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### **Rep. Fritchey Receives Humane Legislator Award** *Legislator Honored for Work Against Animal Cruelty*

(Chicago) State Representative John Fritchey (D-Chicago) was recently honored by the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) with the 2009 Humane Legislator Award. Rep. Fritchey was presented with the award for his passage of legislation ending the use of gas chambers to euthanize dogs and cats at animal shelters and for his continual efforts to end animal cruelty in Illinois. The recently enacted law put an end to a less humane, more expensive, and more time consuming practice than the use of lethal injection.

“Representative Fritchey has been one of the most effective voices for animal protection policies in the Illinois General Assembly,” stated Jordan Matyas, Illinois State Director for the HSUS. “On all the major policy debates relating to animal protection, Rep. Fritchey is at the forefront, and we commend him for his passion and leadership.”

In addition, Rep. Fritchey, an avid animal lover, is the chief-sponsor of HB198, otherwise known as Chloe’s Bill, named after an Illinois puppy mill survivor. The bill would ensure that pet stores and mass breeding facilities, known as puppy mills, treat their dogs humanely and provide consumers with basic information about the health and history of dogs for sale.

“While I am honored to be recognized for what I have been able to accomplish on behalf of companion animals so far, there is still plenty of work that needs to be done to ensure that animals are treated humanely in Illinois and around the country, and I intend to continue to be a part of those efforts,” stated Rep. Fritchey.



(Rep. Fritchey, center, receiving the Humane Legislator Award from the Humane Society of the United States.)