

# Activist Corner

## Activist Recognition Program 2004 – 2005

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### ac-tiv-ism

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**Noun:** The use of direct, often confrontational action, such as a demonstration or strike, in opposition to or support of a cause.

Activism is a very rewarding endeavor and anyone can get involved! DDAL would like to thank the outstanding activists listed below for speaking out on behalf of the animals and being a voice for the voiceless.

Do you want to participate in DDAL's Activist Recognition Program but aren't sure how? There are several ways to use your talents to help animals.

- Write letters to your legislators about current federal and state legislation or to companies that manufacture cosmetics or household cleaners encouraging them to adopt a non-animal testing policy.
- Submit editorials about relevant animal issues to your local newspapers.
- Sign up for DDAL's monthly E-newsletter and E-alerts to stay up-to-date on federal and state legislation that needs your support.
- For more information, visit DDAL's online Action Center at [www.ddal.org](http://www.ddal.org) to send Action letters with one click of the mouse. And please remember to send us copies of any responses you receive.

### Activist Spotlight: Anne Russek

Anne Russek, one of the activists we are saluting, has loved horses since she was a child. Today she works tirelessly as an activist for the American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act.

Inspired to take action after reading an article written by DDAL's Liz Ross, Anne decided to put her lifetime knowledge of horses to use. In addition to sending letters and petitions to her legislators, she promotes the bill on local radio stations and at community events and horse shows, has had several letters to the editor published, and has even organized a float for a local Labor Day parade. She works hard to increase public awareness and keep the


### New members:

Renita Chang – Honolulu, HI  
Thomas Leonard – Cape Coral, FL  
Toni S. Pine – Blue Springs, MO  
Anne Russek – Natural Bridge, VA  
David Sickles – Eastlake, OH  
Mrs. Donald Taber – Marietta, OH  
Donna Worthington – Mesa, AZ

### Continuing members:

Bernard Caley – Churubusco, IN  
Ruth Campbell – Brooklyn, NY  
James and Patricia Drane – Boonville, MO  
Jill Forster – Bruce, WI  
Maureen Gagnani – Garden Grove, CA  
Holly Gurry – South Windsor, CT  
Adolfo and Maudie Lopez – San Diego, CA  
Madonna Niles – Chicago, IL  
Dorothy Ramsaier – Columbia, NJ  
Jane Rigney – Newton, NJ  
Rae Sabella – West Long Branch, NJ  
Janet Sieck – Sedalia, CO  
Tim and Allison Webb – Epping, NH 

issue in the public eye. “Public support is very important and also very motivating,” Anne explains. “I realize that if I do not continue to be a constant reminder to them of the status of the bill, they may not follow it as closely.”

Thanks to Anne and all our activists for their efforts to help animals! 



**Anne Russek (far right) pictured with (left to right) Chris Heyde of the Society of Protective Animal Legislation, actress Bo Derek, Representative John Spratt and DDAL's Liz Ross.**