

***Animal Rights Documentary Earns Two Emmy Nominations
HBO's "Dealing Dogs" Follows Activists Exposing Pet Theft***

Los Angeles, CA ~ (September 7, 2007) “DEALING DOGS,” HBO's shocking documentary about pet theft, has been nominated for two Emmy Awards: Best Cable Documentary & Outstanding Investigative Journalism – Long Form. “Dealing Dogs,” which illuminates the efforts of undercover investigators from the animal rights group Last Chance for Animals (LCA), has already won the prestigious Genesis Award for Outstanding Cable Documentary.

The film concerns the nationwide problem of pet theft, focusing on a USDA-licensed category of shady individuals known as “Class B Dealers,” who accumulate dogs from a wide variety of undocumented “random sources” and sell them to research laboratories. These animals are often pets, dognapped from yards, dishonestly “adopted” from shelters, purchased at flea markets, or obtained from “free to good home” ads.

“Dealing Dogs” follows an LCA undercover agent risking his life to expose horrifying acts of animal cruelty and unthinkable atrocities by America's most notorious Class B Dealer: C.C. Baird. Baird collected thousands of cats and dogs and sold them to unscrupulous laboratories for research. Said LCA Founder and President Chris DeRose, “The horror these animals would ultimately find in the laboratory was actually exceeded by the terror they experienced in the pipeline, as documented by HBO in “Dealing Dogs.”

Baird's facility, Martin Creek Kennels in Arkansas, supplied thousands of animals to many of the country's research labs, including the University of Irvine and Iowa State University. A majority of the dogs were proven to be stolen pets. Desperate to shut down Baird's multi-million dollar operation, LCA succeeded in placing an agent, “Pete,” undercover for six months inside Baird's Arkansas kennel. “Pete” videotaped 70 hours worth of evidence, and documented hideous crimes committed against these dogs. Read about the subsequent C.C. Baird court case at www.DealingDogs.com.

Actor and LCA Founder Chris DeRose has devoted 23 years to exposing such “Class B Dealers” as Baird. He noted that “My joy at seeing C.C. Baird and Martin Creek Kennel shut down is tempered only by the knowledge that there are still other B Dealers out there, stealing our companion animals and holding them in horrid conditions.” Recipient of the 1977 ‘Courage of Conscience’ International Peace Award, DeRose has devoted himself to saving and protecting animals from cruelty, giving these vulnerable creatures a last chance to live with the dignity they so deserve.

Chris DeRose and undercover investigator “Pete” are available for media interviews. For more on this extraordinary film, the C.C. Baird criminal case, and pet theft, visit www.DealingDogs.com.

Last Chance for Animals (LCA), a national animal rights organization based in Los Angeles, was founded in 1984 and has over 100,000 members. Founded and led by animal expert, author, and actor Chris DeRose, LCA fights for the rights of animals by conducting investigations that expose animal cruelty. For more information, visit www.LCAAnimal.org.