

ENACTED AND VETOED STATE LEGISLATION IN 2001

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This page includes selected signed bills (laws), resolutions and vetoed bills from 2001. This chart reflects legislation whether it was positive, negative, or had a neutral impact on animals. For a copy of any of these laws or resolutions, or if you have additions or corrections, please e-mail Julie Janovsky at jjanovsky@hsus.org.

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ALABAMA

[H.B. 437](#)

Raises fines for killing and trapping black bears or for possessing bear parts.
Signed into law by the Governor on 5/20/01 as Act 634.

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ALASKA

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ARIZONA

[H.B. 2010](#)

Which makes a veterinarian responsible for reporting in writing, any dog fighting 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 any animal which the veterinarian reasonably suspects and believes has participated in an organized dog fight or has been abused.

Signed into law by the Governor on 4/19/01.

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ARKANSAS

H.B. 2443

Which gives the court the ability to order any person found guilty of cruelty to animals to receive a psychiatric or psychological evaluation, and counseling. The defendant will pay for the cost of this. If the 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 determined by the General Assembly that each year there are increasing numbers of animals subjected to cruel treatment and suffering and the present law needs more specificity with regard to those acts against animals which subject persons to criminal responsibility.

Signed into law by the Governor on 4/19/01 as Act 1826, Effective immediately.

H.B. 2207

Which regulates the ownership and breeding of wolves and wolf-dog hybrids.

Signed into law by the Governor on 4/20/01 as Act 1768.

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CALIFORNIA

[A.C.R. 16](#)

Which declares February 27, 2001, to be Spay Day USA 2001, and would request 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.

Chaptered by Secretary of State on 3/19/2001 as Res. Chapter 11, Statutes of 2001.

[S.B. 338](#)

Which 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 by the Governor on 8/6/01 as Chapter 139.

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COLORADO

[H.B. 1069](#)

Which makes the owner of an animal that was impounded because of charges of animal fighting, responsible for the costs associated with its care. This also allows the court to motion for forfeiture of the animal, if the owner was convicted of animal fighting or cruelty.

Signed into law by the Governor on 3/20/01.

[H.B. 1337](#)

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

Signed into law by the Governor on 6/5/01.

[S.B. 6](#)

Which changes the duties of the habitat partnership council, habitat partnership committee, and director of the division of wildlife and funds the habitat partnership cash fund

Signed into law by the Governor on 5/30/01.

[S.B. 131](#)

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

Signed into law by the Governor on 6/5/01.

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CONNECTICUT

[S.B. 1011](#)

Which changes the Animal Population Control Program to reduce expenditures and streamline administration by eliminating the reimbursement process, establishing a voucher system of reimbursement to veterinarians, and lowering the program suspension figure from \$400K to \$300K.

Signed into law by the Governor on 6/6/01 as Public Act 01-87.

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DELAWARE

H.B. 313

Which 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 by the Governor on 7/12/01.

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

A13-418 The Freedom from Cruelty to Animals Protection Act of 2000.

Enacted into law on 6/8/01 as DC law no. 13-303.

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FLORIDA

[S.B. 608 & H.B. 1289](#)

Which re-creates the Save the Manatee Trust Fund without modification, carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof

Signed into law by the Governor on 4/25/01.

[S.B. 1922](#)

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

Signed into law by the Governor on 6/19/01 as Chapter No. 2001-279.

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GEORGIA

H.B. 301

Which provides that the Department of Natural Resources has the authority and duty to encourage hunting and fishing; to provide that hunting and fishing is a right; to provide that no political subdivision of the state shall regulate hunting, trapping, or fishing by local ordinance.

Signed into law by the Governor on 4/17/01.

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HAWAII

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ILLINOIS

[H.B. 2391](#)

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

Signed into law by the Governor on 8/21/01 as Public Act 92-0449.

[H.B. 2440](#)

Which enhances penalties for involvement in dog fighting, makes the manufacture or distribution of instruments for dog fighting a felony, and allows police to seize cockfighting paraphernalia.

Signed into law by the Governor on 8/17/01 as Public Act 92-0425.

[S.B. 629](#)

Increases the penalties for dog fighting, cruelty, and even 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 by the Governor on 8/21/01 as Public Act 92-0454.

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INDIANA

[H.B. 1074](#) & [S.B. 151](#)

Which takes away the right of a community to regulate trapping within its own city limits.

Signed into law by the Governor on 5/10/01 as Public Law 177.

[H.B. 1511](#)

Which requires a permit for possession of certain dangerous exotic animals.

Signed into law by the Governor on 5/11/01 as Public Law 284.

H.R. 115

Which calls for a commission to study imposing regulations on pet stores.

Adopted 4/23/01.

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IOWA

H.S.B. 162 & S.S.B. 1165

Which create the new criminal offense of bestiality.

Signed into law by the Governor.

[H.F. 43](#)

Which would have made it legal to hunt mourning doves, ending the 80 year ban on hunting them. This bill has passed both houses by narrow margins.

Vetoed by the Governor on 1/30/01.

H.F. 745

Which regulates foot and mouth disease.

Signed into law by the Governor on 6/1/01.

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KANSAS

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LOUISIANA

[H.B. 124](#)

Which requires a person convicted under proposed law to make full restitution to the public safety agency suffering financial loss from the killing or injuring of a police animal.

Signed into law by the Governor on 6/1/01 as Act 213, effective 8/15/01.

[H.B. 622](#)

Which provides for the crime of owning vicious or dangerous dogs.

Signed into law by the Governor on 6/26/01 as Act 823, effective 8/15/01.

[H.B. 1459](#)

Which increases the penalties for dogfighting.

Signed into law by the Governor on 6/21/01 as Act 547, effective 8/15/01.

[H.B. 1930](#)

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

Signed into law by the Governor on 6/22/01 as Act 650, effective 8/15/01.

[H.B. 2062](#)

Which creates the Louisiana Animal Welfare Commission.

Signed into law by the Governor on 6/22/01.

[S.B. 655](#)

Which provides for the adoption and donation of unclaimed horses.

Signed into law by the Governor on 6/25/01 as Act 715, effective 8/15/01.

[S.B. 866](#)

Which makes a crime of intentionally owning, possessing, or training a dog for the purposes of dogfighting. It would also make training paraphernalia being 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 fighting.

Signed into law by the Governor on 6/25/01 as Act 734, effective 6/25/01.

[S.B. 925](#)

Which provides for cross-reporting cases of animal and human abuse.

Signed into law by the Governor on 6/28/01 as Act 1136, effective 8/15/01.

[S.C.R. 46](#)

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 after a biological and feasibility study.

Signed by the Speaker of the House on 5/22/01.

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MAINE

[L.D. 139](#)

"An Act to Amend the Animal Trespass Laws", This bill exempts cats from the provisions of the animal trespass laws.

Signed into law by the Governor on 4/6/01, Chapter 15 Public Law.

[L.D. 200](#)

Allows the commercial stocking and harvesting of the Hungarian Partridge.

Signed into law by the Governor on 4/12/01 as Public Law 46.

[L.D. 229](#)

"Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Submit a Proposal to Encourage the Harvest of Coyotes" This resolve requires the Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to review its animal damage control program, in consultation with the Department's regional coyote snaring steering committees, focusing on the deployment of trappers to snare coyotes in deer yards during winter months. The Department shall report its findings.

Signed into law by the Governor on 5/2/01 as Chapter: 8 Resolve

[L.D. 661](#)

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 by Governor on 5/18/01 as Public Law 210.

[L.D. 736](#)

Prohibits the release of wolves in the State without the prior approval of both Houses of the Legislature and the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; directs the commissioner to work with the United State 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 by the Governor on 5/22/01 as Public Law 228.

[L.D. 739](#)

Prohibits any person from owning or caring for a wolf hybrid unless tattooed in accordance with Department of Agriculture rules, and triples the fine for allowing a wolf hybrid to run at large.

Signed into law by the Governor on 5/10/01 as Public Law 129.

[L.D. 1170](#)

S.B. 356

Increases the registration fee for commercial feeds and pet foods; authorizes veterinarians as dog licensing agents; grants subpoena authority to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to strengthen the department's animal cruelty laws enforcement capability; provides civil and criminal immunity for a veterinarian reporting alleged animal cruelty.

Signed into law 6/18/01, Public Law No.425.

[L.D. 1193](#)

(H.B. 901)

Clarifies certain laws relating to the trapping of wild animals.

Signed into law by the Governor on 5/29/01 as Public Law 297.

H.B. 1260

Makes changes to the Animal Welfare Advisory Council.

Signed into law by the Governor on 6/13/01 as Public Law 399.

[L.D. 1283](#)

(S.B. 386)

"An Act to Amend the Criminal Laws with Regard to Animal Welfare. Amends the criminal terrorizing statutes to make it unlawful to elicit fear in a person by threatening to abuse an animal. This bill would also criminalize 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 by the Governor on 6/15/01, Public Law No. 416.

[L.D. 1435](#)

(H.B. 1072)

Establishes in statute a procedure for an animal shelter to follow when the shelter accepts a stray cat.

Signed into law by the Governor on 6/6/01 as Public Law No. 365.

[L.D. 1679,](#)

"An Act to Increase the Penalties for Animal Cruelty," increases penalties for animal cruelty.

Signed into law by the Governor on 6/18/01 as Public Law No. 427.

[L.D. 1695](#)

A bill that will establish the make up and duties of the Animal Welfare Advisory Council, as previously established. Further it updates the dangerous dog laws. This bill is currently marked as an emergency bill, and has been referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Signed into law by the Governor 6/13/01 as Public Law No. 400.

[L.D. 1726](#)

(H.B. 1268)

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; changes the fee structure for such permits.

Signed into law by the Governor on 5/25/01 as Public Law 279.

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MARYLAND

[S.B. 356](#) & [H.B. 649](#)

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

Signed into law by the Governor on 5/18/01.

[H.B. 728](#)

Solidifies the DNR's ability to arrange a hunting season on mute swans as a management practice.

[Signed into law by the Governor on 5/18/01.](#)

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MASSACHUSETTS

[H.B. 4459](#)

Chapter No. 70 of 2001., Extends the law governing simulcast wagering of horse and dog racing.

[Signed into law by the Governor on 8/13/01 as Chapter 70.](#)

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MICHIGAN

[H.B. 4018](#)

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

[Signed by Governor 10/11/01 as Public Act 128.](#)

[H.B. 4412,](#)

Regulates game bird hunting preserves.

[Signed by Governor on 6/17/01 as Public Act 23.](#)

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MINNESOTA

[H.F. 394 & S.F. 327](#)

Repeals statutes of castrating animals running at large in a town.

[Signed into law by the Governor on 4/11/01, filed with the Secretary of State as Chapter 21, effective 8/1/01.](#)

[Special Session S.F. 7](#)

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

[Signed by the Governor on 6/30/01, and goes into effect on 8/1/01.](#)

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MISSISSIPPI

[S.B. 2762](#)

Amends section 49-7-27, of MS code. It will authorize the commission on wildlife, fisheries and parks to suspend or revoke the hunting privileges of a person who is appealing from a violation of head lighting deer.

Signed into law by the Governor on 3/11/01.

[S.B. 2779](#)

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

Signed into law by the Governor on 3/24/01.

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MISSOURI

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MONTANA

H.J.R. 16

Authorizes a study to be conducted on the importation and possession of exotic wildlife and report the results of the study and recommendation to the Governor and the Legislature.

Filed with the Secretary of State on 4/16/01.

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NEBRASKA

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NEVADA

[A.B. 33](#)

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

Signed into law by the Governor on 5/29/01.

[S.B. 54](#)

Which provides for the issuance of special license plates for the appreciation of animals

Money accrued from the sale of these plates will go to animal shelters.
[Signed into law by the Governor on 5/31/01 as Chapter 316.](#)

[S.B. 62](#)

Which increases penalties for animal fighting and animal cruelty.
[Signed into law by the Governor on 6/13/01 as Chapter 572.](#)

[A.B. 662](#)

Revises the provisions relating to the authorization for the expenditure of money in the Heil Trust Fund for Wild Horses. [Signed into law by the Governor on 5/30/01.](#)

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NEW HAMPSHIRE

[H.B. 273](#)

Which claims to clarify 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, trapping by providing opportunities to hunt, fish, trap."
[Signed into law by the Governor on 5/15/01 as Chapter 25.](#)

[H.B. 152](#)

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; adds a rulemaking provision allowing the Executive Director of Fish and Game to adopt rules regarding the regulation and use of crossbows.
[Signed into law by the Governor on 7/5/01 as Chapter 161.](#)

[H.B. 277](#)

Clarifies the penalties for violations of statutes or ordinances where no penalty is specified; 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 by the Governor on 7/16/01 as Chapter 274.](#)

[H.B. 720](#)

Allows the use of certain pistols in areas of the State designated for taking of deer by shotgun only.
[Signed into law by the Governor on 6/29/01 Effective: 8/28/2001 Chap: 0143.](#)

[H.B. 760](#)

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; establishes a Class A misdemeanor for taking game with a silencing device.
[Signed into law by the Governor on 7/5/01 as Chapter 201.](#)

[S.B. 12](#)

Which 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 by the Governor on 6/11/01 as Chapter 42.](#)

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NEW JERSEY

[A. 1994](#)

Appropriates funds to the Friends of the Homeless Animals, Inc., a not for profit 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 by the Governor on 6/21/01.

A. 1152

Allows for a trust for the care of a domesticated animal making it valid. 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. The trust shall terminate when no living animal is covered by the trust, or at the end of 21 years, whichever occurs earlier.

Enacted into law 7/10/01.

S. 1515

Which make certain acts of animal cruelty crimes of the fourth degree; requires juveniles adjudicated delinquent for certain animal cruelty offenses to receive court-ordered psychological counseling.

Signed into law by the Governor on 8/27/01.

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NEW MEXICO

[H.B. 282](#)

Which will permit, regulate or prohibit the taking or capturing of native, free-ranging amphibians or reptiles not specifically protected by law.

Signed into law by the Governor on 3/16/01.

[S.B. 35](#)

Will amend the current felony animal cruelty law. This bill takes 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 anti-cruelty laws.

Signed into law by the Governor on 4/2/01.

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NEW YORK

[A.B. 4528](#)

Provides 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. Takes effect immediately.

Signed into law by the Governor on 9/5/01.

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NORTH CAROLINA

H.B. 306

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

Filed with Secretary of State, 4/17/01 Session Law Number 19.

H.B. 402

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate road hunting, to regulate hunting on the land of another, to prohibit the taking of deer from a boat in Bertie County, and to repeal existing Bertie County Local Acts inconsistent with these laws.

Engrossed, 8/9/01, Session Law Number 367.

[S.B. 646](#)

An act to make 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 the Secretary of State on 9/14/01 as Session Law Number 411.

H.B. 891

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 the Secretary of State as session law number 164 on 6/4/01.

H.B. 903

Establishes a season for hunting foxes in Richmond County.

Filed with the Secretary of State as Session Law Number 133 on 5/28/01.

H.B. 931

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

Filed with the Secretary of State as Session Law Number 165 on 6/4/01.

H.B. 1320

Legislation that will continue the moratorium on building or expanding any hog farms until a proper study has been conducted.

Signed by Governor as Session Law Number 254.6 on 6/29/01.

S.B. 587

An act that prohibits the taking of deer with dogs in Durham County.

Filed with Secretary of State on 8/22/01 as Session Law Number 382.

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NORTH DAKOTA

[S.B. 2300](#)

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

Signed into law by the Governor on 4/17/01.

S.B. 2347

Relating to indemnity for diseased animals and payments for animals diagnosed with brucellosis or bovine tuberculosis.

Signed into law by the Governor as SJ1572 on 4/27/01.

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OKLAHOMA

[S.B. 472](#)

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

Signed into law by the Governor on 4/11/01.

[H.B. 1375](#)

A constitutional amendment which would require that any initiative restricting uses of animals require the signatures of 15% of voters instead of 8% for all other initiatives.

This will go on the November 2002 ballot for a vote of the people as State Question 698.

[Factsheet on State Question 698.](#)

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OREGON

[H.B. 2158](#)

Classifies feral swine as predatory animals.

Signed into law by the Governor on 5/9/01.

[H.B. 2967](#)

Allows anyone to kill a bear or cougar.

Signed into law by Governor on 6/18/01.

[H.B. 3147,](#)

Established an insufficient check on traps, and fails to address the real problem - that the traps are cruel and inhumane. It establishes a task force to examine current trapping methods.

Signed into law by Governor Kitzhaber on 6/22/01.

[H.B. 3363,](#)

Classifies wolves and wolf/hybrid dogs as 'predatory animals'. Wolves are federally protected endangered species; this legislation would have authorized people to exterminate them

Vetoed by Governor Kitzhaber on 6/29/01.

[S.B. 41](#)

Allows the establishment of elk breeding farms, to raise these animals in captivity for their meat, antlers and to sell animals to other states to breeders and hunting ranches. This will change the overseeing agency to the Department of Agriculture.

Signed by Governor Kitzhaber on 7/18/01.

[S.B. 166](#)

This bill will also allow the designation of a trust on behalf of the animal.

Signed by the Governor on 06/27/01, Chapter 636 takes effect 1/1/02.

[S.B. 230](#)

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; reclassifies animal abuse crime and abandonment in the 1st degree and provides penalties for such crimes.

Signed by the Governor on 8/8/01.

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PENNSYLVANIA

[H.B. 1139](#)

This bill addresses the problem of transporting horses in a cruel manner, in trailers not designed for horses. This bill passed the House by a vote of 199 - 0 on 5/8 and was passed the Senate by a vote of 49-0 on 6/21/01.

Signed into law by the Governor on 6/25/01, Act 64.

FYI [S.B. 816](#),

Makes the assault with a biological agent on 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 which causes 14 infectious disease.

Signed by the Governor on 6/25/01, Act No. 54 of 2001.

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RHODE ISLAND

[H. 5420](#)

Regulates the use of carbon monoxide chambers by requiring the Department of Environmental Management to promulgate rules and regulations, by 7/1/01.

7/13/01 Became law without Governor's signature.

[H.B. 6119](#)

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

07/05/01 Became law without Governor's signature.

[H.B. 6168](#)

This act would repeal the law governing deception in hiring of a horse or carriage. This act would take effect upon passage.

7/13/01 Became law without the Governor's signature.

[S. 239](#)

Mandates holding periods for stray animals, the unintended effect of this legislation is that many facilities will be forced to euthanize otherwise adoptable animals. In addition this bill requires that animals be made available for adoption, this could include potentially dangerous dogs.

7/13/01 Became law without the Governor's signature. This act would take effect upon passage.

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SOUTH CAROLINA

H.B. 3359

Relates to the sale of deer or deer parts; provides that it is unlawful to buy, sell, barter, or have in possession for sale live deer, certain deer parts, or venison except as provided in a given section; 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 by the Governor on 5/29/01.

S.B. 87

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

Signed into law by the Governor on 7/18/01.

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SOUTH DAKOTA

[S.B. 1060](#)

An Act to revise the method for and the limitations on imposition of various civil damages for unlawfully taking wild animals.

Signed by the Governor on 2/21/01.

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TENNESSEE

[S.B. 194 & H.B. 792](#)

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

Signed into law by the Governor on 4/11/01 as Public Law Chapter 70.

S.R. 51

Resolution that direct the Department of Agriculture to evaluate issues associated with the large-scale breeding of dogs for commercial purposes. The Commissioner of Agriculture is directed 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.
Signed and enrolled by the Senate President on 5/10/01.

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TEXAS

[H.B. 247](#)

Exempts private landowners from standard fees to create dams or other waters sources on their property to conduct commercial business such as fishing or duck hunting.
Signed into law by the Governor on 6/17/01.

[H.B. 280.](#)

Creates the offense of interference with a police service animal and to the efficient use of police service animals. This bill 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 by the Governor on 6/15/01. This law takes effect 9/1/01.

H.B. 998

Relates to the Animal Friendly Account and Advisory Committee; relates to animal sterilization.
Signed into law by the Governor on 6/16/01.

H.B. 3673

Relates to the control of diseases of swine by the Texas Animal Health Commission and the Texas Department of Agriculture.
Signed into law by the Governor on 6/15/01.

H.B. 653 & S.B.1724

Makes cruelty to animals a state jail felony, except that the offense is a felony of the third degree if the person has previously been convicted two times under this section.
Signed into law by the Governor on 6/6/01. This laws takes affect 9/1/01.

[H.B. 1362](#)

Requires owners of wild animals to register with local animal control authorities, possess liability insurance, and provides minimum standards for housing and veterinary care for their animals and it applies to USDA permit holders.
Signed into law by the Governor on 5/9/01.

[S.B. 261,](#)

Requires pet stores to post warning signs about salmonella if they sell certain species of reptiles.
Signed into law by the Governor on 6/15/01.

S.B. 1194
An act, which will protect bats.
Signed by the Governor on 5/26/01.

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UTAH

[H.B. 92](#)
Authorizes spay and neuter license plates for contributors to spay and neuter programs.
Signed into law by the Governor on 3/20/01.

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VERMONT

[H.65](#)
This will enable a person age 15 and under, who has at least one parent or a guardian who is a legal resident of Vermont, may take one wild deer during youth deer hunting weekend.
Signed into law by the Governor on 4/4/01, 10 V.S.A. § 4742

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VIRGINIA

[H.B. 2152](#)
Allows Fairfax County to create an oral rabies vaccine distribution program.
Signed into law by the Governor on 3/27/01.

[H.B. 2269](#)
Allows animal shelters to pick up strays.
Signed into law by the Governor on 3/26/01 as Acts of Assembly Chapter Text Chapter 727, effective 1/1/02.

[S.B. 1339](#)
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 by the Governor on 4/9/01.

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WASHINGTON

[H.B. 1752](#)
Gives money to ranchers if wildlife grazes on grounds where they are feeding their livestock

and allows for ranchers to declare emergencies.
Signed into law by the Governor on 5/11 as Chapter 274.

[H.B. 2046](#)

Would have validated trusts created for the benefit of nonhuman animals.
Line item vetoed by the Governor on 5/15/01.

[S.B. 5496](#)

Reduces the tax on health products for animals.
7/13/01 Signed by Governor.

[S.B. 5942](#)

Increases penalties for crimes against dog guides and service animals.
Signed into law by the Governor on 4/25/01 as Chapter 112, 2001 Laws. Effective date 7/22/01.

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WEST VIRGINIA

[H.B. 2555](#)

Provides for animals to be destroyed by humane euthanasia by hypodermic injection or other humane procedures approved by the AVMA, HSUS, or AHA.
Signed into law by the Governor on 4/16/01.

S.B. 40

Increases fines for unlawfully killing bear; makes it illegal to possess, sell or buy bear parts under certain circumstances.
Signed into law by the Governor on 5/2/01.

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WISCONSIN

[A.B. 278](#)

Requires pet dealers and those selling animals in large scale to obtain a permit for this activity, and the bill gives specific details on the care of those animals. This bill has been attached to the budget bill, which passed both houses and is pending the Governor's signature.
Governor McCallum signed into law on 8/30/01 as part of the budget bill, however he vetoed by line item the funding resource for the program.

WYOMING

[H.B. 19](#)

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

Passed into law by overriding the Governor's veto on 2/23/01, effective on 7/1/01.

[H.B. 50](#)

Prohibits baiting of big game animals for hunting.

Assigned Chapter number on 2/16/01, and becomes effective on 7/1/01.

[H.B. 65](#)

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

Assigned Chapter number on 3/2/01 as CH0205, and became effective on 7/1/01.

[H.B. 183](#)

Prohibits the killing of wild horses.

Signed into law by the Governor on 3/1/01 as HEA0114, CH0167, and becomes effective on 7/1/01

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