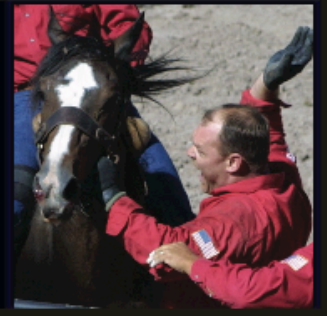




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VICTORY FOR COWNOSE RAYS!

DEAR FRIENDS,

SHARK is elated to announce that legislation to place a moratorium, until July 2019, on vile cownose ray killing contests in Maryland, has been signed into law! This is a monumental victory that only happened because SHARK was at the contests, putting ourselves at risk to document the cruelty and expose it to the world.

It was just two years ago when Maryland-based Fish Feel informed SHARK about horrific contests where pregnant rays are shot at point-blank range in a killing contest. We were on the Patuxent River in 2015 and the video we captured created such a fierce backlash that two of the contests shut down! A third however, defied the public will and held a contest in 2016. This proved to be their downfall for the video we recorded of that slaughter was so horrific that it caused international condemnation of these killing contests.



In 2016, SHARK documented the slaughter using our boat and drones (see picture above). **The many thousands of dollars and hundreds of hours we dedicated to this cause have yielded the greatest reward we could hope for; sparing innocent animals from suffering horrific deaths.**

Don't forget that many of the animals killed in these contests are either pregnant or have recently given birth, so it isn't only the mother we have saved, but their children as well.

The point we are trying to make is that these pregnant animals would have received no sympathy, no hope, if not for the fact that SHARK chose to stand and fight for them on the frontline where no one else is. Without that video, few people would even know what a cownose ray is. Because of SHARK's hard work, thousands of pregnant animals and their children will be spared a violent death.

A dead baby ray at a contest. We fought for her and all the other innocent victims of these barbaric events

SHARK FIGHTS FOR ANIMALS!

SUMMER 2017

VICTORY: Pigeon Shooters' Lawsuit is Thrown Out!

SHARK is pleased to announce that a lawsuit brought by the Philadelphia Gun Club and seven of its members has been thrown out of a New Jersey court! This lawsuit was a copy of the suit the gun club filed against SHARK in federal court. In that case the judge threw out the lawsuit before it went to trial, stating that the accusations that we violated federal law were "*sheer conjecture*" and unsupported by any evidence. After that stinging defeat, the pigeon shooters tried to sue us in NJ, but that effort has come to another disastrous end for them.

Why do they continue to sue SHARK? **Because we are the only group on the ground who has rescued dozens of their victims and exposed their cruelty to the world. If they didn't think we were effective in our work, they wouldn't bother to keep trying to shut us down.**

We've proven that these frivolous lawsuits won't stop us. In the time since the federal lawsuit was first filed, we made history by having one of their workers charged with animal cruelty for torturing pigeons after we turned over video of him slamming pigeons to the ground and crushing them with large chunks of ice to the Bensalem Police. This past winter, we filmed more workers torturing birds by putting still living pigeons in garbage bags. The police were willing to prosecute - but the gun club refused to help identify the worker. Rest assured, if the gun club files another lawsuit we will bring up their defiance of the law to whomever that judge is.

We can be assured that they will continue to try to stop us by filing more frivolous lawsuits. **That's the price we pay for being willing to take on wealthy and politically connected men who love shooting innocent animals for fun. While others may run away from such threats, SHARK has stood our ground.**



By using our drone, we were able to film this worker at a shoot put a still living bird into a garbage bag. No one else fights pigeon shoots like SHARK does. We need your support so we may continue this vital work



SHARK keeps fighting pigeon shoots because of birds like this. She was just a baby, yet the gun club forced her into a small box then launched her into the air where she was shot for fun.

Unfortunately defending ourselves has been incredibly expensive. The pigeon shooters have lost the moral argument, so they are now trying to win by bankrupting us.

SHARK has the will to keep fighting, but we need the way. Please make a generous donation so we can continue to fight the Philadelphia Gun Club and stand up for the many innocent lives they destroy.

VICTORY: Maryland Pigeon Shoot Shut Down!

SHARK received a tip regarding a live pigeon shoot that was going to be held in April at Schrader's Bridgeton Manor, located in Maryland. The SHARK Team made the 800+ mile journey from Illinois to Maryland. We were there waiting to document the shoot, but it didn't happen. Word got out about the shoot and Schrader's owner apparently believed (correctly) that we would show up. **This was a major victory for the animals!**

We cannot understate what a coup it was finding out about Schrader's. SHARK has investigated a Maryland connection to the underground pigeon shooting black market for years. All that was missing was the location where shoots were being held. **With Schrader's now being exposed, we hope for a massive set-back for these vile shooters who take such pleasure in the destruction of innocent life.**



Hundreds of innocent pigeons were spared a horrific fate when this pigeon shoot was shut down

In March, SHARK went to Minnesota to document a cruel live pigeon shoot fundraiser held at the Minnesota Horse and Hunt Club on behalf of Ducks Unlimited. As we legally filmed the shoot using our *Angel* drone, Bill Urseth, owner of the hunt club, angrily approached us and assaulted SHARK Investigator Janet Enoch (see picture on right for Urseth as he assaults Enoch).

It takes a real coward to assault a woman, but that's exactly the type of person who would hold a live pigeon shoot, where innocent birds are thrown into the air and shot for fun.

Even though the entire incident was filmed from multiple angles, and that a Scott County sheriff's deputy was right there and saw everything, Scott County Attorney Ron Hocevar declared that he will file no charges. When repeatedly asked to explain his inaction, Hocevar refused to respond. **While SHARK investigators have repeatedly been subjected to violent attacks by animal abusers, we have never wavered in our defense of animals.**



It is a sad truth that in any movement there will be those who seek to deceive unsuspecting donors into giving their hard-earned money to phony campaigns that do nothing to help animals. This not only hurts those who are scammed, but more importantly the animals who so desperately need our help. **This is why SHARK has launched a new website called CharityCops.com.**

In the same way SHARK is not afraid to take on those who abuse animals, we are also not afraid to expose those within our movement who may commit fraud.

**RECENT
FRAUD SCAM
RACKET**

SHARK Fights for Cormorants and Saves Lives!

This past May, SHARK was on Lake Erie with our boat, the *Bob & Nancy*, to document a slaughter of cormorants by the Canadian government.

The first day we were on the lake, we rescued a cormorant that had been shot in the face and had his lower beak destroyed. If we had not been there he would have slowly starved and died a horrendously cruel death. The second day we were out we encountered the government killers - and they refused to shoot while we were present. The next and last day the killers had two police boats come out with them so they could feel safe while killing the innocent cormorants sitting on their nests.

We were on the lake for an entire week fighting to save these majestic birds. **In the end, our partners in Zoocheck and Cormorant Defenders International told us that because we were there, there were "far fewer" birds killed than in previous years. We take that as a great compliment, for everything we do is about saving lives.**



If not for SHARK, this poor bird would have died an unimaginably painful death

SHARK's Drone Films Virginia Dog Breeding Farm

SHARK's Drones in Action!



SHARK's Drone Films the US Meat Animal Research Center

This past winter, SHARK went to Cumberland, VA, to document Covance Research Products ([right picture](#)), which has an enormous compound where beagles are bred, warehoused and sold for experimentation.

The video, in which you can see dogs in their cages, endlessly crying out, has been seen more than 75,000 times and has brought attention back to the issue of dogs being bred so they can be experimented on and killed.



In the video from Covance beagle breeding, you can see dogs in their cages, whose barking was constant



In May 2017, SHARK returned to the US Meat Animal Research Center (USMARC), in Clay County, Nebraska ([left picture](#)). **In addition to bringing attention to an incredibly cruel program that leaves newborn lambs to die from exposure, hunger and predators, SHARK exposed past abuses of authority by Clay County Sheriff Jeff Franklin, who tried (and failed) to stop us from legally filming the facility.**

SHARK Undercover Operation: Cruel NJ Shark Killing Contest Exposed!

Sharks are amazing animals that play a vital role in our oceans, yet they are tragically slaughtered for food and fun around the world. When you consider how slowly sharks reproduce, and how heavy the pressure is upon their populations, these are animals that desperately need our help. **This is why we launched an undercover operation to film a shark killing contest that happened on June 10, 2017, in Cape May, New Jersey.**

Our video captured the plight of sharks, how their bodies were butchered piece by piece, their jaws cut out for trophies and their heads discarded.

WE NEED YOUR HELP NOW!

The expanse of our campaigns in the first half of 2017 has been breathtaking! We've fought for sharks in New Jersey and because of our work, thousands of pregnant cownose rays and their babies will not be slaughtered in killing contests in Maryland. We've fought for pigeons in Minnesota, Pennsylvania and Maryland. Our drones have exposed cruelty to sheep in Nebraska and dogs in Virginia. Using our boat and cameras, we saved cormorants in Canada.

On top of that, there are the rodeo campaigns, such as when we proved that horses were electro-shocked at the National Finals Rodeo. And then there are the groundbreaking campaigns that we cannot reveal at this time, but hopefully will be able to tell you about in the near future.

Do you know what the shocking thing is about all we've accomplished? There are only four investigators working for SHARK, including myself (and I am not paid for this work). The truth is, SHARK has accomplished more in just the first six months of 2017 than many groups combined will undertake in an entire year. The problem is, we don't have any money. If I had not raided my own retirement account to fund SHARK, I would have had to let our last two remaining investigators go.



When activists in Vermont needed help fighting a pro-puppy mill bill that would reduce cage sizes for dogs and cats, they turned to us because they knew we would be there to fight side by side with them



SHARK has always fought for animals that have been maligned, so we knew we had to stand up for the very animal we are named after.

I funded SHARK because I believe in our mission and because no other group does what SHARK does. However, I cannot continue to do this. **We need your help now. Please send SHARK a generous donation and help us to continue to save animals!**

Most sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Steve Hindi.

Steve Hindi



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