

# Growth of the Humane Movement

- 1822** The British Parliament passed the first law recognizing the rights of animals and outlawing cruelty to large domestic animals. Richard "Humanity" Martin was its sponsor.
- 1824** The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) was founded in Great Britain.
- 1829** New York passed a law to prohibit cruelty to large animals.
- 1836** Massachusetts passed an animal anti-cruelty law.
- 1847** The Vegetarian Society was founded.
- 1859** Darwin published *The Origin of the Species*.
- 1863** The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) was founded.
- 1866** Henry Bergh founded the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.
- 1874** Henry Bergh and Elbridge Gerry successfully prosecuted a child cruelty case under animal cruelty statutes (The MaryEllen case).
- 1875** The New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children founded "The parent institution of child-saving work."
- 1876** The Cruelty to Animals Act passed in British Parliament; first law regulating animals used in research.
- 1877** The American Humane Association (AHA) was founded for the prevention of cruelty to children and animals.
- 1883** The American Antivivisection Society was founded.

- 1905** The National Audubon Society was founded.
- 1910** The Dumb Friends League was founded.
- 1954** The Humane Society of the United States was founded.
- 1957** Friends of Animals was founded.
- 1959** The International Society for Animal Rights was founded.
- 1966** The Animal Welfare Act of 1966 was enacted.
- 1967** The Fund for Animals was founded.
- 1968** The Animal Protection Institute of America was founded.
- 1969** Greenpeace and International Fund for Animal Welfare were founded.
- 1975** Peter Singer published *Animal Liberation*.
- 1979** The Animal Legal Defense Fund was founded; The Association for Biomedical Research formed to combat the animal rights movement and promote research.
- 1980** People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and Mobilization for Animals were founded.
- 1981** Professor Andrew Rollin published *Animal Rights and Human Morality*.
- 1983** Tom Regan published *The Case for Animal Rights*.
- 1994** The Pet Animal Care and Facilities Act was created to regulate the pet care industry in Colorado.