

# COATS FOR CUBS

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## GIVE FUR BACK TO THE ANIMALS



**D**O YOU HAVE AN UNWANTED fur coat in your closet? Is your grandmother's mink stole stored in the attic? Give it back to the animals as a tax-deductible donation to The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS).

The fur will be used to warm and comfort orphaned and injured wildlife. All the furs are sent to licensed wildlife rehabilitators, who then use the furs as bedding and nesting material for the animals in their care.

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The furs are cut into an appropriate size for the animal, whether a bobcat, raccoon, fox, or opossum, and placed inside the animal's enclosure. The furry blanket becomes a surrogate mother to orphaned and injured animals, reducing stress and giving comfort.

Donating is easy. All you need to do is place your fur in a sturdy box—a large padded envelope will do fine for small items—and mail it to The HSUS, Attn: Coats for Cubs, 2100 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037. The HSUS accepts all fur apparel, fur trims, and fur accessories (including hats, gloves, and muffs). Once it has arrived, you will be sent a thank you letter. Please save this letter if you want to claim a tax deduction for your donation.\* For more information, visit [www.CoatsForCubs.org](http://www.CoatsForCubs.org).

If you are a wildlife rehabilitator who would like to participate in this program, e-mail [furfree@hsus.org](mailto:furfree@hsus.org) or call 301-258-3109.

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\*If you plan to itemize tax deductions, you can claim the fair market value of your donation. The fair market value is the amount you could sell the fur for today—not how much it cost to purchase. You make this judgment based on the condition and type of the fur. If the fur is valued at \$5,000 or more, the IRS requires a “qualified appraisal.” You must get this appraisal done before sending us the donation. You might also need to include our letter of receipt in your tax returns. Consult your tax attorney for further advice.

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