

# NTA Charley Haynes Wildlife Conservation Fund & Wildlife News

- October 9, 2009 the NTA Conservation Committee was contacted by an officer of the TTA as well as an NTA/TTA member with regard to the local zoning board demanding a cease and desist order for [A Taxidermy Studio]. An official two page statement was sent to the NTA/TTA member on the day said board reconvened and proceeded to vote in favor of NTA/TTA member, keeping his business in full operation.
- The NTA Conservation Committee was able to assist 14 taxidermists successfully obtain their Federal Migratory Bird permits.
- The NTA Conservation Committee was able to assist 6 taxidermists successfully procure their USDA approved facility licenses.
- The NTA Conservation Committee is attending the upcoming 75th annual North American Wildlife and Natural Resource Conference held March 26–30th, 2010.
- The NTA attended the 74th annual North American Wildlife Conference at a cost of \$871.00 below the prescribed budget of \$1250.00.
- The Taxidermists Emergency Relief Fund was able to assist 2 taxidermists in recent months both with fire to their studios.
- The NTA gave \$1,000.00 in support of the CWD Alliance.
- Nov. 14, 2009 Virginia confirms the state's first CWD infected whitetail deer. The VTA was contacted to offer educational materials to all taxidermists at their upcoming show in March 2010.
- January 21, 2010 the NTA Conservation Committee was asked by a NY based taxidermy business/NTA member to forward an emergency statement pertaining to nationwide home based taxidermy businesses. The community was challenging the business under various zoning restrictions to close the establishment indefinitely. The statement was released via Fed Ex at the proprietor's expense and presented to the city council the very next day. It was approved and documented that said Business. will now continue to stay in business at the current address indefinitely as well.

## **Watch-Group Targets the Humane Society of the United States**

An organization called the Center for Consumer Freedom (CCF) has launched a watchdog project dedicated to analyzing the activities of the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS). Not only are they scrutinizing the organization's fundraising and spending, but they are exposing the organization's true use of donated funds.

According to the CCF, HSUS gives less than one-half of one percent of its \$100 million budget to hands-on pet shelters, despite using images of abandoned dogs and cats in its TV fundraising ads and telling donors that their donations will help these animals. The fact is that HSUS does not operate a single

animal shelter. Nor is it legally affiliated with any. So, where is the money going? *Hunting Report* readers and taxidermists which receive John J. Jackson's *Conservation Force Bulletin* monthly already know that HSUS is a leading anti-hunting, anti-meat interest group that organizes and bankrolls PETA-style propaganda and litigation with a huge legal staff.

To kick off its campaign against the HSUS, the CCF ran a full page in *The New York Times*, illustrating the animal rights organization's failure to support pet shelters. You can see it on the CCF web site, where it also is posting a growing document library on HSUS, a database capable of tracking dozens of nonprofit and for-profit organizations making up what they call "HSUS's sprawling financial empire," and a blog and news section. You can check it out at <http://humanewatch.org>.

The amount of financial support that HSUS and its international affiliates have acquired only emphasizes how much organizations like John J. Jackson's Conservation Force need the support of taxidermists and hunters to counter these groups. Right now, Jackson is litigating against US Fish & Wildlife over trophy importation rules and regulations that were supported by the likes of HSUS and other organizations like it. He has also fought to defeat proposals to uplist various species to Appendix I, including urial sheep, desert bighorns from the Baja Peninsula and most recently the African lion. To support the important work Jackson continues to do for sportsmen everywhere, visit their web site [Conservationforce.org](http://Conservationforce.org) to. (Segments of update provided through Hunting Report)

- At last summer's convention, \$3,238.00 was generated from auction donations and merchandise which were designated by the donors to go to Conservation Force. These funds were deposited into the NTA Charley Haynes Wildlife Conservation Fund Account. Any person who is unconvinced about joining the NTA would get their full dues value just with what "Conservation Force" is doing for our industry. More to the point, being represented as taxidermists at all the major conferences held around the world we get inside knowledge of any proposals that could have a negative and adverse effect on taxidermists. This includes monitoring anti-groups that would be keen to put us out of business and also monitoring the Federal Register on a daily basis. Every victory won by "Conservation Force" translates into business for the taxidermy industry. Whether it is from trophies being brought directly to our members, or the forms, hide paste, eyes, panels, tanning and habitat materials used, our members, including our supplier members, benefit directly from the efforts of "Conservation Force." This is a membership benefit which allows our members to see how committed we are to protecting their future. As a note to our new members, money donated/designated to CF comes from the NTA Wildlife Conservation Fund. All funds donated by our members to NTACHWCF are to be used to protect our rights to hunt, fish and practice taxidermy