter. **On top of that, our drone footage fueled the enactment of a moratorium on cownose ray slaughters in Maryland.**

As we have seen with the near-endless stream of environmental disasters that have struck our country, rescue efforts need to be modernized to save the most lives. Hovercraft are ideal for this kind of work, as they can operate on land and water. They move effortlessly from one to the other. We already have hover pilots, now we just need the resources to purchase more hovercrafts so

we can move quickly when disaster strikes. **Before we ask you to support our future efforts, we want to show you what your previous support helped us accomplish in 2018.**

VICTORY!

MARYLAND BANS PIGEON SHOTS

In early 2018, a SHARK investigator went undercover at a hunting club called Schrader's Outdoors. The video he took included a Schrader's worker not only admitting that the club had held a pigeon shoot the day before, but the employee shooting at pigeons right in front of our investigator (*above right*). **This, along with drone footage of Schrader's from the previous year, helped get legislation passed that banned pigeon shoots in the state. This shows how SHARK's direct action efforts are saving lives.**



This year SHARK went after a number of canned hunting clubs where birds were used as living targets and shot for fun. One of our biggest campaigns was against the Minnesota Horse and Hunt Club. SHARK documented multiple shoots where hand-raised birds, including quail, pigeons, and pheasants were slaughtered. **Our graphic video exposing this club was so powerful that many sponsors, including Carrier, Nutri Source and Minnesota Air, withdrew their support of the club after we confronted them.**



A "hunter" shoots a pheasant at point-bank range in MN

In February we exposed a pigeon shoot at a former slave plantation called Broxton Bridge. **Our drones caught children torturing wounded pigeons and dumping them, still alive, into garbage bins.** We also captured video and audio of Broxton Bridge personnel conspiring to shoot down our drones in violation of federal law. **Even with clear evidence that they did violate state and federal law, the US Attorney for South Carolina refused to prosecute, most likely because the wealthy owner of Broxton Bridge has deep political connections.**



The girl on the right used a wounded pigeon to strike a pigeon held by the other girl at Broxton Bridge

VICTORY!

ALABAMA PIGEON SHOOT SHUT DOWN



When we found out that the Alabama Forestry Association was going to hold a pigeon shoot, we took action. We not only filmed the horrors committed, but after the shoot ended, a SHARK team moved in to rescue wounded pigeons

(see above). We also picked up dozens of dead bodies which, the following day, we left at the association's headquarters in Montgomery, Alabama.

With the video in hand, we contacted the highest profile company that was a member of the Forestry Association and asked them to take action. Soon after, we received word that there would be no more pigeon shoots. This was an astounding victory, one that will save untold thousands of lives. It also shows how SHARK's strategy - recording the cruelty and using it to influence those with power - works.

MAJOR PENNSYLVANIA PIGEON SHOOT EXPOSED

I mentioned earlier how our efforts against pigeon shoots in PA had been so successful that the shooters went into hiding in order to keep us from finding them. **Despite their efforts, our investigators uncovered a shoot to be held on June 2. Our team was there at the break of dawn.**

The shooters were so angry that we found them that one of them used a rifle and illegally shot one of our drones, causing \$15,000 in damages. We called the State Police who retrieved the drone for us. After that the shooters were too afraid to shoot another drone. After launching another of our aircraft, we were free to fly and document for the rest of the day. This was no ordinary shoot; it went for more than eleven hours and shooters from numerous states attended it. This proved to be the largest shoot we've seen in years, which is why it was so important that we found it.



PA State Troopers holding SHARK's shot drone

Though at the time they acknowledged that a crime had been committed, the State Police did nothing more. Five months later, we chose to return to PA to take back our drone as it was clear the higher-ups at the State Police weren't going to let a true investigation be done. Once again, shooters' political connections saved them from justice. As with Broxton Bridge, the failure of law enforcement to do what is right is an ongoing problem that we have to deal with. We won't run away or stop fighting for animals, but we know that our government won't be there to enforce the law. **We would never betray the animals by giving up, but we do need your financial help to keep our operations going and moving forward.**

SHARK'S NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGNS

In addition to covering half the states in our country, **SHARK had campaigns in Canada.** In the summer of 2017, SHARK was asked by a prominent professor and veterinarian to use our expertise in filming 20 rodeo performances in Montreal and St-Tite. The evidence collected proved the basis for a major 660-page report, which was released this past April, that concluded that rodeos are now illegal in Québec under the terms of the new Animal Welfare and Safety Act. **Professor Alain Roy thanked SHARK for our work and said, "I also express my deep appreciation to Mr. Steve Hindi and Mr. Michael Kobliska of Showing Animals Respect and Kindness (SHARK), who volunteered to come from Chicago**

to observe and film all the rodeo trials in the Montréal and St-Tite...Their expertise allowed us to collect extremely detailed data of undeniable quality."



An injured horse at a Canadian rodeo



SHARK was back in Canada this year when we took our boat, the *Bob and Nancy (left)*, to the Canadian side of Lake Erie to document the aftermath of Parks Canada's slaughter of cormorants on Middle Island.

•The following are just some of the many campaigns SHARK undertook in 2018

US Meat Animal Research Center (USMARC)

SHARK, which has previously exposed USMARC, returned to Nebraska this year with our new, improved drones. USMARC is infamous for animal experiments where lambs are left alone in fields, often to die of starvation, dehydration, exposure, and predation. We captured this poor baby (*right*) who died alone all because our government wants to help meat producers.



SHARK WORKED IN TWENTY-FIVE STATES IN 2018:

ALABAMA
ARIZONA
CALIFORNIA
COLORADO
FLORIDA
IDAHO
ILLINOIS
KANSAS
MARYLAND

MINNESOTA
MISSISSIPPI
NEBRASKA
NEVADA
NEW JERSEY
NEW YORK
NORTH CAROLINA
OHIO
OREGON

PENNSYLVANIA
SOUTH CAROLINA
VIRGINIA
VERMONT
WASHINGTON
WISCONSIN
WYOMING

Horses Killed at California and New Jersey Rodeos

In May, a SHARK investigator filmed the death of a horse called *Night Watch* at the NJ based Cowtown Rodeo. *Night Watch* slammed into a fence after being ridden. She then collapsed on the ground and began to convulse. ***Night Watch* (right) was then roughly tied up by rodeo handlers and unceremoniously dumped onto a piece of metal fence. Getting the mortally injured horse out of sight was of paramount importance to the phony cowboys. The suffering of the victim was of no concern whatsoever.**



We released video of her death to the media, which garnered extensive coverage. This was the only way that the public found out about what happened. If we had not been present, *Night Watch's* death would have been kept quiet.

Horses were also killed at two separate rodeos in California; the Rowell Ranch rodeo and the Folsom Rodeo. When we investigated what happened to the horse killed at the Folsom Rodeo, a story of appalling animal abuse emerged. The horse had suffered a suspected spinal cord injury, which is extremely dangerous and painful. Instead of keeping the horse still so he could be treated, the rodeo contractor quickly tied his legs together and forced him into a trailer, pushing the horse's injured area into a corner where it could not be treated. The vet on call, who was associated with UC Davis, allowed this travesty to occur. **This not only showed how rodeo contractors care nothing about the animals they injure, but how worthless on-site vets are. The entire system is broken and favors covering up injuries rather than helping injured animals.**

Pig and Child Abuse at Wisconsin Bar

In July, a SHARK investigator travelled to northern Wisconsin to document a pig wrestling event (*below*) at a bar. The investigator found adults, including a full grown man, baring their genitals in the presence of very young children. It was only after SHARK went public with the video that the Marinette County Sheriff's Department was forced to take action. This shows once again that people who hurt animals don't care about humans, especially children, either.



Animal Fighting at Illinois Fair

The Logan County Fair holds so-called "animal scrambles," where young children fight animals, causing much suffering in the process. Even though fights between people and animals are felonies in Illinois, the Illinois Department of Agriculture has turned a blind eye to this abuse.



Cockfighting in California

Going off a tip we received from a resident in Monterey County, California, SHARK documented an illegal fighting rooster farm (*see below*) whose operation has been ignored by a corrupt Monterey County Sheriff's Department and by the SPCA for Monterey County.

We should note that at least one other group was given this tip, but only SHARK acted on it. This is very similar to what happened when a number of groups received an anonymous tip in 2014 that US Senator Jim Inhofe of Oklahoma was going to hold a pigeon shoot. Only SHARK took action, and in just three years we forced Inhofe to shut down his cruel pigeon shoots. **Others may talk a good game about helping animals, but SHARK is the one that does the hard work to score victories for animals.**



SHARK Sues NY State Over Illegal Traffic Stop

In November 2016, the SHARK team flew a drone over Marshall Farms, located in Wayne County, NY. Marshall Farms is a notorious breeding facility that supplies beagles, ferrets and other animals for cruel experiments. After we left, and some ten miles from the site, the team was illegally stopped by both county and state police, who acted as private security for Marshall Farms instead of objective law enforcement. In October, three SHARK investigators traveled to New York for depositions. We will bring you more information on this lawsuit as there are developments.

Betta Fish Cruelty

SHARK is teaming up with Fish Feel to bring attention to the cruel betta fish industry. These animals are held in tiny containers, devoid of any stimulation whatsoever, until they are either sold, or until they die. There is no excuse for this kind of utterly inhumane carelessness, and we will expose pet shops across the country involved in this abuse.



A dead betta, in a sterile jail cell

California Egg Production Facility

California based Humane Farming Association asked us to film a large egg facility for use in its efforts to stop a bad ballot measure in California.



A worker carrying a bag full of dead chickens

Rodeos Caught Shocking, Injuring and Killing Animals

Thanks to the wonderful support SHARK has received from Last Chance for Animals (LCA), we were able to dedicate much of one investigator's time to rodeos across the country. As a result, we have added significantly to our library of rodeo animal abuse to use against corporate rodeo sponsors, and to push for better enforcement of applicable laws.

The investigator filmed disturbing cruelty, including the use of electric shock. There were numerous deaths - most were horses. This year's on-site investigations culminated at the National Steer Roping Finals, held at the Kansas Star Casino in Mulvane, Kansas. Security was extremely tight at the Kansas City Star Casino. Nevertheless, our investigator was able to get a camera inside, and get damning footage - including one steer having his leg broken - before he was spotted and ejected.

Rodeo is in a very vulnerable state. If we can focus enough attention on this cruelty, 2019 may be a year of significant progress. **We will dedicate a good deal of effort to expose rodeo abuse this coming year, and we'll try to bring unprecedented pressure on unethical corporate sponsors.**



A horse named Savina was killed at the California based Rowell Ranch Rodeo

Corporate Media Support of Rodeos

SHARK has called out both CBS and the *Denver Post* for their support of cruel rodeos. In the case of the *Denver Post*, the paper holds an annual train ride where they take people to the Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo in Cheyenne, Wyoming. SHARK has decades of extensive evidence of extreme animal cruelty committed at that rodeo, yet the *Denver Post* has refused to acknowledge that they have violated their own ethics standards by continuing to support a controversial event without covering any of the cruelty that occurs there.



*This abuse is what the *Denver Post* supports*

The *Post* case is similar to the CBS Network's support of rodeo. In spite of our showing the network the humane violations of its own broadcasts, network executives refuse to even respond, much less take action. Between the *Denver Post* and the CBS Network, accusations of the bankruptcy of the "corporate media" appear to be an open and shut case. **We will continue to expose these outlets for sponsoring cruelty and violating the public trust.**

SHARK'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL BREAKS 100 MILLION VIEWS

In 2018, SHARK's YouTube account surpassed 100 million views! The importance of this milestone cannot be overstated. Bringing animal issues out to the world is SHARK's primary mission. Even though they may never be activists, the vast majority of people do not want animals to be mistreated and killed. Exposing cruelty brings enormous pressure against law enforcement, government bodies responsible for passing better laws, corporate sponsors of abuse (such as rodeos), and individual abusers, such as pigeon shooters.

Hitting the 100 million view mark confirms that SHARK has not only been doing the right thing, but that there is a hunger out there for the truth about what happens to animals, and a desire to see cruelty stopped.



New York Police Lose It Over a Drone (Lawsuit Ongoing)

6.5M views •



Discover / Diners Club Sponsor Bullfighting...

6M views •



Cruel, Cowardly Pigeon Shooters Exposed!!!

SHARK ©
417K views •



Drone Exposes Warehoused Research Beagles

83K views •

These pictures represent just a handful of the more than thousand videos we've released



Cheyenne Rodeo "Champion's" Horse Shocked!

SHARK ©
250K views •



Exposed: Horse Killed at Cowtown Rodeo was Electro-

640K views •



Corrupt Law Enforcement Ignores Animal, Child Abuse

275K views

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TWITTER: [TWITTER.COM/SHARKONLINE](https://www.twitter.com/SHARKONLINE)

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SHARK NEEDS YOUR HELP TO SAVE LIVES!



In 2018, as in prior years, SHARK has showed what a handful of dedicated people can do.

- Global warming is real, and one of the results is bigger storms with the potential to flood enormous areas. Rescuers need to get where the animals are and hovercrafts can do the job. **I am as excited about this effort as I was in developing our drone fleet, which has been devastating to animal abusers of all kind. With your help, We hope to acquire a second hovercraft in 2019, and to play a larger role in rescue projects.**

- SHARK's innovative drone program has been noted by other groups, such as the Humane Farming Association, and when they have called on us for help, we act. **We intend to continue to be a resource for good groups who desperately need our technical expertise for their own campaigns.**

Conversely, when we see bad groups scamming hard working donors, we will expose that as well. We are sickened by the amount of money that is being funneled away from helping animals and into the pockets of people who claim they want to help animals, but do nothing of the sort. **Trust has to be earned, and we work every day to earn yours.**

- SHARK has expanded the number of issues we've dealt with to cover everything from pigeon shoots to cock fighting to breeding facilities and factory farms. **You have our commitment that we will continue to expand and take on as many issues as we are able.**

The truth is, it's not us who gets to decide how much work we will take on, but you. It is only by your generosity that we have been able to do so much and why we have such hope of doing even more. I promise you that no one from SHARK will ever get rich from working for animals (I have never taken a dime of your money) and that your donation will go to helping to save lives.

With just six investigators, SHARK has accomplished more than groups that rake in tens of millions of dollars have accomplished. SHARK goes where others won't - the battlefields where animals are being slaughtered - and we fight hard to save lives.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Hindi".

Steve Hindi
President, SHARK



This is Telly, a rooster we rescued. We don't ignore any animal in need

PHOTO GALLERY



(Top) SHARK President Steve Hindi flying a drone at the Berm pigeon shoot last June



(Middle) Our drone filmed more than 60 dogs at a home in University Park, IL. We suspected the dogs were being used for fighting



(Bottom) SHARK documented a ridiculous chicken toss spectacle in the town of Ridgeland, Wisconsin



(Left) Ducks Unlimited held a live pigeon shoot at the Minnesota Horse and Hunt Club on March 15, 2018. One of the shooters drove off the road and right at SHARK's investigators. (Right) SHARK was back at the club on May 9th to document a canned quail hunt and live pigeon shoot. Here you see a worker throwing a live bird into the air to be shot



(Left) On May 12, 2018 a SHARK investigator travelled to Ringgold, Virginia to document the Danville Rodeo where they filmed rodeo employees repeatedly shocking bulls. Most rodeos take measures to conceal prods, but the Danville Rodeo had no qualms about leaving them on display for all to see

(Bottom left) An injured pigeon SHARK rescued from the Alabama Forestry Association pigeon shoot. (Bottom right) A worker throwing pigeons at that shoot



