



Dear Friends and Supporters,

2022 has been another extremely productive year for the SHARK Team. Every year is productive for us because our innovative, ground-breaking methods and relentless hard work are a proven battle plan to successfully save animals and stop animal cruelty. Since our beginnings more than 30 years ago, SHARK's frontline approach has resulted in victories for animals that are the envy of far, far larger organizations.



As we near the end of the year, I am proud to send you this mailer showing you our work and accomplishments, which have happened only with the support of caring people like you. I am more appreciative than I can say for your continued financial support.

## THOUSANDS OF ENVIGO BEAGLES SAVED!



On October 17, 2022, *The Washington Post* published a story featuring SHARK's drone work that led to the closing down of Envigo - a massive puppy mill that churned out beagles for experimentation outside of Cumberland, Virginia.

Envigo raised its victims in **overcrowded cages littered and stained with feces and urine**. The prisoners fought for dominance and survival. They received gross substandard care. Their caretakers didn't care about their well-being. Their only concern was the money the dogs represented.

*Beagles from the Envigo facility at Homeward Trails Adoption Center. Credit: Sue Bell/Homeward Trails*

Once sold, the survivors of Envigo's abuse could look forward to only more torture and death at the hands of cruel experimenters.

Envigo got away with its unconscionable abuse for decades, simply because the company could hide behind some trees. Neighbors could hear the plaintive wails of the dogs from a long way away, but Envigo spokespeople assured the world that all was well. It was all such a damnable lie.

That horrible story of indefensible abuse started to change on February 20, 2017, when a SHARK drone flew to what was then Covance, and filmed the horrific images of a massive factory farm from hell.

Corporate animal abusers like Covance/Envigo hire lots of well-paid spin doctors to cover up their criminal behavior. But try as they may to lie their way out of trouble, SHARK's drones created an irrefutable public record that no one could spin. Our cameras exposed the truth - a concentration camp of suffering, and a future of more suffering for the hapless beagles.

It took five years, but SHARK's drone footage ignited a movement that culminated in almost 4,000 dogs being rescued and placed into loving homes, and the shutdown of an evil dump.



*Top photo of Envigo before, and below the empty cages after!*

## **ENVIGO IS NOT A ONE-OFF!**

While the demise of the Envigo facility may seem like a miracle to some, for SHARK, it is a continuation of a long pattern. **Since 2008, when SHARK introduced drones into the animal protection movement, we have routed animal abusers, including the following:**

- \* SHARK, working with the Humane Farming Association, **has caused the biggest disruption of cockfighting in history in multiple states, including Kentucky, Oklahoma, Alabama, California, Ohio, Illinois, Texas and more.**
- \* **Exposed and shut down US Senator Jim Inhofe's live pigeon shoot fundraisers.**
- \* **Exposed and shut down the Alabama Forestry Association's live pigeon shoot fundraisers in Alabama.**

- \* Exposed and shut down a large pit bull operation in Illinois.
- \* Working with Fish Feel, SHARK documented and exposed the tournament slaughter of cownose rays in the Chesapeake Bay, resulting in a law banning the contest killing of these beautiful animals.
- \* Worked with Big Cat Rescue to expose Jeff and Lauren Lowe's zoo of starving and dying animals, and pressured authorities to take action to remove all the animals and shut it down.



*SHARK using drones to document a November 2022 Boone County, IL Mexican Rodeo*



*SHARK documenting an Illinois pitbull operation*

- \* Exposed live pigeon shoots in Pennsylvania and shutting the majority of them down.
- \* Working with the Animal Legal Defense Fund, SHARK exposed dairy factory farms in California.
- \* Filmed Marshall Farms (now Marshall BioResources) beagle breeding operation in North Rose, NY for the world to see.

- \* Exposed live pigeon shoots in Maryland, culminating in a law to ban them.
- \* Exposed rodeo animal abuse at the Rowell Ranch Rodeo, including the shocking of horses, resulting in the rodeo stock contractor being fined.
- \* Working with the Humane Farming Association, SHARK exposed Central Valley Eggs - a major factory egg-laying operation in California.
- \* Working with Last Chance for Animals founder Chris DeRose, SHARK exposed the U.S. Meat Animal Research Center (USMARC), where animals are experimented on and killed using tax dollars.
- \* SHARK's most recent drone operation has documented cruel and deadly Mexican rodeos, including brutal steer tailing events, and rodeo contestants mercilessly whipping and beating their own horses!

These are just a few of SHARK's many drone operations. You can see more on our YouTube account at [www.youtube.com/sharkonlineorg](https://www.youtube.com/sharkonlineorg)

# THE BIG QUESTION

## WHY AREN'T MORE DRONES BEING USED IN ANIMAL PROTECTION?

Given the incredible results that SHARK's drones have accomplished over the past fifteen years, it is inconceivable that virtually every organization working on outdoor issues doesn't have its own drone fleet.

There are lots of very wealthy organizations claiming to work on factory farms issues, animal rescues and other outdoor issues who don't bother to use the most effective tool available - the drone. They aren't willing to invest the time, money and hard work required to increase their effectiveness and results for the animals.

I am frankly stunned that no matter how many times we prove how invaluable this technology is in animal protection, organizations that have hundreds of times our resources refuse to use the best, most effective techniques.

**SHARK saw the promise of drones fifteen years ago.**

We've been on the cutting edge of harnessing this incredible technology ever since. SHARK is made up of just a half-dozen people, and we have very few resources. That being the case, **it is vital that every individual is as productive as possible, and using drones is one way that we accomplish that level of productivity.**

### DRONES ARE JUST PART OF SHARK'S APPROACH TO ANIMAL PROTECTION!

While drones are an invaluable part of our operation, we have many more tools at our disposal, including long-range and undercover cameras, boats, and hovercraft. In the hands of SHARK investigators, the humble video camera has exposed rodeos and other cruelty nationwide.

**Our results happen because we work in the killing fields, the arenas of torture, and on the mean streets, which is unfortunately something most organizations refuse to do.**



*SHARK's drone video of tigers at the Lowe Zoo, followed by the removal of big cats from the zoo*

# Cruel Mexican Rodeos Exposed!

From August to October, SHARK's drones recorded eight Mexican rodeos in Illinois, also called charreadas. Our drones have filmed steers endlessly shocked, used over and over as many as twenty times in one day. Animals with various injuries including broken backs, broken legs, and broken horns were left to suffer completely unattended, with no veterinary care.

In an October rodeo, **one paralyzed steer was dragged out of the arena by his horns**, and even this profoundly injured animal was left to suffer. Adding to the cruelty, were the **contestants mercilessly beating their own horses** for failed runs in which it was those contestants, not their hapless steeds, who failed to perform!



*Steers are repeatedly abused during a Boone County, IL Mexican Rodeo in a "Steer Tailing" event*

There are literally hundreds of cruelty violations at these rodeos. Unfortunately, laws are only as good as the people behind them, and the lesson that is undeniable is that Illinois, in the final analysis, is not much better than Kentucky. We aim to change that, and I promise you that in a year this situation will look very different, as we have started a campaign to ban steer tailing not just in Illinois, but nationwide.



*Arena being prepared for a Boone County, IL Mexican Rodeo "Steer Tailing"*

We've proven that beyond the lack of animal protection, Boone County is allowing these charreadas to go on even without the proper security that is supposed to protect people also.

**What lies before us is another major campaign,** as we deal with this throughout Illinois, and then

move against these events in other parts of the country. SHARK is now pushing for a statewide ban on cruel steer tailing events at the state level.

**This added to our ongoing efforts against American rodeos, pigeon shoots, cockfights, dogs bred for experimentation and the other work we do is far more than we can handle, but we will do our very best with your help.**

# Victory!

## ALABAMA COCKFIGHTING PIT SHUT DOWN

SHARK and the Humane Farming Association's efforts against cockfighting are resulting in shutdowns, lawsuits, federal busts and convictions. Kentucky, Oklahoma, Illinois, California, Alabama, Ohio, Texas and more states are feeling our efforts directly, and the ripple effect of our efforts is shaking up the illegal cockfighting industry throughout the nation and beyond.



*Federal Bust of Kentucky Cockfighters*



*A small part of Easterling's criminal operation*

### SHARK Exposed Their Massive Criminal Operation, Now Seven Cockfighters Plead Guilty to Federal Charges

As you will recall, SHARK exposed the Easterling's cockfighting and rooster breeding operation in August 2020. In October 2021, the Feds busted them.

On August 11, 2022, cockfighters and gamefowl breeders Brent Colon Easterling, George William Easterling, and five other members of their family pleaded guilty to federal and state of Alabama charges filed in 2021 as "conspiracy to violate federal anti-animal fighting laws, including operating fighting pits on their properties, possessing thousands of fighting animals, transporting those animals across the globe for fighting, and trafficking in cockfighting implements."



*Brent Colon Easterling*

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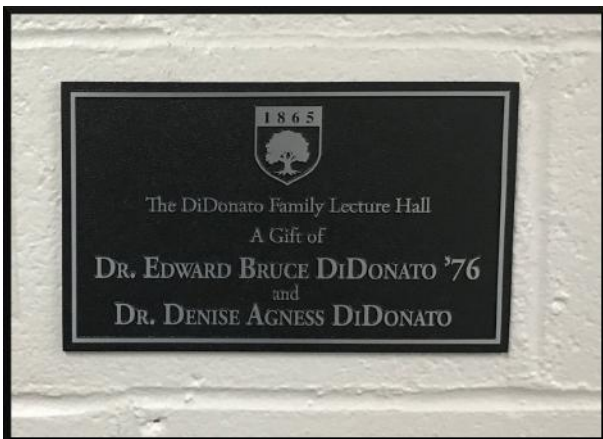
# SHARK FIGHTS CRUEL LIVE PIGEON SHOTS

The main pigeon shoot SHARK focused on in 2022 was the notorious Philadelphia Gun Club. SHARK investigators filmed a shoot at the gun club in April, capturing horrific acts of animal cruelty and a complete disdain for human life, as the wealthy and politically connected members of the gun club openly flouted cruelty laws. These sociopaths just didn't care about anything other than slaughtering small birds for fun.



*Children are often used to capture and kill wounded birds at pigeon shoots*

The President of the gun club is Edward Bruce DiDonato. DiDonato is an optometrist who has deep ties to Rider University in NJ, including having a lecture hall named after him, and being listed as a Director of the University.



SHARK released a video calling out Rider for this relationship, not just because of the heinous animal cruelty, but because over the past ten years, gun club members have attacked female activists who were protesting the club. This includes disgusting verbal harassment that was targeted at a woman and pigeon shooters driving their vehicles at female activists. DiDonato himself used his SUV to harass a woman who filmed him. Shockingly, Rider President Gregory Dell'Omo

has refused to even respond to this important issue. **Money, it seems, matters more to Rider than morality.**

**Please contact Rider President Dell'Omo and ask that he dissolve all relationships between Rider and DiDonato:**

**Email: [gdellomo@rider.edu](mailto:gdellomo@rider.edu)**

**Phone Number: 609-896-5001**



*Just some of the many dozens of wounded pigeons SHARK has rescued over the years at pigeon shoots*

# SHARK FIGHTS RODEO CRUELTY

In 2022, SHARK investigators again filmed the wild horse race at the CFD rodeo in Cheyenne, Wyoming where terrified horses are often brutalized.

During the event, one horse had a clearly injured neck, possibly broken, yet instead of stopping and giving the horse immediate care, **the horse was forced to keep running the track.**



## SAY NO TO THESE RODEO SPONSORS!!!

Please do not patronize any of the following sponsors of the CFD rodeo: Coca-Cola, Albertsons/Safeway, Grease Monkey, O'Reilly Auto Parts, Dodge and Coors.

Visit [www.corporatethugs.com](http://www.corporatethugs.com) for more information.

## SHARK SAVES LIVES, NOW WE NEED YOUR HELP TO KEEP SHARK GOING

**SHARK's hard-hitting tenacity while going after animal abusers is relentless and expensive.** While SHARK is as frugal as possible, traveling is expensive - fuel for our travel vehicles, hotels, food, tolls and vehicle maintenance and repairs aren't cheap.

**Please donate via our website to keep SHARK on the road for the animals in 2023.**

[www.sharkonline.org/donate-to-shark](http://www.sharkonline.org/donate-to-shark)



## VICTORY IN ALAMEDA COUNTY!

**Victory!** The Alameda County Board of Supervisors held their meeting to discuss and vote on an ordinance to ban Wild Cow Milking at rodeos.

**SHARK** supplied video from our decades of rodeo documentation which proved the abuse, injuries, and death suffered by rodeo's animal victims.

**On September 20, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors held their meeting and voted to ban Wild Cow Milking events in Alameda County!**

**Thank you to everyone who helped to make this possible for the brutalized and terrified cows!**

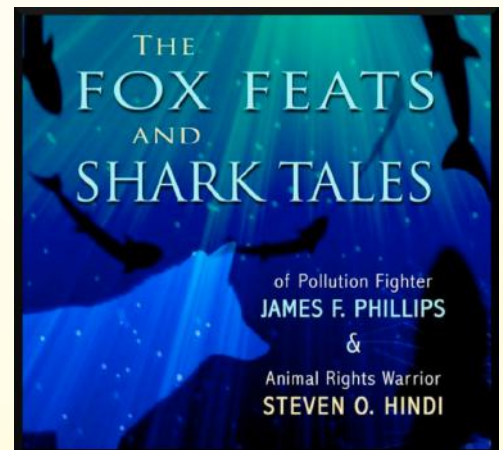


*A terrified cow being forcibly milked during the "Wild Cow Milking" event at a rodeo in Alameda County, CA*

## NEW BOOK ABOUT SHARK PRESIDENT STEVE HINDI

A new book by Pauline Marie Gambill examines SHARK President Steve Hindi's work fighting for animals.

*"The FOX FEATS and SHARK TALES of Pollution Fighter James F. Phillips and Animal Rights Warrior Steven O. Hindi is an extensive and absorbing look at the lives and achievements of two courageous and fearless individuals...The book delves into the early lives of Phillips and Hindi and looks at **what drove them to a fierce and relentless dedication to their causes.** Their journeys were not without serious and dangerous obstacles, and—in Hindi's case—even resulted in physical injury. In addition to the telling of the men's intriguing histories, visual images provide an important peek into their lives and work."*



You can find the book on Amazon.com. Please note that neither SHARK nor Steve Hindi receive any money from the sale of this book.

# WHERE IS SHARK GOING IN 2023?

The answer to that question is tied to the resources we have to work with. **With your support, we will have a major impact on animal issues nationwide and even beyond.** But unfortunately, traveling the country in pursuit of animal abuse costs money.

## **Thank You For Your Support!**

As we approach the end of another year, **I want to thank all of you who have made our efforts**, and especially our victories for animals possible. **Perhaps the highest profile story was the rescue and adoption of almost four thousand beagles from Envigo.** *That rescue was only possible because SHARK's drones exposed the horror of what Envigo's prisoners endured.*



*SHARK's boat, the Bob & Nancy, has been used on many important campaigns to save lives, including for cownose rays and cormorants*

animal protection organization, is that we are on the front lines - in the field constantly - because that is the most direct place to make change.

But there have been many, many more frontline operations by SHARK investigators as we add Mexican rodeos to our already long list of abuses to expose, **including American rodeos, cockfighting, live pigeon shoots, canned hunting, factory farms and more.**

SHARK also works to help other organizations, especially with our drones, as we are able.

The bottom line to SHARK's method of operation, which makes us different from almost every other

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**Field work is extremely rare in today's animal protection movement, even though nothing can touch field work for effectiveness.** My greatest frustration in my life is watching those in this movement do less and less field work, when more and more is what is needed.

SHARK cannot control what other groups do, or don't do. I cannot speak to the reason why other groups - especially those with resources - don't employ these vastly productive techniques, especially with so many lives on the line. What I can do is ask for your support in 2023 to **expand our efforts.**

SHARK has tried to lead by example, but that has largely failed, to our great sorrow.

So be it, but we will continue to be the **"Special Forces of Animal Protection"** on the front lines, where it matters the most.



The frontline methods employed by SHARK will make great strides on issues we've never yet dealt with. Organizations and animals worldwide would benefit from our way of doing things. Drones, hidden cameras, long-range cameras, hovercraft and boats are all valuable tools to deal with animal abuse and rescue.

**Imagine, for a moment, multiple SHARK teams stationed across the nation, and then beyond with motivated, dedicated, highly trained frontline people who think "outside the box," taking on every kind of animal abuse.**

Technology in the hands of stubborn, tenacious people who don't back down can result in enormous changes, quickly. SHARK's history shows that concept to be very true. Every issue we take on changes, because we don't stop until we have the change we want.

**If you want to do everything you can for animals, you should support SHARK.** 2023 can be a year of unprecedented success, but only with your support can we make that happen. It's time to be part of the change you want. We can't do it without you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Hindi".

**Steve Hindi**  
**President, SHARK**



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# SHARK: SPECIAL FORCES OF ANIMAL PROTECTION



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