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This was on the HSUS website today, and serves as both a lukewarm opposition statement to the AETA and a re-statement of HSUS' contempt for effective forms of animal rights activism. Note the disclaimer right off the bat. Note also that HSUS is apparently pleased that the government already has enough legal clout to stifle activism (sixth paragraph). Note at the end that HSUS re-affirms that it discourages conscientious objection activism, thereby throwing the true AR movement under the train. In the same statement, HSUS confirms that its moderate approach doesn't work, which encourages activism. Well, duh.

But note especially that HSUS helped the feds craft this anti-American legislation by recommending language to help define criminal activity to be prosecuted! Who knows what other "contributions" HSUS made in its collaboration with the feds? HSUS is selling out effective if edgy animal rights activism to save its own privileged status with the government and its own mainstream donors.

Remember that this is the organization that publicly congratulated the FBI for hunting down the animal rights "criminals" who liberate animals and carry out other related activities. Without the sometimes illegal actions of true activists, the animal rights movement has no meaningful chance for success. History is quite clear on that point. The HSUS position guarantees failure of animal liberation, while ensuring its own organizational success. Thank goodness for those willing to take some risks to save the animals.

Oppose the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act (AETA)

H.R. 4239 and S. 3880 (as amended)