

# HENRY'S LAW SOFTBALL CLUB

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Henry's Law Softball Club came together in 2007, in Salt Lake City, UT. The club consists of three league teams that play in different cities in Northern Utah and two competitive teams that play Men's and Coed tournaments across the state - all self sponsored but they're hoping to remedy that some day.

Rhonda Kamper started this club to help spread the word and gain networking for her animal advocacy group [helpushelpthem.org](http://helpushelpthem.org). It was the perfect combination.

In 2006, Henry, her six-month old puppy, was placed in a heated oven by her now ex-husband and also lost his eye as a result of additional abuse. Henry survived and became the face of the "Henry's Law" movement in Utah. At the time of the attack Utah

only deemed such actions as misdemeanor offenses. Through Rhonda and Henry's efforts, there is now a felony provision on the books.

The softball club members love softball and animals. They travel around gaining friends and allies in the battle against animal torture and abuse. In the same regard, the team puts on several softball tournaments a year to help raise awareness for these types of issues as well as raise money for The County Animal Shelters around the state. They also do pet adoptions at these tournaments and collect much needed donations for animal rescue organizations in Utah.

In 2009 Rhonda formed the tournament teams as a way to spread the word even more. The tournament teams brought home two first and one second place trophy. The league teams did well and added three second place awards to the mix. Not a bad year, especially considering how new the tournament teams were.

But more importantly, Henry's Law Softball Club has quickly become well-known in Utah's softball circles. Considering that most tournaments have between 100 and 300 competitors, plus support staff and fans, Henry's Law is fast gaining support and the battle against animal abuse and torture is becoming more and more winnable every weekend.

Next year Utah will have four league teams playing and the two tournament teams traveling around spreading the word and working for Henry the Dog. Though the teams don't always win, they do always bring good sportsmanship and work hard to win the fight against animal cruelty.

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