

STATE LEGISLATION ENACTED OR VETOED DURING 2009 SESSIONS

The following list is a compilation of laws and resolutions that were passed by state legislatures in 2009 and then signed into law or vetoed. The list includes legislation that had a positive, negative, or neutral impact on animals. Please email legislation@hsus.org to obtain a copy of the full text of laws or resolutions or if you have any questions, additions, or corrections to the list.

ALABAMA

[AL HB 902 – Dangerous Dogs](#)

Clay County dangerous dog bill.

Vetoed: 5/14/09

ALASKA

[AK SJR 3 – National Parks](#)

Encourages President Obama to continue the rule allowing firearms in National Parks.

Adopted: 7/9/09

ARIZONA

[AZ SB 1115 – Animal Fighting/Equine Inspections/Horse Tripping](#)

Makes being a spectator at an animal fight a felony; bans hog-dog fights; requires establishment of a list of equine rescues; requires kennel inspections; and bans horse tripping.

Signed into law: 7/14/09

[AZ HB 2458 – Spay/Neuter](#)

Requires a dog or cat to that is impounded as a result of biting someone be spayed/neutered and microchipped before released to the owner from a shelter.

Signed into law: 7/10/09

[AZ HCM 2006 – Public Land](#)

Urges a postcard to Congress encouraging industry use of public land.

Adopted: 7/1/09

ARKANSAS

[AR SB 77 – Felony Cruelty & Felony Cockfighting](#)

Makes animal cruelty and cockfighting a felony.

Signed into law: 2/4/09

[AR HB 1274 – Rabies](#)

Modernizes Arkansas' Rabies Control Act and allows Board of Health to establish reasonable vaccination requirements.

Signed into law: 2/19/09

[AR HB 1394 – Animal Control](#)

Expands the offense of obstructing governmental operations to include falsely identifying oneself to an animal control or code enforcement officer.

Signed into law: 3/11/09

[AR HB 1395 – Animal Control](#)

Makes the offense of interference with a law enforcement officer cover animal control and code officers.

Signed into law: 3/11/09

[AR HB 1396 – Animal Control](#)

Makes the offense of battery in the second degree applicable to those who cause bodily harm to animal control and code enforcement officers.

Signed into law: 3/11/09

[AR HB 1403 – Disaster Services](#)

Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act; regulates the use of volunteer health practitioners during times of emergencies; limits liability of volunteer health practitioners.

Signed into law: 3/16/09.

[AR HB 1744 – Animal Cruelty](#)

Makes purposely causing physical contact that is of a nature likely to cause physical injury to or attempting to cause physical contact that is of a nature likely to cause physical injury to a law enforcement or service dog a felony.

Signed into law: 3/24/09

[AR HB 1794 – Animal Shelter](#)

Makes an appropriation for animal rescue shelters for the Office of the Treasurer of the State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.

Signed into law: 4/5/09

[AR HB 1795 – Animal Shelter](#)

Makes an appropriation for grants for animal rescue or shelters for the Department of Rural Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.

Signed into law: 4/5/09

[AR HB 2222 – License Plate](#)

Creates the Animal Rescue and Shelter Trust Fund and provides for the issuance of a special license plate for the support of animal rescue and shelters.

Signed into law: 3/30/09.

[AR SJR 3 – Right to Hunt](#)

Requests to amend the Arkansas Constitution to create a constitutional right to hunt, fish, trap and harvest game.

Adopted: 4/8/09

[AR HCR 1004 – Horse Slaughter](#)

Requests the Arkansas Congressional Delegation and the Congress to support horse processing facilities.

Adopted: 4/3/09

[AR HR 1012 – Canine Good Citizen](#)

Endorses the AKC Canine Good Citizen Program and supporting its effort to promote responsible dog ownership in the state of Arkansas.

Adopted: 2/9/09

CALIFORNIA

CA ACR 19 – Spay/Neuter

Recognizes Spay Day USA 2009.

Adopted: 4/1/09

CA SB 428 – Marine Mammals

Gives the City of San Diego the authority to protect the seals on La Jolla Beach.

Signed into law: 7/20/09

CA AB 242 – Animal Fighting

Makes being a spectator at a dogfight a felony.

Signed into law: 10/11/09

CA SB 135 – Factory Farming

Prohibits the tail docking of cows.

Signed into law: 10/11/09

CA AB 708 – Wildlife Abuse

Increases penalties for poaching.

Signed into law: 10/11/09

CA SB 318 – Animal Fighting

Allows for forfeitures in dogfighting ventures.

Signed into law: 10/11/09

CA AB 241 – Puppy Mills

Limits the number of intact animals a person can maintain to 50.

Vetoed: 10/11/09

CA AB 1122 – Puppy Mills

Bans the sale of live animals at flea markets.

Vetoed: 10/11/09

[CA AB 243 – Animal Cruelty](#)

Increase penalties for animal abuse.

Vetoed: 10/11/09

COLORADO

[CO SB 118 – Animal Cruelty](#)

Revises the Pet Animal Facility Act.

Signed into law: 6/1/09

[CO SB 174 – Greyhound Racing](#)

Allows for the simulcast of greyhound racing without live racing.

Signed into law: 5/21/09

CONNECTICUT

[CT SB 499 - Puppy Mills](#)

Deters the sale of unhealthy dogs and cats by pet shops and commercial kennels and to authorizes animal control officers to obtain rabies vaccination records from veterinarians under certain conditions.

Signed into law: 7/13/09

[CT SB 650 – Pet Trusts](#)

Allows individuals to provide for the care of their animals after their death by authorizing the establishment of trusts for such purpose.

Signed into law: 6/12/09

[CT HB 6552 - Internet Hunting/Primates](#)

Prevents the sale and use of remotely operated devices to manipulate weapons to hunt live animals or birds; amended to include prohibition on great apes as pets.

Signed into law: 7/8/09

DELAWARE

[DE HB 192 – Spay/Neuter](#)

Allows people on social security to qualify for low cost spay/neuter.

Signed into law: 7/22/09

[DE HB 233 – Dogs](#)

Transfers to the counties administrative powers and duties relating to dogs and dog control formerly vested in the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental control by January 1, 2010.

Signed into law: 7/22/09

[DE SB 163 – Hunting](#)

Adds a requirement for hands-on live firing experience by a trained firearms instructor to the hunter training requirement for hunting license applicants.

Signed into law: 7/8/09

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

FLORIDA

[FL SR 2740 – Humane Resolution](#)

Adopts Humane Society Appreciation Week.

Adopted: 5/1/09

[FL HR 9121 – Humane Resolution](#)

Adopts Humane Society Appreciation Week.

Adopted: 4/17/09

GEORGIA

[GA HB 529 – Factory Farming](#)

Prohibits cities and counties from adopting ordinances, rules, regulations or resolutions regulating the production of agricultural or

farm products on farms larger than 5 acres.

Signed into law: 5/1/09

GA SB 110 – Trapping

Allows the trapping of beaver on public right of ways.

Signed into law: 4/21/09

GA HR 583 – Horse Slaughter

Opposes federal legislation that interferes with a state's ability to direct the transport or processing of horses.

Adopted: 3/30/09

GA SR 622 – Dangerous Dogs

Creates a study committee on dangerous dogs.

Adopted: 4/1/09

HAWAII

HI HB 366 – Animal Cruelty

Establishes fines and penalties for any person who knowingly captures or kills a manta ray within state marine waters. 1/26/09, introduced.

Signed into law: 6/5/09

HI SB 1222 – Hoarding

Prohibits confinement of a pet on public property for more than 4 hours; amends hoarding law to lower threshold from 20 animals to 10.

Signed into law: 6/26/09

HI HB 1512 – Pet Protection Order

Authorizes family court, when issuing a temporary restraining order, to award exclusive care of a pet animal and enjoin the restrained party from having any contact with the pet animal.

Signed into law: 6/26/09

HI HCR 60 – Dogs

Requests a working group to explore the safe use of hunting dogs on public hiking trails.

Adopted: 5/6/09

HI SR 114 – Animal Cruelty

Requests the governor to establish a task force on humane restraint and confinement.

Adopted: 4/16/09

IDAHO

ID SB 1020 – Sale of Animals

Prohibits sale of animals who were unlawfully taken.

Signed into law: 4/17/09

ID SB 1175 – Wildlife

Allows for the relocation or control of bighorn sheep who threaten domestic livestock.

Vetoed: 4/27/09

ILLINOIS

IL SB 38 – Gas Chambers

Prohibits the use of gas chambers for euthanasia.

Signed into law: 8/29/09

IL HB 562 – Cross Reporting

Amends the Humane Care for Animals Act and the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act to allow for cross reporting of abuse.

Signed into law: 8/14/09

IL HB 69 – Animal Fighting

Makes being a spectator at an animal fight a felony.

Signed into law: 8/11/09

IL HB 934 – Animal Fighting

Provides that the prohibition on the possession of an unsterilized or vicious dog by a person convicted of specified felonies applies to a person convicted of felony dog fighting.

Signed into law: 8/10/09

IL HB 2294 – Coyote Hunting

Authorizes hunters to use and possess tree-climbing and tree-cutting devices while hunting coyotes.

Signed into law: 8/13/09

IL HB 3918 – Pet Protection Order

Allows court to prohibit respondent from contact with petitioner's animals in civil no contact order.

Signed into law: 8/11/09

IL HB 4036 – Spay/Neuter

Prohibits an animal shelter or animal control facility from adopting out any dog or cat that has not been microchipped or sterilized, unless the person wishing to adopt an animal prior to the performance of the required procedures has executed a written agreement promising to have the procedures performed within a specified period of time not to exceed 30 days.

Signed into law: 8/11/09

IL SJR 56- Puppy Mills

Creates the Joint Task Force on Breeders and Pet Stores to investigate and make recommendations on ways to strengthen Illinois law regarding the breeding industry and pet store industry.

Adopted: 5/30/09

INDIANA

IN SB 221 – CAFO

Makes the confined feeding control statute part of the defined term "environmental management laws"; establishes good character disclosure requirements for CFOs and CAFOs; allows the department of environmental management to review and act on disclosed good character information.

Signed into law: 5/12/09

[IN SB 545 –Hunting](#)

Eliminates the provision under which a controlled hunt in a state park can be established only through the adoption of an emergency rule. Adds trapping to the activities allowed under a yearly resident youth consolidated license.

[Signed into law: 4/16/09](#)

[IN SB 546 –Hunting](#)

Removes the authority of a person with a federal permit to take or possess a migratory bird or the nest, eggs, or increase of a migratory bird during the closed season; adds mourning doves to the list of game birds that require a habitat restoration stamp to hunt; establishes nonresident youth hunting and trapping licenses.

[Signed into law: 5/6/09](#)

[IN HB 1468 – Puppy Mills](#)

Requires that dogs in puppy mills be let out of their cages at least once per day for exercise, increases the minimum cage size and bans wire cage flooring; upgrades the Indiana animal cruelty code by strengthening penalties for animal cruelty and authorizing courts to prohibit convicted animal abusers from owning other animals in the future. It also makes it an offense to neglect animals by failing to provide them with shelter or medical treatment.

[Signed into law: 5/7/09](#)

[IN HB 1603 – Assistance Animals](#)

Expands the definition of "public accommodation" to include various educational entities where persons with disabilities be accompanied by a guide dog; provides that an employer, employment agency, labor organization, or joint labor-management committee must allow an employee with a disability to keep a guide dog, hearing dog, or assistance dog with the employee at all times.

[Signed into law: 5/12/09](#)

IOWA

[IA SF 478 – Bird Shoots](#)

Allows a person to shoot at a bird that is released a minimum of fifty yards from that person on a licensed hunting preserve.

[Signed into law: 5/26/09](#)

[IA SF 307/SF 432 – Animal Feeding Operations](#)

Regulates animal feeding operations, and makes penalties applicable.

Signed into law: 5/15/09

KANSAS

[KS SB 28 – Animal Fighting](#)

Allows for the civil forfeiture of assets in animal fighting cases.

Signed into law: 4/17/09

[KS HB 2060 – Animal Fighting](#)

Omnibus crime bill, upgrades cockfighting to a felony.

Signed into law: 5/21/09

KENTUCKY

[KY SB 81 – Deer](#)

Bans on the importation of the members of the animal family Cervidae into the Commonwealth that do not meet the surveillance and identification rules and requirements for cervid chronic wasting disease.

Signed into law: 3/20/09

[KY SB 151 – Vet Records](#)

Allows for circumstances under which veterinarians shall release records of patients.

Signed into law: 3/20/09

[KY HB 208 – Trapping](#)

Allows holders of trapping licenses to trap on lands of another person with that person's oral consent.

Signed into law: 3/20/09

[KY HB 301 – Tracking Devices](#)

Prohibits the removal of a domesticated animal identification or tracking device without permission.

Signed into law: 3/20/09

[KY HB 331 – Animal Care](#)

Provides that persons providing care or maintenance of animals may, under certain circumstances and with notice to the owner, elect

to sell the animal to recover their costs in lieu of taking a lien against the animal.

Signed into law: 3/24/09

LOUISIANA

LA SB 31 – Animal Cruelty

Provides a penalty for the unnecessary unjustified causing of physical pain, suffering or death of an animal.

Signed into law: 6/19/09

LA SB 107 – Disaster Services

Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act; regulates the use of volunteer health practitioners during times of emergencies; limits liability of volunteer health practitioners.

Signed into law: 7/7/09

LA SB 115 – Hybrids

Prohibits human-animal hybrids.

Signed into law: 6/19/09

LA HB 90 – Animal Cruelty

Increases penalties for second or subsequent acts of animal cruelty; allows the court to prohibit future ownership of animals; allows the court to order psychological evaluation and treatment.

Signed into law: 6/29/09

LA HB 155 – Animal Cruelty

Amends definition of negligent injuring and negligent homicide to include attacks by dogs or other animals.

Signed into law: 6/29/09

LA HB 203 – Animal Control

Revises the commissioning of certain animal control investigators or specialists in parishes who maintain animal control agencies based on a population of over 50,000.

Signed into law: 6/12/09

[LA HB 541 – Assistance Animals](#)

Provides for the access of guide dogs in training to public areas and provides for trainers of guide dogs.

Signed into law: 7/6/09

MAINE

[ME LD 54 –Hunting](#)

Changes the open season for hunting coyotes at night in all counties of the State from January – June 1st to December to May 1st.

Signed into law: 4/21/09

[ME LD 66 – Endangered Species](#)

Amends Maine's Endangered and Threatened Species List by removing the bald eagle.

Signed into law: 4/30/09

[ME LD 132 –Hunting](#)

Clarifies hunting, fishing and trapping laws for youth.

Signed into law: 5/4/09

[ME LD 138 – Baiting](#)

Clarifies the placement of bait to attract wild animals or birds for hunting.

Signed into law: 5/4/09

[ME LD 171 – Hunting](#)

Extends the season for training hunting dogs.

Signed into law: 5/4/09

[ME LD 178 – License Plate](#)

Creates the support animal welfare license plate.

Signed into law: 5/4/09

[ME LD 223 – Spay/Neuter](#)

Ensures that the money received from the surcharge on registration of pet food is used for the sterilization of animals.

Signed into law: 5/28/09

ME LD 225 – Wildlife

Proposes an amendment to the Constitution of Maine to ensure protection of funding of certain programs administered by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Signed into law: 6/9/09

ME LD 253 – Hunting

Repeals the requirement that alien big game hunters be accompanied by guides licensed by the State.

Signed into law: 6/13/09

ME LD 303 – Hunting

Amends the laws governing deer hunting and extending the coyote hunting season.

Signed into law: 5/14/09

ME LD 316 – Hunting

Establishes a process for issuing licenses for commercial large game shooting areas that were not operating between October 1, 1999 and March 15, 2000; allows licensed commercial large game shooting areas to offer animals in addition to those offered between October 1, 1999 and March 15, 2000.

Signed into law: 6/4/09

ME LD 454 – Animal Welfare

Provides representation for dog clubs on the animal welfare advisory council.

Signed into law: 6/9/09

ME LD 458 – Equine Boarding

Directs the Department of Agriculture to develop recommendations for licensing equine boarding facilities.

Signed into law: 5/12/09

ME LD 517 – Animal Control

Authorizes the employment of animal control officers by animal shelters.

Signed into law: 5/20/09

ME LD 692 – Factory Farming

Directs the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to develop best management practices for poultry production.

Signed into law: 5/21/09

ME LD 811 – Wildlife

Amends certain provisions of Fish and Wildlife Laws.

Signed into law: 6/10/09

ME LD 929 – Hunting

Expands moose hunting season.

Signed into law: 6/10/09

ME LD 964 – Puppy Mills

Adds to requirements for licensing of breeding kennels.

Signed into law: 6/15/09

ME LD 1021 – Factory Farming

Prohibits confinement of farm animals in gestation and veal crates.

Signed into law: 5/12/09

ME LD 1103 – Animal Welfare

Requires creation of animal welfare citation form; amends provisions for boarding kennels; revises tethering requirements.

Signed into law: 6/10/09

MARYLAND

MD HB 149 – Pet Trusts

Allows for the creation of pet trusts. 1/23/09, introduced and referred to Judiciary.

Signed into law: 4/9/09

MD HB 955 – Equine Activities

Requires that equine activities be treated as agricultural activities.

Signed into law: 5/19/09

[MD HB 1218 – Killing Dogs](#)

Adds Washington County to the list of counties that prohibit a person from killing a dog found pursuing a deer.

Signed into law: 4/14/09

[MD HB 1245 – Sunday Hunting](#)

Allows bowhunting of deer on private property on Sundays in Frederick County.

Signed into law: 5/7/09

MASSACHUSETTS

MICHIGAN

[MI SB 10 – Raptors](#)

Requires the establishment of a season for taking raptors for falconry.

Signed into law: 6/4/09

[MI SB 387 – Pet Trusts](#)

Amends pet trust code by allowing a person with an interest in the animal to request the court to appoint someone to enforce the trust or remove the appointed person.

Signed into law: 6/18/09

[MI SB 483 – Hunting Dogs](#)

Creates a participation license for bear and bobcat hunting when using dogs during hunt.

Signed into law: 7/9/09

[MI HB 5127 – Factory Farming](#)

Amended to phase out veal crates within 2 years and battery cages and gestation crates within 10 years.

Signed into law: 10/15/09

MINNESOTA

[MN SF 122 – Cocoa Bean Mulch](#)

Requires sellers of cocoa bean shell mulch to post warning labels on bags.

[Vetoed: 5/8/09](#)

MISSISSIPPI

[MS SB 2734 – Hunting](#)

Deletes repealer on authority of Commission to regulate game farms; exempts existing wildlife enclosures for nonhunting purposes larger than 10 acres, and exempts direct heir from original owner of such a facility.

[Signed into law: 4/13/09](#)

MISSOURI

[MO SCR 8/HCR 19 – Horse Slaughter](#)

Urges Congress to oppose federal legislation that interferes with a state's ability to direct the transport or processing of horses.

[Adopted: 5/5/09](#)

MONTANA

[MT HB 74 - Hunting](#)

Authorizes an archery season on mountain lions, bears and wolves.

[Signed into law: 3/17/09](#)

[MT HB 90 – Livestock](#)

Revises laws to consider llamas as livestock for wolf predation purposes.

[Signed into law: 3/17/09](#)

[MT HB 418 – Horse Slaughter](#)

Authorizes investor owned horse slaughter plants; prohibits courts from granting an injunction to stop or delay the construction of a horse slaughter plant; requires a plaintiff who sues to stop a horse slaughter plant to pay for financial losses of the plant if a court

issues an injunction to halt operations; requires plaintiff to post a surety bond worth 20% of the cost of building the facility or 20% of the operational costs if the facility already exists

Signed into law: 5/1/09

MT HB 655 – Equine Welfare

Allows horse owners to relinquish horse to the department at a livestock auction if they can't afford to keep it; requires owner to pay the department a fee; allows department to sell the horse at auction, euthanize it, or adopt the horse out; grants the owner immunity from prosecution for cruelty.

Signed into law: 4/28/09

MT SB 84 – Animal Welfare

Authorizes inmate job training program to include training in animal training and boarding.

Signed into law: 4/19/09

MT SB 104 –Livestock

Reduces hold period for estray livestock from 30 days to 10 days, after which the animal can be sold at auction.

Signed into law: 4/17/09

MT SB 202 – Hunting

Prohibits baiting deer and mountain lions.

Signed into law: 4/17/09

MT SB 228 – Wildlife

Reorders agency priorities for managing predators, placing protection of humans, livestock and pets above preserving opportunities to hunt; allows agency to kill wolves who are attacking livestock as long as goal for breeding pairs has been met; allows landowner permits to shoot-on-sight wolves who are attacking livestock.

Signed into law: 4/17/09

NEBRASKA

NE LB 5 – Trapping

Eliminates a restriction and a penalty on trapping wildlife in county road rights-of-way.

Signed into law: 3/6/09

NE LB 241 – Puppy Mills

Allows for inspection of breeding facilities and enacts a lemon law.

Signed into law: 5/29/09

NE LB 347 – Dogs

Eliminates governmental agency liability with respect to dogs.

Signed into law: 5/26/09

NE LB 463 – Animal Therapist

Provides for licensure of animal therapists and consultation between veterinarians and other health care professionals.

Signed into law: 5/26/09

NE LB 494 - Animal Cruelty

Requires vets and vet techs to report animal cruelty; changes provisions relating to dangerous dogs.

Signed into law: 5/26/09

NEVADA

NV AB 15 – Spay/Neuter

Requires vets, parks and dealers to notify pet owners about local sterilization requirements; prohibits taking a puppy from its mother prior to 8 weeks.

Signed into law: 5/30/09

NV AB 199 – Animal Fighting

Prohibits owning, possessing, keeping, training, promoting or purchasing an animal with the intent to use it to fight; prohibits selling an animal knowing that it is intended to be used to fight.

Signed into law: 5/26/09

NV AB 246 – Hunting

Allows the issuance of free apprentice hunting licenses to kids 12 and older; requires someone with an apprentice license to be accompanied by someone 18 or older; does not require apprentice hunter to complete any training.

Veto override: 5/31/09

NV SB 132 – Tethering

Prohibits tethering a dog with a restraint less than 12 feet long or for more than 14 hours a day; prohibits keeping a dog in an outdoor enclosure for more than 14 hours a day unless certain weight and size requirements are met; requires state emergency management plans to include provisions ensuring the evacuation of service animals with their owners.

Signed into law: 5/26/09

NV SB 411 – Hunting

Requires revocation of hunting licenses for two or more wildlife felonies.

Signed into law: 6/4/09

NV SCR 21 – Animal Welfare

Promotes awareness of building, fire and life safety standards for certain facilities that board animals.

Adopted: 3/27/09

NEW HAMPSHIRE

NH SB 124 – Wildlife

Provides conditions for the removal of beaver dams and the use of beaver pipes.

Signed into law: 7/16/09

NH SB 137 – License Plate

Establishes a special motor vehicle license plate and associated fees to support the New Hampshire companion animal neutering fund.

Signed into law: 6/12/09

NH HB 148 – Animal Welfare

Requires that applicants for a license to transfer household pets provide proof of conformity with municipal zoning regulations before issuance of a license. This bill also declares that production of an official health certificate is prima facie evidence of transfer of a dog, cat, or ferret.

Signed into law: 8/3/09

NH HB 247- Animal Cruelty

Allows the state veterinarian to assist law enforcement personnel with the investigation and enforcement of animal abuse laws.

Signed into law: 6/23/09

[NH HB 345 – Animal Therapist](#)

Allows physical therapists to practice on animals.

Signed into law: 8/10/09

[NH HB 612 – Hunting](#)

Expands the authority for the fish and game department to suspend, revoke, or declare invalid licenses for which a person is suspended or revoked in another jurisdiction.

Signed into law: 4/21/09

NEW JERSEY

[NJ S. 802 – Hunting](#)

Allows bow hunting of deer on private lands or state management areas on Sundays.

Signed into law: 5/4/09

[NJ A. 1577 & S.979 - Antifreeze](#)

Requires a bittering agent to be added to antifreeze containing more than 10% ethylene glycol.

Signed into law: 1/17/10

[NJ A. 2260 – Horseshoe Crabs](#)

Imposes moratorium on harvest and possession of horseshoe crabs.

Signed into law: 3/25/08

[NJ A. 2513 & S. 2430 – Cat and Dog Spay/Neuter Fund](#)

Provides for voluntary contributions by taxpayers on gross income tax returns to Community Food Pantry Fund and to Cat and Dog Spay/Neuter Fund.

Signed into law: 9/8/09

[NJ A. 2653 – Fur Labeling](#)

Requires all garments containing animal fur to be labeled with the species of animal and country of origin.

Signed into law: 11/20/09

[NJ A. 3111 – Taxing of fur garments](#)

Tax bill that changes the taxing of fur garments.

Signed into law: 12/19/08

NEW MEXICO

[NM SB 127 – Animal Cruelty](#)

Forfeiture and bonding of cruelly treated animals.

Signed into law: 4/1/09

[NM SB 185 – License Plate](#)

Special license plates; distributes a portion of fee to animal care and facility fund.

Signed into law: 4/8/09

[NM SM 68 – Spay/Neuter](#)

Proclaims March “Española Pit Fix Month” in the Senate.

Adopted: 2/24/09

[NM HB 265 – Gas Chambers](#)

Prohibits the use of gas chambers for euthanasia of certain animals.

Signed into law: 4/6/09

[NM HB 593 – Euthanasia](#)

Authorizes euthanasia technicians to purchase, possess and administer controlled substances for the euthanasia and pre-euthanasia of animals.

Signed into law: 4/6/09

[NM HM 49 – Spay/Neuter](#)

Proclaims February 24, 2009 “Spay Day Espanola” at the House of Representatives.

Adopted: 2/24/09

[NM HJM 4 – Wildlife](#)

Requests information sharing about wildlife corridors.

Adopted: 3/17/09

NEW YORK

NORTH CAROLINA

NC HB 105 – Wildlife

Clarifies that the interstate wildlife violator compact includes violations of marine resources law, as recommended by the joint legislative commission on seafood and aquaculture.

Signed into law: 4/14/09

NC SB 307 – Exotic Pets

Regulates ownership & use of certain reptiles.

Signed into law: 7/27/09

NC SB 467 – Animal Shelter

Expands application of the law concerning the holding and disposal of unclaimed animals.

Signed into law: 7/17/09

NC SB 499 – Hunting

Prohibits hunting on the property of another without written permission in Edgecombe County.

Signed into law: 5/7/09

NC SB 674 – Animal Welfare

Amends the Rabies laws to conform with recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians and to allow stray or feral animals to be immediately euthanized and tested for rabies after biting a human.

Signed into law: 7/24/09

NC SB 1011 – Trapping

Amend the law governing the sizes of traps for taking wild animals.

Signed into law: 6/19/09

NC SB 1062 – Pet Protection Order

Strengthens domestic violence protective orders to provide for the protection of pets.

Signed into law: 8/5/09

NC HB 888 – Hunting

Regulates bow hunting on the lands of another in Hyde County.

Signed into law: 6/11/09

NC HB 921 – Trapping

Amends trapping law in Dare county.

8/11/09: Ratified.

NC HB 970 – Hunting

Makes it illegal for a person to release a dog onto the property of another for the purpose of hunting deer or to release a dog with knowledge, actual or constructive, that the dog will likely go on the land of another in pursuit of deer, without the written consent of the landowner in Granville County.

Signed into law: 5/28/09

NC HB 1098 – Animal Cruelty

Makes it a Class H felony to willfully kill or attempt to kill a search and rescue animal and to make it an aggravating circumstance for other criminal offenses that a search and rescue animal was seriously harmed or killed while the animal was engaged in performing official duties.

8/7/09: Signed into law.

NC HB 1118 – Hunting

Standardizes wild boar hunting season and the harvesting of feral swine and to direct the department of agriculture and consumer services to study issues related to the importation of feral swine in North Carolina.

Signed into law: 6/11/09

NC HB 1175 – CAFO's

Updates the National pollutant discharge elimination system (NPDES) permitting requirements for confined animal feeding operations (CAFOs).

Signed into law: 6/28/09

NC SB 467 – Animal Shelter

Facilitates adoptions from animal shelters.

Signed into law: 7/17/09

NC HB 1419 – Animal Cruelty

Prohibits the capture, injury, killing, or disturbance of bats.

Signed into law: 6/30/09

NORTH DAKOTA

ND HB 1073 – Disaster Services

Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act; regulates the use of volunteer health practitioners during times of emergencies; limits liability of volunteer health practitioners.

Signed into law: 4/28/09

ND HB 1110 – Hunting

Prohibits the importation, transportation or possession of feral swine; prohibits releasing swine; prohibits hunting or trapping of feral swine; authorizes board to destroy or order destruction of feral swine.

Signed into law: 4/28/09

ND HB 1125 – Wildlife

Allows the agriculture commissioner, along with the USDA, to destroy all fur-bearers and deer (instead of just coyotes, wolves, bobcats and fox) that are injurious to livestock and game or threaten human health.

Signed into law: 4/16/09

ND HB 1188 – Wildlife

Creates crime of “exploitation of wildlife” for repeat poaching; imposes felony penalties.

Signed into law: 4/28/09

ND HB 1496 – Horse Slaughter

Provides for the department of commerce to conduct an equine processing facility feasibility study to consider the costs of constructing a horse slaughter plant, determine whether any existing structures can be converted, determine the nature and scope of the market, review federal horse slaughter laws and evaluate the potential for amendments, and examine the potential for obtaining loans or grants to pay for the development of a horse slaughter plant; appropriates \$100,000 to conduct the study. 1/19/09, introduced and referred to Agriculture committee.

Signed into law: 4/24/09

ND SB 2210 – Animal Cruelty

Prohibits taunting, harassing, provoking or interfering with a law enforcement animal.

Signed into law: 4/8/09

ND SB 2211 – Animal Cruelty

Prohibits taunting, harassing, provoking or interfering with a service animal.

Signed into law: 4/8/09

ND HCR 3007 – Wildlife

Urges Congress to amend federal law to allow North Dakota resident sharpshooters to take elk within Theodore Roosevelt National Park to assist the National Park Service in reducing and managing the park's elk population.

Adopted: 2/18/09

ND HCR 3021 – Wildlife

Urges USFWS not to list the black-tailed prairie dog as threatened or endangered.

Adopted: 4/1/09

ND SCR 4021 – Horse Slaughter

Urges Congress to recognize the need for regulated horse processing facilities in the United States.

Adopted: 3/20/09

OHIO

OH SJR 6 – Factory Farming

Places a constitutional amendment on the ballot to create a Livestock Care Standards Board to establish standards for the treatment of

farm animals.

Adopted: 7/13/09

OKLAHOMA

OK HB 2158 – Aerial Shooting

Authorizes the Department of Wildlife Conservation to issue management-by-use-of-aircraft permits.

Signed into law: 5/11/09

OK HB 1464 – Hunting

Establishes certain limits on hunting or taking black bear; establishes license fees; establishes penalties for violation of license requirements.

Signed into law: 4/13/09

OK SB 1033 – Animal Cruelty

Creates a crime for the wrongful injury or removal of certain cervidae.

Signed into law: 5/26/09

OK SB 1129 – Disaster Services

Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act; regulates the use of volunteer health practitioners during times of emergencies; limits liability of volunteer health practitioners.

Signed into law: 4/21/09

OK HB 1465 – Hunting

Extends the dates for hunting or taking a furbearer.

Signed into law: 4/28/09

OK HB 2151 – Factory Farming

Authorizing the Legislature to preempt all local law regarding the care and handling of livestock.

Signed into law: 5/12/09

OK HB 2154 – Hunting

Increases penalties for damages to real or personal property where the person willfully entering a licensed facility hunts, shoots, shoots

at, kills, attempts to kill, disturbs, hazes, takes, or attempts to take any personal property of the owner without permission from the owner.

Signed into law: 5/22/09

OK SCR 17 - Good Canine Citizen

Endorses the AKC Canine Good Citizen Program and supporting its effort to promote responsible dog ownership in the state of Oklahoma

Adopted: 4/16/09

OREGON

OR HB 2470 – Puppy Mills

Prohibits owning more than 50 breeding dogs; establishes space and exercise requirements for people with more than 10 breeding dogs; bans wire caging and stacking; provides remedies for people who purchase a dog with a disease, illness or congenital defect; requires disclosure of origin of dogs sold.

Signed into law: 6/17/09

OR HB 2529 – Animal Cruelty

Allows for impounded birds for fighting to be kept on the property of the owner of the bird; requires people convicted of sexual assault of an animal to register as a sex offender.

Signed into law: 6/25/09

OR HB 2629 – Animal Cruelty

Increases penalties for interfering with, or assaulting, a law enforcement animal.

Signed into law: 6/25/09

OR HB 3089 – Wildlife

Allows State Fish and Wildlife Commission to adopt a schedule of civil penalties for violations of wildlife laws; establishes damages for unlawful taking or killing of certain wildlife; makes it a class C felony to take a deer or elk with antlers, release wildlife not native to Oregon, take an endangered/threatened species, take a raptor, or gaff, net or snag game fish; requires revocation of licenses in poaching cases.

Signed into law: 7/22/09

OR HB 3417 – Livestock

Limits State Department of Agriculture responsibilities regarding estray livestock to animals of bovine species and horses; limits department duty to determine adequacy of fence to fences enclosing animals of bovine species or horses; allows department to charge for determining adequacy of fence.

Signed into law: 6/17/09

OR SB 8 – Disaster Services

Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act; regulates the use of volunteer health practitioners during times of emergencies; limits liability of volunteer health practitioners.

Signed into law: 6/18/09

OR SB 280 – Animal Fighting

Makes it a felony to be a spectator at a cockfight; makes it a felony to fight any animal, to possess any animal for fighting, and to watch any animal fight.

Signed into law: 7/23/09

OR SB 298 – Animal Cruelty

Prohibits court and animal care agency from placing forfeited animal in same household as person from whom animal was forfeited.

Signed into law: 6/16/09

OR SB 299 – Animal Cruelty

Authorizes court to order removal of domestic animals from residence of person convicted of unlawfully possessing domestic animals (after animal cruelty conviction).

Signed into law: 6/24/09

OR SB 303 – Animal Cruelty

Authorizes Governor, upon request from humane investigation agency, to commission persons designated by agency as special agents; requires humane investigation agency to enter into contract with state regarding agency's responsibilities for commissioned special agents.

Signed into law: 6/18/09

OR SB 391 – Exotic Pets

Bans future possession of certain dangerous exotic animals such as primates, wolves, big cats, bears, tigers; adds crocodiles to the definition of exotic animal; grandfathers people who already owned exotic animals, but prohibits breeding of those that fall under that

grandfather exemption.

Signed into law: 6/24/09

OR SB 398 – Animal Cruelty

Prohibits abandonment of horses.

Signed into law: 6/4/09

OR SB 875 – Assistance Animals

Prohibits person from charging fee or deposit for assistance animal in rented housing.

Signed into law: 6/23/09

PENNSYLVANIA

PA HB 39 – Animal Cruelty

Prohibits tail docking, debarking and surgical birth, unless performed by a veterinarian under anesthesia.

Signed into law: 8/27/09

PA HR 125 – Animal Cruelty

Designates the month of April 2009 as "Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month" in Pennsylvania.

Adopted: 4/1/09

PA HR 216 – Animal Cruelty

Designates the week of April 19 through 25, 2009, as "Animal Abuse Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

Adopted: 4/1/09

PA HR 298 – Appreciation Month

Designating June 2009 as PA Animal Shelter Appreciation Month.

Adopted: 5/12/09

PA HR 418 – Dogs

Designates September 2009 as AKC appreciation month.

Adopted: 7/20/09

RHODE ISLAND

RI SB 286 – Greyhounds

Requires at least two hundred (200) days annually of the operation of dog racing.

Vetoed: 7/2/09

RI SB 800/HB 6006 - Dogs

Increases the fines imposed by the Municipal Court for a violation of the dog ordinances to fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the first offense, one hundred dollars (\$100) for the second offense, two hundred dollars (\$200) for the third offense and three hundred dollars (\$300) for the fourth and each subsequent offense within the calendar year.

Signed into law: 7/16/09

RI HR 5188 – Good Canine Citizen

Endorses the AKC Canine Good Citizen Program and supporting its effort to promote responsible dog ownership in the state of Rhode Island.

Adopted: 1/27/09

RI HR 6026 – Horse Slaughter

Urges the US Congress to support federal legislation to protect American horses from slaughter for human consumption.

Adopted: 3/31/09

SOUTH CAROLINA

SC SB 453 – Factory Farming

Prohibits political subdivisions of the state from enacting ordinances, orders or regulations regarding the care and handling of livestock and poultry; exempts nuisance suits related to factory farms, and exempts ordinances regarding new hog farms and new slaughterhouses. Prohibits permit challenges by anyone other than people who live within a 2 mile radius of the facility.

Veto Override: 6/16/09

SC HJR 3483 – Hunting

Constitutional amendment for right to hunt.

Adopted: 5/27/09

SOUTH DAKOTA

[SD HB 1004 – Wildlife](#)

Allows the killing of mountain lions without permits for the protection of public safety or the protection of livestock.

[Signed into law: 3/3/09](#)

[SD HB 1104 – Hunting](#)

Authorizes a sentencing court to impose consecutive revocations of hunting, fishing, or trapping privileges under certain conditions.

[Signed into law: 3/3/09](#)

[SD SCR 2 – Horse Slaughter](#)

Urges the reinstatement and funding of a federal inspection program governing horse slaughter and euthanasia facilities.

[Adopted: 2/5/09](#)

[SD SCR 4 – Horse Slaughter](#)

Supports the transportation of horses to foreign slaughter plants.

[Adopted: 2/23/09](#)

[SD SCR 10 – Horse Slaughter](#)

Supports legislative efforts in other states addressing the need to provide for horse slaughter and processing in the United States.

[Adopted: 3/12/09](#)

[SD HCR 1017 – Wildlife](#)

Urges a finding by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service that the black-tailed prairie dog is not likely to become an endangered species

[Adopted: 3/10/09](#)

TENNESSEE

[TN HB 386 – Puppy Mills](#)

Requires large scale commercial breeding operations with more than 20 unsterilized female dogs maintained for breeding purposes to acquire a license from the Department of Health, establish inspections as a prerequisite for licensure and implement humane care standards for dogs and cats. The bill also calls for commercial breeding operations to comply with state sales tax requirements, and it

holds mass dog producers accountable to consumers by forcing adherence to the consumer protection act.

Signed into law: 7/8/09

TN SB 605 – Dogs

Authorizes municipalities having a population of at least 100,000 to establish an ordinance and permitting process that would enable restaurants to allow admittance of patron companion dogs into designated outdoor.

Signed into law: 7/6/09

TEXAS

TX SB 554 – Animal Fighting

Makes possession of dog fighting implements a misdemeanor.

Signed into law: 6/19/09

TX HB 405 – Animal Control

Relating to the authority of an animal control officer to carry a bite prevention stick in the performance of official duties.

Signed into law: 6/19/09

TX SB 1586 – Hunting

Approval of a biologist for a permit to trap, transport, and process deer.

Signed into law: 6/19/09

TX HB 2042 – Estray Livestock

Notice requirements following impoundment of an estray.

Signed into law: 5/20/09

TX HB 3004 – Animal Shelter

Provides for a civil penalty relating to animal shelter standards.

Signed into law: 6/19/09

TX HB 205 – Dogs

Requirement of a city relating to the restraint of a dog does not apply to a dog used to protect livestock on property controlled by the property owner.

Signed into law: 5/23/09

[TX HB 375 – Livestock](#)

Relating to classifying farm elk as livestock under the Agriculture Code.

Signed into law: 5/27/09

[TX HB 968 – Hunting](#)

Allows the use of crossbows for hunting.

Signed into law: 5/23/09

[TX HB 1046 – Appeals](#)

(amended into SB 408) Relating to the appeals process in the disposition of cruelly treated animals.

Signed into law: 6/19/09

[TX SB 408 – Animal Cruelty](#)

Appeals process in the disposition of cruelly treated animals.

Signed into law: 6/19/09

[TX HB 1881 – Equine](#)

Creates the Texas Equine Incentive Program.

Signed into law: 6/19/09

[TX HB 4006 – Veterinary Reporting](#)

Veterinarian reports of diseased animals.

Signed into law: 5/27/09

UTAH

[UT HB 34 - Wildlife](#)

Establishes the value of a bald eagle for the purpose of determining the penalty for the wanton destruction of a bald eagle; and establishes the suggested minimum restitution value for a bald eagle.

Signed into law: 3/25/09

[UT HJR 7 – Horse Slaughter](#)

Urges Congress to oppose federal legislation that would interfere with a state's authority to direct the transport or processing of horses.

[Adopted: 2/12/09](#)

[UT SB 137 – Animal Therapist](#)

Animal Physical Therapy.

[Signed into law: 3/24/09](#)

VERMONT

[VT S. 86 – Pet Trusts](#)

Allows for the creation of pet trusts.

[Signed into law: 5/14/09](#)

[VT H. 6 – Antifreeze](#)

Proposes to require that any engine coolant or antifreeze sold in Vermont contain a bittering agent to render the engine coolant or antifreeze unpalatable to children and animals.

[Signed into law: 5/12/09](#)

[VT HJR 4 – Good Canine Citizen](#)

Endorses the AKC Canine Good Citizen Program and supporting its effort to promote responsible dog ownership in the state of Vermont.

[Adopted: 2/3/09](#)

VIRGINIA

[VA SB 897 – Animal Shelter](#)

Allows the immediate administration of vaccinations and other veterinary care to any animal confined by a releasing agency.

Currently a releasing agency could provide for the immediate euthanasia of a critically injured, critically ill, or unweaned animal for humane purposes, but could not provide routine veterinary care until the expiration of minimum five-day waiting period.

[Signed into law: 3/23/09](#)

VA SB 1515 – Wildlife

Authorizes the issuance of a kill permit to shoot any wildlife to an airport operator, if the Director of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries finds wildlife is creating a hazard.

Signed into law: 3/27/09

VA HB 1609 – Hunting

Establishes a license for nonresidents to hunt in foxhound training preserves for \$12. The new provision parallels the existing license requirement for nonresidents to hunt in shooting preserves.

Signed into law: 2/25/09

VA HB 1716 – Hunting

Makes it a Class 3 misdemeanor to willfully and intentionally impede someone who has obtained a kill permit from killing a bear or deer that is damaging the owner's property. The language is similar to the current language used to prohibit the harassment of hunters and trappers.

Signed into law: 2/23/09

VA HB 1719 – Hunting

Clarifies the current authority of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission and the Board of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to increase certain fees for hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses.

Signed into law: 2/23/09

VA HB 1951 – Dangerous Dogs

Authorizes the use of copies of all records, documents, and papers associated with the Dangerous Dog Registry in Virginia courts if the documents have been certified and authenticated by the State Veterinarian or the Dangerous Dog Registry administrator as true copies of the original documents.

Signed into law: 3/30/09

VA HB 2097 – Animal Shelter

Allows the Board of Pharmacy to register an animal shelter or pound to purchase, possess, and administer certain Schedule II-VI controlled substances approved by the State Veterinarian for the purpose of euthanizing injured, sick, homeless, and unwanted domestic pets and animals; and to purchase, possess, and administer certain Schedule VI controlled substances for the purpose of preventing, controlling, and treating certain communicable diseases that failure to control would result in transmission to the animal population in the shelter or pound.

Signed into law: 3/5/09

VA HB 2281 – Wildlife Compact

Authorizes the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to adopt regulations necessary to be a party to the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact.

Signed into law: 2/23/09

VA HB 2364 – Dangerous Dogs

Provides that a court, upon finding an animal to be a dangerous or vicious dog, may order the owner, custodian, or harbinger thereof to pay restitution for damages to any person injured by the animal or whose companion animal was injured or killed by the animal.

Signed into law: 3/27/09

VA HB 2393 – Animal Control

Adds animal control officers to the following crimes for which enhanced punishment is imposed when the victim of such a crime is a law-enforcement officer: assault and battery, malicious wounding, and obstruction of justice.

Signed into law: 3/27/09

VA HB 2629 – Antifreeze

Requires that any engine coolant or antifreeze that is manufactured or sold within the Commonwealth contain a bittering agent in order to render the coolant or antifreeze unpalatable.

Signed into law: 3/27/09

WASHINGTON

WA HB 1148 – Pet Protection Order

Allows courts to grant custody of animals to petitioner in cases of domestic violence; allows courts to prohibit respondent from coming within a specified distance from the animal.

Signed into law: 5/11/09

WA SB 5402 – Animal Cruelty

Mandatory permanent ban on future ownership of similar animals in cases of animal cruelty where the animal died or endured substantial pain or undue suffering; allows court to ban future possession of nonsimilar animals if there is a likelihood of abuse or neglect to the nonsimilar animals; allows seizure of animals when future ownership has been prohibited.

Signed into law: 4/30/09

WA SB 5651 – Puppy Mills

Prohibits possession of more than 50 breeding dogs at one time; establishes welfare standards for people with more than 10 breeding dogs, including space, exercise, housing facilities, access to food and water, vet care; authorizes investigations at breeding facilities.

Signed into law: 4/30/09

WA SB 5974 – Livestock

Potentially reduces penalty for the transport or acceptance of delivery of any live nonambulatory livestock from a misdemeanor to a civil infraction.

Signed into law: 5/5/09

WEST VIRGINIA

WV SB 501 – Gas Chamber

Prohibits euthanasia by means of a gas chamber.

Signed into law: 6/5/09

WISCONSIN

WI SB 112 – Trapping

Possession of green skins of fur-bearing animals, the tagging of traps, and the sale, purchase, bartering, and trade of wild animals and their carcasses.

Signed into law: 8/13/09

WI SB 167 –Hunting

Minimum age for hunting and for possessing a firearm.

Signed into law: 8/13/09

WI AB 316 – Disaster Services

Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act; regulates the use of volunteer health practitioners during times of emergencies; limits liability of volunteer health practitioners.

Signed into law: 10/6/09

WI AB 250 – Puppy Mills

Requires licensing of animal shelters, animal control facilities, dog breeders and dog dealers who sell more than 25 dogs per year.

Signed into law: 12/1/09

WI AJR 91 – Shelters

Declaring October to be Adopt a Shelter Pet Month.

Adopted: 11/12/09

WYOMING

WY HB 6 - Trapping

Authorizes commission to promulgate trapping regulations; modifies trap check times.

Signed into law: 2/25/09

WY HB 11 – Wildlife

Prohibits knowingly or negligently allowing or directing a dog to harass a big game animal.

Signed into law: 3/5/09

WY HB 207 – Internet Hunting

Bans Internet hunting.

Signed into law: 2/27/09

WY SF 8 – Livestock

Allowing for the destruction of “feral livestock.”

Signed into law: 3/2/09

WY SF 114 Rabies

Allows for the impoundment of any animal who bites a person for as long as necessary to determine whether the animal has a communicable disease.

Signed into law: 3/11/09

WY SJR 4 – Wildlife

Expressing Wyoming’s opposition to the inclusion of black tailed prairie dogs as threatened or endangered species.

Signed into law: 3/4/09

WY HJR 8 – Horse Slaughter

Urges Congress to oppose federal legislation that would interfere with a state's authority to direct the transport or processing of horses.

Signed into law: 3/3/09