

2001 Enacted And Vetoed Animal Legislation

The following list is a compilation of laws and resolutions that were passed by state legislatures in 2001 and then signed into law or vetoed. The list includes legislation that had a positive, negative, or neutral impact on animals. For a copy of any of these laws and resolutions, or if you have questions, additions, or corrections, please e-mail Julie Janovsky at jjanovsky@hsus.org.

ALABAMA

AL H.B. 437 Bear Hunting

Raises fines for killing and trapping black bears or for possessing bear parts.

Signed into law: [May 20, 2001](#)

ARIZONA

AZ H.B. 2010 Reporting Animal Abuse

Makes a veterinarian responsible for reporting—in writing—any dogfighting or animal abuse to a local law enforcement agency in the county where the veterinarian is practicing within 30 days of any examination or treatment administered to any dog, or animal which the veterinarian reasonably suspects and believes has participated in an organized dog fight or has been abused.

Signed into law: [April 19, 2001](#)

ARKANSAS

AR H.B. 2443 Animal Cruelty Penalties

Allows the court to order any person found guilty of cruelty to animals to receive a psychiatric or psychological evaluation, and counseling and requires the defendant to pay for the costs. If a person is guilty of cruelty to animals, the court may assign custody of the abused animal(s) to a society that is incorporated for the prevention of cruelty to animals. (Emergency clause: If it is determined by the General Assembly that each year there are increasing numbers of animals subjected to cruel treatment and suffering, then the present law may be revised for more specificity with regard to those acts against animals which subject persons to criminal responsibility.)

[Signed into law: April 19, 2001](#)

AR H.B. 2207 Wolves And Wolf-Hybrids

Establishes regulations regarding the ownership and breeding of wolves and wolf hybrids; specifies that owners of animals that are considered to be wolves or wolf hybrids, must keep health records on the animals, provide specific food and shelter conditions for the animals, and allow law enforcement to inspect these conditions at reasonable hours; and provides penalties for the owner of a wolf or wolf hybrid who bites or is abandoned.

[Signed into law: April 20, 2001](#)

CALIFORNIA

CA A.C.R. 16 Spay Day

Declares February 27, 2001, to be Spay Day USA 2001, and requests that Californians observe that day by having their dogs or cats spayed or neutered or by contributing to organizations that provide spay or neuter services.

[Resolution signed by secretary of state: March 19, 2001](#)

CA S.B. 237 Animal Abandonment

Requires signs stating that animal abandonment is a crime on highways entering the state or entering a county, and in areas where animals are commonly abandoned.

Signed into law: [September 18, 2001](#)

CA S.B. 338 Animal Shelter Procedures

Requires that any shelter that supplies animals—dead or alive—to a biological supply facility to post a sign so stating, and to include this information on owner surrender forms.

Signed into law: [August 6, 2001](#)

CA A.B. 161 Dog Breeding

Revises housing and maintenance requirements for dog breeders, and changes the definition of “breeder” from selling 50 dogs a year to 20 dogs or three litters a year.

Signed into law: [September 26, 2001](#)

COLORADO

CO H.B. 1069 Animal Fighting Penalties

Requires the owner of an animal that was impounded because of charges of animal fighting to be responsible for the costs associated with its care; and allows the court to motion for forfeiture of the animal, if the owner was convicted of animal fighting or cruelty.

Signed into law: [March 20, 2001](#)

CO H.B. 1337 Animal Control

Creates a pet animal overpopulation authority funded in part by voluntary contributions through the income tax form.

Signed into law: [June 5, 2001](#)

CO S.B. 6 Habitat Partnership Council

Changes the duties of the habitat partnership council, Habitat Partnership Committee, and director of the division of wildlife; and establishes the habitat partnership cash fund to include wildlife-conflict problems in the areas of big game and fencing.

Signed into law: [May 30, 2001](#)

CO S.B. 131 Animal Shelter Procedures

Clarifies the definition of feline hobby breeder; reduces the time animals may be held in an animal shelter; and allows shelters to euthanize animals in extreme pain immediately.

Signed into law: [June 5, 2001](#)

DELAWARE

DE H.B. 313 Animal Cruelty Provisions

Expands the definition of cruelty to animals to include the misrepresentation of an animal as a stray to an animal shelter, veterinary clinic, or other facility where the animal will be conveyed to another or destroyed without the owner's knowledge.

Signed into law: [July 12, 2001](#)

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

DC A13-418 Animal Cruelty Penalties

Establishes the Freedom from Cruelty to Animals Protection Act of 2000, a new law that creates felony-level penalties for the most severe acts of animal cruelty.

Signed into law: June 8, 2001

FLORIDA

FL S.B. 608/H.B. 1289 Animal Trusts

Recreates the Save the Manatee Trust Fund without modification, carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof.

Signed into law: April 25, 2001

FL S.B. 1922 Animal Care

Prohibits the buying, selling, giving, receiving, transferring, marketing, and holding of any non-ambulatory animal without providing proper care within 24 hours, or dragging said animal unless it has been humanely euthanized, except in such cases where providing proper care requires that the animal be moved.

Signed into law: June 19, 2001

GEORGIA

GA H.B. 301 Hunting/Fishing Regulations

Establishes that the Department of Natural Resources has the authority and duty to encourage hunting and fishing; establishes hunting and fishing as a right; and asserts that no political subdivision of the state shall regulate hunting, trapping, or fishing by local ordinance.

Signed into law: April 17, 2001

ILLINOIS

IL H.B. 6 Specialty License Plates

Establishes specialty spay/neuter license plates for state residents.

Signed into law: January 11, 2002

IL H.B. 2391 Animal Euthanasia Procedures

Allows animal shelters to directly purchase sodium pentobarbital for euthanizing animals humanely by a trained technician.

Signed into law: August 21, 2001

IL H.B. 2440 Dogfighting Penalties

Enhances the penalties for involvement in dogfighting; makes the manufacture or distribution of instruments for dogfighting a felony; and allows police to seize cockfighting paraphernalia.

Signed into law: August 17, 2001

IL S.B. 629 Animal Cruelty Penalties

Increases penalties for dogfighting, cruelty, and neglect; mandates psychological counseling for companion animal hoarders; and allows shelters that impound companion animals in neglect or abuse situations to ask for a security to deposit to cover the costs of caring for the animals.

Signed into law: August 21, 2001

INDIANA

IN H.B. 1074/S.B. 151 Trapping

Takes away the right of a community to regulate trapping within its own city or town limits.

Signed into law: May 10, 2001

IN H.B. 1511 Exotic Animal Permits

Requires people to obtain a permit for possession of dangerous exotic animals.

Signed into law: May 11, 2001

IN H.R. 115 Pet Store Regulations

Establishes a commission to study imposing regulations on pet stores.

Resolution adopted: April 23, 2001

IOWA

IA H.S.B. 162/S.S.B. 1165 Animal Cruelty

Establishes a new criminal offense for bestiality.

Signed into law: June 1, 2001

IA H.F. 43 Bird Hunting

Establishes the hunting of mourning doves as legal, ending an 80-year ban.

Passed both state legislatures by narrow margins

Vetoed by governor: January 30, 2001

IA H.F. 745 Foot And Mouth Disease

Establishes standards for regulating foot and mouth disease.

Signed into law: June 1, 2001

KANSAS

KS S.B. 139 Domestic Animals

Expands the definition of domestic animal to include bison, camel, giraffes, and any creature of the ratite family, including ostriches, emus, and rheas.

Signed into law: [April 2, 2001](#)

LOUISIANA

LA H.B. 124 Animal Cruelty Penalties

Requires a person convicted under animal cruelty to make full restitution to the public safety agency suffering financial loss from the killing or injuring of a police animal.

Signed into law: [June 1, 2001](#)

LA H.B. 622 Dangerous Dogs

Establishes the crime of owning vicious or dangerous dogs.

Signed into law: [June 26, 2001](#)

LA H.B. 1459 Dogfighting Penalties

Increases the penalties for involvement in dogfighting.

Signed into law: [June 21, 2001](#)

LA H.B. 1930 Transporting Animals

States that diseased animals can only be transported with written authorization from the Commissioner of Agriculture.

Signed into law: [June 22, 2001](#)

LA H.B. 2062 Animal Welfare

Establishes the Louisiana Animal Welfare Commission.

Signed into law: [June 22, 2001](#)

LA S.B. 655 Horse Adoptions

Provides for the adoption and donation of unclaimed horses.

Signed into law: [June 25, 2001](#)

LA S.B. 866 Dogfighting

Establishes the crime of intentionally owning, possessing, or training a dog for the purposes of dogfighting; and makes training paraphernalia used for or intended for use in the unlawful training of a dog to fight with another dog illegal, along with the possession of a dog for the purpose of dogfighting.

Signed into law: [June 25, 2001](#)

LA S.B. 925 Reporting Animal Abuse

Provides for the cross-reporting cases of animal and human abuse.

Signed into law: [June 28, 2001](#)

LA S.C.R. 46 Bobcat Hunting

Urges and requests the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish a recreational hunting season and daily bag and possession limits for bobcats—if recommended by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries following a biological and feasibility study.

Resolution adopted: [May 22, 2001](#)

MAINE

ME L.D. 139 Animal Trespass

Amends animal trespass laws by exempting cats from the provisions.

Signed into law: [April 6, 2001](#)

ME L.D. 200 Partridge Harvesting

Allows the commercial stocking and harvesting of the Hungarian Partridge.

Signed into law: [April 12, 2001](#)

ME L.D. 229 Coyote Trapping

Requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to review its animal damage control program—in consultation with the department's regional coyote snaring steering committees—with a focus on the deployment of trappers to snare coyotes in deer yards during winter months.

Signed into law: [May 2, 2001](#)

ME L.D. 661 Dangerous Dogs

Makes the owner of a dog responsible for a person's injuries caused by the owner's dog damaging that person or his or her property.

Signed into law: [May 18, 2001](#)

ME L.D. 736 Wolf Reintroduction

Prohibits the release of wolves in the state without the prior approval of both Houses of the state legislature and the commissioner of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; and directs the commissioner to work with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to ensure that any recovery plan for the gray wolf in an area that includes the state includes a provision that allows the state to prohibit the introduction of the gray wolf.

Signed into law: [May 22, 2001](#)

ME L.D. 739 Wolf Hybrids

Prohibits any person from owning or caring for a wolf hybrid unless the animal is tattooed in accordance with Department of Agriculture rules; and establishes a fine for allowing a wolf hybrid to run at large (triple the amount of the fine for owning or caring for a wolf hybrid).

[Signed into law: May 10, 2001](#)

ME L.D. 1170/S.B. 356 Reporting Animal Abuse

Authorizes veterinarians as dog licensing agents; grants subpoena authority to the Department of Agriculture's Food and Rural Resources to strengthen the department's animal cruelty laws enforcement capability; and provides civil and criminal immunity for a veterinarian reporting alleged animal cruelty.

[Signed into law: June 18, 2001](#)

ME L.D. 1193/H.B. 901 Trapping

Changes the name "water trap" to "drowning trap," and clarifies other language in the law relating to the trapping of wild animals.

[Signed into law: May 29, 2001](#)

ME L.D. 1283/S.B. 386 Animal Cruelty Penalties

Amends the criminal terrorizing statutes to make it unlawful to elicit fear in a person by threatening to abuse an animal; and criminalizes bestiality, classifying such conduct as a Class C crime, unless a person engages in a sexual act with an animal in the presence of a minor, in which case it would be one class higher.

[Signed into law: June 15, 2001](#)

ME L.D. 1435/H.B. 1072 Animal Shelter Procedures

Establishes procedures for animal shelters to follow when they accept a stray cat; provides categories of cats (homeless or with identification); and specifies the amount of time that the cat can be kept before the shelter may adopt the animal or dispose of him.

Signed into law: June 6, 2001

ME L.D. 1679/H.B.1232 Animal Cruelty Penalties

Increases classification of crime and penalties for certain types of animal cruelty; allows the court to order that the perpetrator pay the costs of the care, housing and veterinary medical treatment for the animal and may prohibit the person from owning, possessing or having on the defendant's premises an animal for a period of time up to and including permanent relinquishment.

Signed into law: June 18, 2001

ME L.D. 1695/H.B. 1260 Dangerous Dogs

Establishes the makeup and duties of the Animal Welfare Advisory Council, as previously established; and updates the dangerous dog laws to include a dog who is threatening to attack.

Signed into law: June 13, 2001

ME L.D. 1726/H.B. 1268 Animal Trade Permits

Amends the section of the Maine Statutes that deals with possessing, breeding, exhibiting, purchasing, selling, importing, and transporting wildlife; authorizes the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt rules for each specific permit for the above activity related to wildlife; and changes the fee structure for such permits.

Signed into law: May 25, 2001

MARYLAND

MA S.B. 356/H.B. 649 Animal Cruelty

Makes egregious acts of animal cruelty a felony, along with dogfighting and cockfighting.

Signed into law: [May 18, 2001](#)

MA H.B. 728 Mute Swan Hunting

Solidifies the Department of Natural Resources' ability to arrange a hunting season on mute swans as a management practice.

Signed into law: [May 18, 2001](#)

MASSACHUSETTS

MS H.B. 4459 Animal Racing

Extends period of time that the simulcasting of horse and dog racing is permitted by establishing an annual renewal through the year 2005.

Signed into law: [August 13, 2001](#)

MICHIGAN

MI H.B. 4018 Sunday Hunting

Repeals the ban on hunting for game animals and game birds on Sunday in the County of Macomb.

Signed into law: [October 11, 2001](#)

MI H.B. 4412 Bird Hunting

Establishes regulations on game bird hunting preserves.

Signed into law: [June 17, 2001](#)

MINNESOTA

MN H.F. 394/S.F. 327 At-Large Animals

Repeals statutes requiring castration of animals running at large in a town.

Signed into law: [April 11, 2001](#)

MN S.F. 7 (Special Session) Animal Cruelty Penalties

Increases the penalties for intentional torture or cruelty to pets/companion animals, making acts that cause the greatest harm a felony.

Signed into law: [June 30, 2001](#)

MISSISSIPPI

MS S.B. 2762 Hunting Licenses

Authorizes the Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to suspend or revoke the hunting privileges of a person who is appealing a violation of head-lighting deer.

Signed into law: [March 11, 2001](#)

MS S.B. 2779 Animal Abandonment

Revises the procedure for seizure of a maltreated, neglected or abandoned animal by the court.

Signed into law: [March 24, 2001](#)

MONTANA

MT H.J.R. 16 Exotic Animals

Authorizes a study to be conducted on the importation and possession of exotic wildlife; and requires a report on the results of the study and recommendations made to the governor and the legislature.

[Resolution filed with secretary of state: April 16, 2001](#)

NEVADA

NV A.B. 33 Animal Trusts

Validates a trust for care of an animal at time of settler's death.

[Signed into law: May 29, 2001](#)

NV S.B. 54 Specialty License Plates

Provides for the issuance of special license plates for the appreciation of animals; and establishes that funds accrued from the sale of the plates must go to animal shelters.

[Signed into law: May 31, 2001](#)

NV S.B. 62 Animal Fighting Penalties

Increases penalties to felony levels for involvement in animal fighting and animal cruelty upon second and subsequent convictions.

[Signed into law: June 13, 2001](#)

NV A.B. 662 Wild Horses

Revises the provisions relating to the authorization for the expenditure of money in the Heil Trust Fund for Wild Horses.

Signed into law: May 30, 2001

NEW HAMPSHIRE

NH H.B. 273 Gaming Heritage

Clarifies the purpose of state jurisdiction of fish and game regulations by adding the statement, "The department will recognize, preserve and promote our special heritage of recreational hunting, fishing, and trapping by providing opportunities to hunt, fish, and trap."

Signed into law: May 15, 2001

NH H.B. 152 Crossbow Hunting

Expands the legal methods of taking game animals; expands the permitted methods of hunting deer to include crossbow for persons holding a firearms deer tag; and adds a rulemaking provision allowing the executive director of the Fish and Game Department to adopt rules regarding the regulation and use of crossbows.

Signed into law: July 5, 2001

NH H.B. 277 Dog Licensing

Clarifies the penalties for violations of statutes or ordinances where no penalty is specified; and provides that the owner or keeper of a dog who fails to license a dog or renew a dog license may be guilty of a violation and subject to a fine.

Signed into law: July 16, 2001

NH H.B. 720 Deer Hunting

Allows the use of certain pistols in areas of the state designated for taking of deer by shotgun only.

Signed into law: June 29, 2001

NH H.B. 760 Hunting Regulations

Requires that a silencing device be obtained from a person or entity licensed under Federal Law; establishes a Class B felony for violations of this provision; and establishes a Class A misdemeanor for taking game with a silencing device.

Signed into law: July 5, 2001

NH S.B. 12 Hunting Permits

Expands the animal damage program by allowing the executive director of the Fish and Game Department to regulate the issuance of permits to kill animals “which pose a threat to human health and safety.”

Signed into law: June 11, 2001

NEW JERSEY

NJ A. 1994 Animal Adoption

Appropriates funds to the Friends of the Homeless Animals, Inc., a nonprofit organization whose mission is to save healthy and adoptable animals that might be put to death when loving homes cannot be found.

Signed into law: June 21, 2001

NJ A. 1152 Animal Trusts

Allows for the establishment of a trust for the care of domesticated animals; establishes that the intended use of the principal or income may be enforced by a person designated for that purpose in the trust instrument, a person appointed by the court, or a trustee; and gives the trust authority to terminate

itself when no living animal is covered by the trust, or at the end of 21 years, whichever occurs first.

[Signed into law: July 10, 2001](#)

NJ S. 1515 Animal Cruelty Penalties

Makes certain acts of animal cruelty a fourth degree crime; and requires delinquent juveniles adjudicated for certain animal-cruelty offenses to receive court-ordered psychological counseling.

[Signed into law: August 27, 2001](#)

NEW MEXICO

NM H.B. 282 Reptile Hunting

Prohibits the taking or capturing of native, free-ranging amphibians or reptiles not specifically protected by law.

[Signed into law: March 16, 2001](#)

NM S.B. 35 Animal Cruelty Penalties

Amends the current felony animal cruelty law by taking out exemptions pertaining to research laboratories, intermediate handlers, carriers and exhibitors registered or licensed by the federal government also subject to state animal-cruelty laws, and making them subject to state anticruelty laws.

[Signed into law: April 2, 2001](#)

NEW YORK

NY A.B. 4528 Animal Fighting

Establishes that when animals are seized because of their use in fighting, impounding organizations may petition the court for a security bond to cover costs for caring of such animals.

Signed into law: [September 5, 2001](#)

NY A. 8374 Animal Prizes

Prohibits exchanging live animals for nominal consideration—or offering to do so—in the circumstances of a game, contest, sweepstakes, or other promotion, subject to existing exceptions for certain programs.

Signed into law: [October 31, 2001](#)

NY A. 229/S. 3556 Animal Shelter Procedures

Makes it mandatory that all dogs and cats of sexual maturity be spayed or neutered before they leave an animal shelter, pound, dog control officer, humane society, dog or cat protective association, or duly incorporated society for the prevention of cruelty to animals.

Signed into law: [October, 31, 2001](#)

NORTH CAROLINA

NC H.B. 306 Hunting/Trapping Regulations

Removes the sunset on the law providing for the hunting and trapping of foxes and raccoons in Hyde and Beaufort Counties; and allows the use of snares when trapping fur-bearing animals in those counties.

Filed with secretary of state: [April 27, 2001](#)

NC H.B. 402 Hunting Regulations

Regulates road hunting; regulates hunting on the land of another; prohibits the taking of deer from a boat in Bertie County; and repeals existing Bertie County Local Acts inconsistent with these laws.

Signed into law: [August 9, 2001](#)

NC S.B. 646 Law Enforcement Animals

Makes it a criminal offense to harm or attempt to harm a law enforcement agency animal or an assistance animal, or to obstruct, delay, tease, or harass the animal in performance of duties as a law enforcement agency animal or assistance animal.

Filed with secretary of state: [September 14, 2001](#)

NC H.B. 891 Deer Hunting

Prohibits intentionally shining a light upon a deer or sweeping a light in search of deer between the hours of one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise.

Filed with secretary of state: [June 4, 2001](#)

NC H.B. 903 Fox Hunting

Establishes the season for hunting foxes in Richmond County with box-type traps from January 2 through January 31 of each year; and establishes a bag limit of 30 aggregate to gray and red foxes, which becomes effective on October 1, 2001.

Filed with secretary of state: [May 28, 2001](#)

NC H.B. 931 Hunting Regulations

Authorizes Orange County to regulate the use of alcohol and other impairing substances while hunting with firearms; and regulates hunting near government buildings.

[Filed with secretary of state: June 4, 2001](#)

NC H.B. 1320 Hog Farming

Continues the moratorium on building or expanding any hog farms until a proper study has been conducted.

[Signed into law: June 29, 2001.](#)

NC S.B. 587 Deer Hunting

Prohibits the taking of deer with dogs in Durham County.

[Filed with secretary of state: August 22, 2001](#)

NORTH DAKOTA

ND S.B. 2300 Animal Abandonment

Gives authority to any sheriff, police officer, licensed veterinarian, or investigator to take into custody any abandoned or apparently deserted animal.

[Signed into law: April 17, 2001](#)

ND S.B. 2347 Sick Animals

Establishes indemnity for owners of diseased animals and payments for animals diagnosed with brucellosis or bovine tuberculosis.

[Signed into law: April 27, 2001](#)

OKLAHOMA

OK S.B. 472 Dangerous Dogs

Authorizes the county sheriff to require that dangerous dogs be locked up; and modifies the definition of a dangerous dog.

Signed into law: April 11, 2001

OREGON

OR H.B. 2158 Feral Hogs

Classifies feral swine as predatory animals.

Signed into law: May 9, 2001

OR H.B. 2967 Bear/Cougar Hunting

Allows anyone to kill a bear or cougar.

Signed into law: June 18, 2001

OR H.B. 3147 Trapping

Establishes a task force to examine current trapping methods and determine whether they are cruel and inhumane.

Signed into law: June 22, 2001

OR H.B. 3363 Wolves And Wolf-Hybrids

Classifies wolves and wolf-hybrid dogs as predatory animals; authorizes people to exterminate these federally protected, endangered species.

Vetoed by governor: June 29, 2001

OR S.B. 41 Elk Breeding

Allows the establishment of elk breeding farms that raise these animals in captivity for their meat and antlers; permits the selling of these animals to

breeders and hunting ranches in other states; and changes the overseeing agency to the Department of Agriculture.

Signed into law: [July 18, 2001](#)

OR S.B. 166 Animal Trusts

Allows the designation of a trust on behalf of animals.

Signed into law: [July 27, 2001](#)

OR S.B. 230 Animal Cruelty Penalties

Prohibits possession of an animal within a certain period following a conviction for certain crimes against animals; provides penalties for violation; permits court or Juvenile Department counselor to require youth to undergo psychiatric or mental health evaluation and appropriate care or treatment for animal abuse; and reclassifies animal abuse crime and abandonment to a first-degree offense and provides penalties for such crimes.

Signed into law: [August 8, 2001](#)

PENNSYLVANIA

PA H.B. 1139 Transporting Horses

Establishes a penalty for the transporting of horses in trailers not designed for horses, in which there are levels stacked one on top of another; and requires that a summary offense be charged for each animal that is transported this way.

Signed into law: [June 25, 2001](#)

PA S.B. 816 Animal Cruelty Penalties

Makes the assault with a biological agent on an animal a felony of the second degree if the person intentionally, knowingly, or maliciously exposes or causes to be exposed, an animal or fowl to any virus, bacteria, prion or other agent that causes an infectious disease.

[Signed into law: June 25, 2001](#)

RHODE ISLAND

RI H.B. 6119 Pet Guardianship

Establishes the definition of “Guardian” to be used in the same context as owner.

[Signed into law: July 5, 2001 \(Without governor's signature\)](#)

RI H.B. 6168 Service Horses

Repeals the law governing deception in hiring of a horse or carriage.

[Signed into law: July 13, 2001 \(Without governor's signature\)](#)

RI S. 239 Animal Adoption

Mandates holding periods for stray animals (thereby forcing many facilities to euthanize otherwise adoptable dogs); and requires that animals be made available for adoption, including potentially dangerous dogs.

[Signed into law: July 13, 2001 \(Without governor's signature\)](#)

SOUTH CAROLINA

RI H.B. 3359 Deer Trade

Establishes that it is unlawful to buy, sell, barter, or possess for sale live deer, certain deer parts, or venison; and provides that certain provisions do not apply

to the sale or purchase of exotic farm-raised venison products that are fully cooked or preserved in a manner allowing for human consumption with no further preservation.

Signed into law: [July 29, 2001](#)

RI S.B. 87 Hunting Permits

Establishes that it is unlawful to hunt from a public road or railroad right-of-way if a person does not have permission; provides various definitions related to hunting; and establishes penalties for violations.

Signed into law: [July 18, 2001](#)

SOUTH DAKOTA

SD S.B. 1060 Hunting Regulations

Revises the method for and the limitations on imposing various civil damages for unlawfully taking wild animals; and specifies that all individuals must act according to the law.

Signed into law: [February 21, 2001](#)

TENNESSEE

TN S.B. 194/H.B. 792 Animal Euthanasia Procedures

Prohibits the killing of dogs and cats except by lethal injection of sodium pentobarbital or other drugs authorized by a board of veterinary examiners.

Signed into law: [April 11, 2001](#)

TN S.R. 51 Dog Breeding

Directs the Department of Agriculture to evaluate issues associated with the large-scale breeding of dogs for commercial purposes; and directs the commissioner of the Department of Agriculture to convene an advisory committee to assist in the examination of such issues that will include: two representatives from dog breeders associations, one member from a certified nonprofit humane society organization, one from an animal advocacy education association, one from the Animal Control Association, one from the Farm Bureau, and one from the USDA.

[Resolution signed by senate president: May 10, 2001](#)

TEXAS

TX H.B. 247 Land Uses

Exempts private landowners from standard fees to create dams or other water sources on their property in order to conduct commercial business such as fishing or duck hunting.

[Signed into law: June 17, 2001](#)

TX H.B. 280 Law Enforcement Animals

Creates the offense of interference with a police service animal and to the efficient use of police service animals; includes the creation of a state jail felony for those who commit an offense under certain subsections by injuring a police service animal or by engaging in conduct likely to injure the animal.

[Signed into law: June 15, 2001](#)

TX H.B. 998 Spay/Neuter Services

Relates to the Animal Friendly Account and Advisory Committee and the term of service for each member; and allows the committee to make grants to eligible organizations that sterilize animals owned by the general public at minimal or no cost.

[Signed into law: June 16, 2001](#)

TX H.B. 3673 Hog Farming

Relates to the control of diseases of swine by the Texas Animal Health Commission and the Texas Department of Agriculture; and requires that swine cannot be fed restricted garbage, including animal refuse matter and animal waste.

[Signed into law: June 15, 2001](#)

TX H.B. 653/S.B.1724 Animal Cruelty Penalties

Makes cruelty to animals a state jail felony, with the exception that the offense is a third-degree felony if the person has previously been convicted two times of cruelty to animals.

[Signed into law: June 6, 2001](#)

TX H.B. 1362 Wild Animal Registration

Requires owners of wild animals to register with local animal-control authorities, possess liability insurance, and provide minimum standards for housing and veterinary care for their animals (legislation also applies to USDA permit holders).

[Signed into law: May 9, 2001](#)

TX S.B. 261 Selling Reptiles

Requires pet stores that sell reptiles to post warning signs about the risk of catching salmonella from touching the animals.

Signed into law: [June 15, 2001](#)

TX S.B. 1194 Protecting Bats

Establishes the protection of bats.

Signed into law: [May 26, 2001](#)

UTAH

UT H.B. 92 Specialty License Plates

Authorizes spay and neuter license plates for contributors to spay and neuter programs.

Signed into law: [March 20, 2001](#)

VERMONT

VT H. 65 Deer Hunting

Enables a person age 15 and under, who has at least one parent or a guardian who is a legal resident of Vermont, to take one wild deer during youth deer-hunting weekend.

Signed into law: [April 4, 2001](#)

VIRGINIA

VA H.B. 2152 Rabies Vaccinations

Allows Fairfax County to create an oral rabies vaccine distribution program.

Signed into law: [March 27, 2001](#)

VA H.B. 2269 Animal Shelter Procedures

Allows animal shelters to pick up strays.

Signed into law: March 26, 2001

VA S.B. 1339 Deer Hunting

Prohibits landowners from erecting fences that prevent or impede deer from leaving the enclosed area; and prohibits hunting deer in such enclosed areas.

Signed into law: April 9, 2001

WASHINGTON

WA H.B. 1752 Wildlife On Ranches

Gives money to ranchers if wildlife grazes on grounds where they are feeding their livestock.

Signed into law: May 11, 2001

WA H.B. 2046 Animal Trusts

Validates trusts created for the benefit of nonhuman animals.

Vetoed (as line item) by governor: May 15, 2001

WA S.B. 5496 Animal Care

Reduces the tax on health products for animals.

Signed into law: July 13, 2001

WA S.B. 5942 Animal Cruelty Penalties

Increases penalties for crimes against dog guides and service animals to a felony level for intentional cruelty.

Signed into law: April 25, 2001

WEST VIRGINIA

WV H.B. 2555 Animal Euthanasia Procedures

Provides for animals to be destroyed by humane euthanasia via hypodermic injection or other humane procedures approved by The HSUS, American Veterinary Medical Association, or American Humane Association.

Signed into law: April 16, 2001

WV S.B. 40 Bear Hunting

Increases fines for unlawfully killing bear; and makes it illegal to possess, sell, or buy bear parts under certain circumstances.

Signed into law: May 2, 2001

WISCONSIN

WI A.B. 278 Pet Store Permits

Requires pet dealers and those selling animals in large scale to obtain a permit, and gives specific details on the care of those animals. (Bill was attached to budget legislation.)

Signed into law (by the governor): August 30, 2001

Vetoed (as line item) funding resource for the program (by governor)

WYOMING

WY H.B. 19/H.B. 44 Animal Racing

Authorizes the pari-mutuel wagering on rodeo events and the simulcasts of dog racing.

Signed into law: February 23, 2001 (Overriding governor's veto)

WY H.B. 50 Hunting Regulations

Prohibits baiting of big game animals for hunting.

Signed into law: February 16, 2001

WY H.B. 65 Law Enforcement Animals

Makes the injuring of law enforcement and emergency animals a misdemeanor offense.

Signed into law: March 2, 2001

WY H.B. 183 Wild Horses

Prohibits the killing of wild horses.

Signed into law: March 1, 2001.