



THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES

Humane State Ranking 2010
(Montana through Wyoming, plus DC)

	MT	NE	NV	NH	NJ	NM	NY	NC	ND	OH	OK	OR	PA	RI	SC	SD	TN	TX	UT	VT	VA	WA	WV	WI	WY	DC
ANIMAL FIGHTING																										
Felony penalty for cockfighting	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		√	√	√	√				√		√	√	√		√	√	√
Felony penalty for a first offense of cockfighting	√	√		√	√		√	√	√		√	√	√	√				√		√	√	√		√	√	√
Prohibits attending cockfights		√	√	√	√		√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Felony penalties for attending cockfights		√	√	√	√			√				√	√	√						√	√	√				√
Prohibits possessing birds for fighting	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		√	√	√	√	√	√			√			√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Felony penalties for possessing birds for fighting	√	√	√	√	√	√			√		√	√	√	√						√	√	√		√	√	√
Felony penalties for dogfighting	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Felony penalties for possessing dogs for fighting	√	√	√	√	√	√		√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		√	√	√	√		√	√	√
Prohibits attending dogfights		√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Felony penalties for attending dogfights		√	√	√	√	√		√		√		√	√	√	√					√	√	√				√
Prohibits hog dog fighting	√	√	√	√	√		√	√	√	√		√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		√		√		√
Requires person charged with animal fighting to post a bond to cover the costs of caring for the animals		√								√											√				√	
ANIMAL CRUELTY																										
Felony penalty for egregious acts of cruelty	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		√	√	√	√	√	√		√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Felony penalty for a first offense of egregious cruelty	√	√		√	√	√	√	√			√	√		√	√		√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Counseling required for animal cruelty offenders			√		√	√												√					√			

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Allows courts to include protections for pets in domestic violence orders			√				√	√			√						√			√		√	√				
Requires person charged with animal cruelty to post a bond to cover the costs of caring for the animals	√	√		√		√	√			√	√	√					√				√		√	√	√		
Places limits on the inhumane chaining of dogs			√															√		√	√		√			√	
WILDLIFE ABUSE																											
Prohibits bear hunting		√								√				√				√									√ ¹
Prohibits hound hunting of bears	√				√		√				√	√	√									√			√	√	
Prohibits hunting bears over bait	√				√	√	√	√				√	√	√	√		√			√	√	√	√			√	
Prohibits the trade in bear parts	√	√		√	√	√		√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		√	√		√	√	√	√	√		
Prohibits cougar hunting		√		√			√	√			√				√					√			√	√		√	
Prohibits hound hunting of cougars												√				√						√				√	
Prohibits mourning dove hunting				√	√		√													√						√	
Includes a partial or full ban on canned hunts, or shooting animals kept in enclosures	√		√	√				√				√					√		√	√	√	√		√	√		
Prohibits shooting animals remotely via the internet		√		√	√	√	√	√			√	√	√	√	√		√	√	√	√	√	√		√	√	√	
Prohibits hunting on Sundays					√								√								√					√	
Felony penalty for illegally hunting an endangered species			√	√	√														√			√					
Regulates nuisance wildlife control operators			√	√		√	√	√		√	√	√	√	√			√	√			√	√	√	√	√	√	
EXOTIC PETS																											
Prohibits the private possession of big cats as pets		√		√	√	√	√					√	√		√		√		√	√		√				√	

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Prohibits veal crates for calves																											
Prohibits battery cages for egg-laying hens																											
Prohibits the force feeding of birds for the production of foie gras																											
Includes protections for downed animals too sick or injured to walk					√				√		√	√	√						√			√		√			
Includes humane slaughter standards				√						√		√	√	√						√		√	√				
Prohibits tail docking of dairy cows																											
FUR AND TRAPPING																											
Prohibits or seriously restricts the use of leghold traps					√									√									√				√ ²
Requires garments made of animal fur to be labeled					√		√																		√		
Prohibits the use of anal electrocution to kill animals for fur							√																				
Prohibits the use of snares																							√				√
Prohibits the sale of dog and cat fur					√		√					√	√									√					
PUPPY MILLS																											
Limits the number of breeding dogs confined at large-scale puppy mills												√										√	√				
Requires licensing of puppy mills		√		√	√		√	√		√	√		√	√				√		√	√				√		√
Requires inspections of puppy mills		√		√			√				√		√					√				√			√		√
Includes basic humane standards for dogs at puppy mills		√	√	√	√		√	√			√	√	√					√		√	√	√			√		√

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EQUINE PROTECTION																											
Prohibits the slaughter of horses for human consumption											√							√									
Prohibits the soring of horse's legs																	√				√						
Includes standards for the transportation of horses				√			√						√	√			√	√		√					√		
Prohibits horse tripping, or roping the legs of a galloping horse		√				√					√			√				√									
Total	19	29	24	35	40	27	37	23	13	17	26	36	35	29	19	8	28	20	19	37	35	36	20	25	19	37	