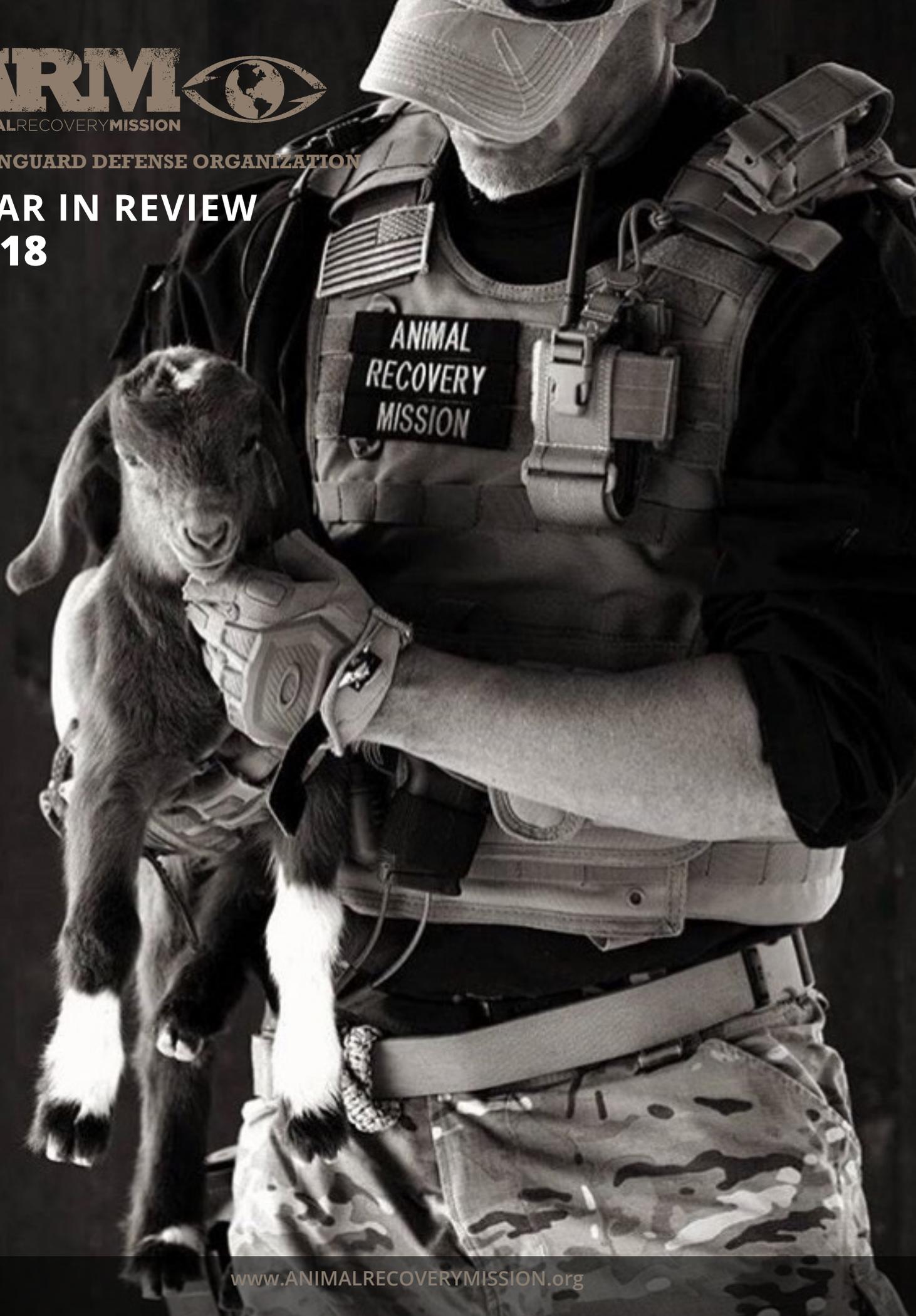




A VANGUARD DEFENSE ORGANIZATION

# YEAR IN REVIEW 2018



# 37

HARD HITTING  
INVESTIGATIONS

# 122

FELONY AND  
MISDEMEANOR  
CHARGES

# 755

RESCUED LIVES

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“ We are determined to end the suffering of helpless animals. I take pride in the work we do at ARM and hope to continue our fight against those who choose to torment and inflict pain to all animals. ”

-ARM Undercover Investigator



## A NOTE FROM OUR FOUNDER

Dear Friends,

I have always expressed that our successes are your successes. 2018, turned out to be one of most advanced and progressive years since I started ARM 9 years ago. Back then, I never expected to have accomplished so much. With your generous support, our team has made so many impossible missions possible.

Because of your ongoing support, we were able to execute 37 animal cruelty investigations, Rescue over 700 animals and influence millions of people worldwide with our campaigns and public outreach.

Our concrete evidence and relentless efforts ensured the outcome of 122 convictions and arrests.

Because of your support, we were also able to drastically develop out the ARM Sanctuary division bringing the idealistic forever home to almost 250 animals, all from our animal abuse investigations.

Continuing with its momentum, ARMs Factory Farm investigations, along with its billboard campaigns, has continued to raise awareness of the crimes behind the scenes of animal agriculture industries.

This year, we also launched the Disaster Response Team to bring critical assistance as first responders when natural disasters strike.

Every year we outdo our previous years and we will continue to take down animal abusers worldwide, and influence the public to be the voice for animals and adopt a plant-based diet.

Thank you for sharing this journey with us, we cant wait to see what we accomplish in 2019



# Animal Cruelty Investigations

**2**018 was a significant year for ARM and the many animal abuse investigations that were conducted. Factory farming investigations continued to unveil the torturous cruelty to both dairy cows and egg-laying chickens. The rescue of over 300 animals from an animal sacrifice and slaughter farm in June has produced 28 felony charges and is pending final sentencing in 2019. ARM's reach all the way to Bangladesh exposed the cruelty of the Eld-Al-Adha (Festival of Sacrifice) event. With little to no animal protection laws in India and Bangladesh, ARM continues to work tirelessly to expose this international abuse of animals. ARM has been instrumental in creating legislation making the sale, consumption, and knowledge of black market horse meat a third degree felony crime while also conducting a large scale underground investigation of Florida's cockfighting rings.

In 2017, ARM launched its Factory Farm Division with four dairy farm investigations located in Okeechobee, Florida. Residual efforts relating to arrests and abuse on these farms continued into 2018, including billboard campaigns and anti dairy campaigns that went viral around the world. ARM also went undercover at Cal-Maine Foods egg production facility in Lake Wales, Florida, where it exposed the inhumane conditions that egg laying hens are subjected to daily.



**5**  
FACTORY FARM INVESTIGATIONS

ARM investigators have shut down several cockfighting rings in South Florida, pursuing organized crime with underground networks for the breeding, selling and fighting of animals; in particular gamebirds.



**2**  
ILLEGAL COCK FIGHTING RINGS DERAILED

# 6 ILLEGAL SLAUGHTER FARMS



ARM conducted 6 illegal animal slaughter farm investigations, four of which are becoming some of the most controversial in ARM's history. Throughout 2018, our operatives compiled evidence of the violent and horrendous abuse which took place at the property.

# 65 ANIMAL SACRIFICE INVESTIGATIONS



ARM Investigators travelled to Bangladesh to document and expose the sacrificial event of Eid-Al-Adha (Festival of Sacrifice). This event is considered to be the most holiest of sacrifice events celebrated worldwide while also being one of the most barbaric. ARM also focused on animal sacrifice investigations throughout Florida.

# 24 HORSE SLAUGHTER INVESTIGATIONS



In 2018, ARM continued its investigations of the heinous underground horse slaughter industry that is prevalent in Florida. One gruesome discovery, ARM uncovered a mass gravesite of where the remains of 20 horse carcasses were unveiled. Felony arrests have already been made on animal cruelty offenders and horse killers.

A large photograph at the bottom of the page shows a person's hand petting a white goat with large, floppy ears. The goat is lying on a wooden surface.

ARM has also investigated and exposed countless animal sacrifice sites in southern Florida. Religions that include black magic rituals produce horrible offenses which torture innocent animals. ARM continues to work with the foremost specialists in Santeria and black magic, expert professors, and an NYPD specialized unit to implement amendments to the Freedom of Religion ACT.

# SANCTUARY FOR ONCE ABUSED ANIMALS

In 2018, ARM took major strides in further developing the organization so that it could become the most powerful and successful animal welfare organization of its kind. After strategizing with business experts, ARM decided to incorporate ARM Sanctuary to operate as its own entity, whilst still committed to being the support system to the animal recovery and raid efforts following ARM's investigations.

In 2018, ARM Sanctuary hired additional animal carers and property maintenance personal to the team, including a Sanctuary Director, taking our animal sanctuary to a higher level of functionality and success.



The proposed barn and medical complex continues to be constructed with the hopes of its completion in 2019, once complete funds are acquired.



ARM Sanctuary has immersed fully into an in-depth veterinary program.



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ARM Sanctuary is planning to expand to future land acquisitions over the next two years.



**100**  
ACRES OF  
SANCTUARY LAND

**15**  
ENCLOSED  
STRUCTURES FOR  
ANIMAL CARE

**222**  
RESCUED  
RESIDENT  
ANIMALS



# PUBLIC OUTREACH

## GETTING THE WORD OUT

100's of media coverage stories

Over 200,000 Petition Signatures

## ADVOCACY

**A**RM is unique in the fact that it addresses every spectrum of animal welfare and advocacy from the undercover investigations themselves, to the the rescuing of abused animal. ARM lends expertise to animal cruelty crimes during arrests and prosecutions, as well as raising public awareness with events and public appearances. A crucial part of ARM's work also lies within creating and amending legislation

to further protect animals who are subjected to the most horrific forms of abuse. Following its Dairy Farm investigations, ARM has been working diligently on compiling strengthened proposals which will be life changing for the treatment and welfare of the animals who are being exploited in dairy production facilities within the state of Florida. ARM has been working diligently in this arena, and is currently engaged in

discussions with political leaders in congress. During 2018, ARM's investigations went viral around the globe, in particular with its Factory Farm Investigations and the Lee County investigation. The heartbreaking footage compelled millions of people and spurred Anonymous for the Voiceless - a powerful activist organization, to publicly display footage of the most extreme animal cruelty investigations around the world.



In 2018, campaigns were hosted globally with respected activists and educational organizations, such as the Anonymous for the Voiceless 'Cube of Truth' and Animal Save chapters who initiated protests to raise awareness. These videos continue to be used today, over one year from when the initial investigations were revealed.

This movement has been instrumental in reaching and impacting people of all ages and backgrounds. ARM's disturbing evidence has informed people of the realities of the dairy industry and has compelled people to make more compassionate, plant based choices in their diets.



## THIS YEARS EVENTS INCLUDED

- Vegfest Sarasota (FL)
- Eat, Drink Vegan- Pasadena (CA)
- CowCon (SF)
- Reductarian Summit (CA)
- SoCal Vegfest (CA)
- SEED Festival (FL)
- South Florida Vegfest (FL)
- Vegan Body Building event (FL)
- SoFlo Vegan Panel (FL)

**A**RM's devastating footage, paired with multiple billboard campaigns, expanded its reach into 2018. This effected millions of people worldwide and brought about major repercussions to the dairy industry as a whole.

**PUBLIX, THE LARGEST RETAIL SUPERMARKET CHAIN IN FLORIDA, WAS BOYCOTTED BY THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE.**

2018 was ARM's most successful year to date in terms of event exhibiting around the United States, engaging with new communities, donors and supporters from all walks of life.

2019 is already gearing up to double the number of event participation opportunities and appearances, including high school and college participation and collaborations. Presentations will also be an amplified addition to the public outreach agenda to raise awareness and introduce the incredible work that both ARM investigations and ARM Sanctuary undertake.

# DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM

In August of 2018, one of the deadliest hurricanes in recent times struck the east coast of the U.S, causing mass destruction and devastation in North Carolina. Reknowned as being a prominent animal agriculture state, millions of animals were abandoned in CAFO operations, locked inside industrial buildings and left to drown with the excessive flooding that followed Hurricane Florence.

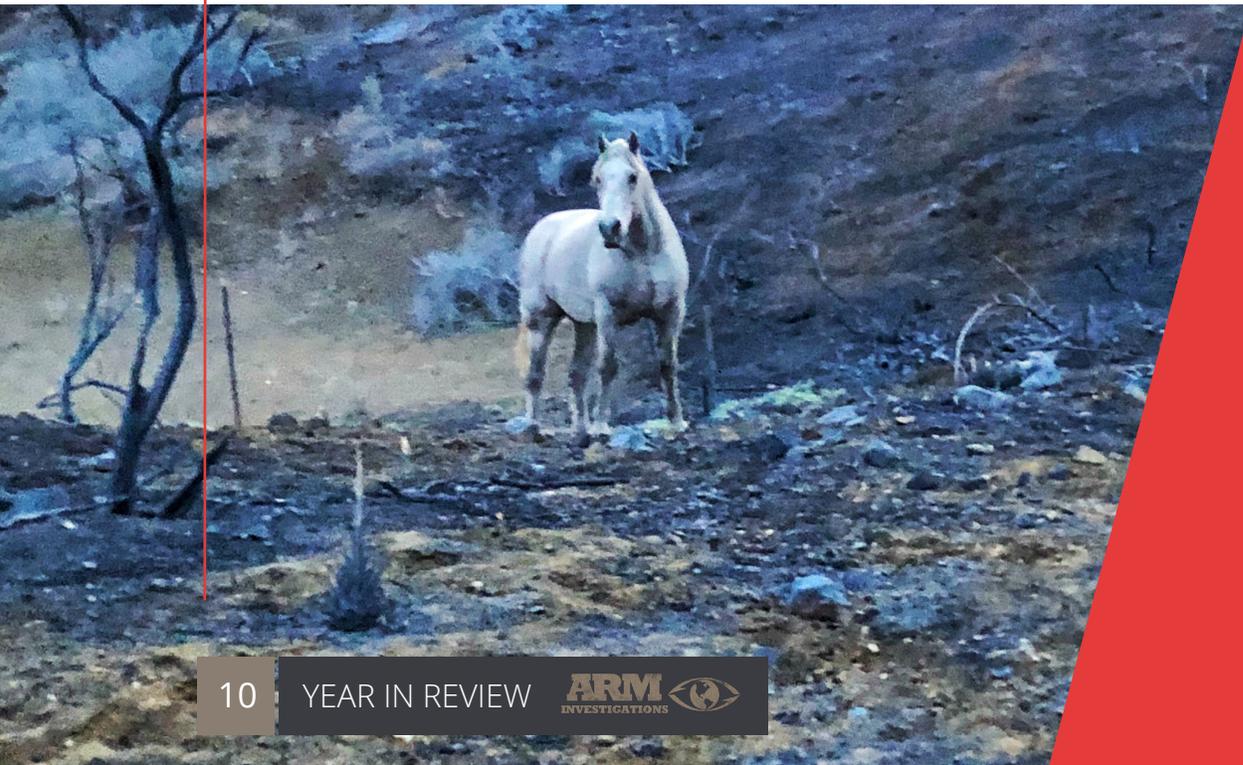
This tragedy impacted ARM and inspired the dire need to take action and respond to any animal in need following a natural disaster. Dedicated to be equipped to respond more efficiently and effectively, ARM proceeded to build a disaster response team with the purchase of critical equipment, vessels and initiation training.

In November, another catastrophic natural disaster devastated California with two major fire outbreaks which burned to the ground almost 250,000 acres.

With the news of several partner organizations being forced to evacuate and flee with their animals, ARM deployed a team and flew to California to assist in the Woolsey Fires of Malibu.

With six members of ARM's newly launched Disaster Response Unit, immediate action was executed by the team to locate, search and rescue animals in need.

ARM returned with determination to become one of the most organized and effective resources during these dire times of need and is currently working towards instilling a fully equipped division for any natural disasters in the near future.



**250,000**  
ACRES BURNED



# ARM INVESTIGATIONS

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## CONSERVATION DIVISION

In 2018, ARM's Conservation Division conducted field research upon the sea turtles, manatees and porpoises of Florida's marine areas in its ongoing efforts to maintain their preservation and protection.

One of ARM's biggest victories was its collaborative efforts with the advocacy of land based shark fishing in Florida, and creating new laws for the protection of sharks. ARM operatives attended public forums as well as arranged meetings with the Florida Wildlife Commission (FWC) to discuss and implement these new amendments and guidelines.

This year, ARM also initiated operations into the world of canned hunting, the killing of wildlife in an enclosure, to obtain a trophy. Many trophy hunters belong to the Safari Club International (SCI), an organization that promotes and supports the sport. Every year, tens of thousands of different wild animal species are killed by American trophy hunters. Many animals imported are species belonging to the Endangered Species Act (ESA). SCI holds the largest canned hunt conference every year. This was ARM's first year operating under ARM Conservation.

Canned Hunting will continue to be one of ARM's ongoing focuses throughout the United States and Africa. ARM will campaign specifically on the ivory industry and endangered species.



# FWC COMMISSION SHORE-BASED SHARK FISHING UPDATE

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At its December meeting in St. Augustine, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) approved draft changes to shark fishing regulations, including management changes for the shore-based shark fishery. These changes will increase survival of released sharks, improve information gathering of the fishery and address some of the public safety concerns related to the fishery.

The draft rules will be brought back before the Commission for final approval in February and include:

- Creating a mandatory, no-cost, annual shore-based shark fishing permit.
- Prohibiting chumming when fishing for any species from the beach.
- Prohibiting delaying the release of prohibited shark species when fishing from the shore.
- Requiring that prohibited shark species remain in the water (when fishing from shore and from a vessel).
- Requiring the use of non-offset, non-stainless-steel circle hooks with live or dead natural bait (when fishing from shore and from a vessel).
- Requiring the possession/use of a device capable of quickly cutting the leader or hook (when fishing from shore or a vessel).
- Cleaning up and updating the current rule language.





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“ As an animal abuse investigator for ARM, it is the most demanding, although rewarding work I’ve ever taken part in. Having to witness the worst cases of animal abuse and long-term suffering is almost an impossible task. The education, criminal arrests, and the physical animal rescues make my sacrifice all worth it. ”

-ARM Undercover Investigator

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