

Post-1990 Initiative and Referendum Summary – Animal Issues

Total win/loss count for the animal movement – 28 wins, 13 losses, with 68% win rate

Total win/loss count for measures HSUS or FFA has been centrally involved in – 28 wins, 11 losses, with 72% win rate (HSUS was not actively involved in 1992 AZ and 1998 AK anti-trapping initiatives)

Narrative summary

Between 1990 and 2008, animal advocates squared off against factory farmers, hunters, and other animal industries in 41 statewide ballot campaigns, winning in 28 campaigns and marking a huge surge in the use of the process on animal issues. To provide a contrast, in the previous 50 years — between 1940 and 1990 — there were about a half dozen animal-related initiatives, and our movement prevailed in only one campaign — and that measure was later overturned by a subsequent ballot measure advanced by opponents of the reform.

From 1990 to present, 32 of the measures were initiatives or referenda pushed by animal protection advocates, three measures were initiatives by animal use industries, five were pro-hunting referenda placed on ballots by state legislators, and one was a pro-animal referendum placed on the ballot by state lawmakers.

Of the pro-animal initiatives (with HSUS instigating and leading most of the campaigns), animal advocates have won restrictions on cruel methods of trapping in five of seven states (with two measures in Arizona) where initiatives have been conducted, four of seven related to hound hunting and bear baiting, one of two measures to ban mourning dove hunting, one measure on horse slaughter, all three measures on cockfighting, two of three measures on airborne hunting of predators in Alaska, one of two measures to ban greyhound racing in Massachusetts, and all three measures on intensive confinement methods for pregnant sows, veal calves, and egg-laying hens. We failed in an effort to strengthen Arkansas's anti-cruelty law. One of the trapping measures, Question 1 in Massachusetts in 1996, also banned hounding and baiting and eliminated the requirement that members of the Fisheries and Wildlife Board had to be hunters.

Of the five pro-hunting referenda, animal advocates prevailed in four campaigns. Most of these pro-hunting referenda sought to make it practically impossible to use the initiative process — either by creating new passage or qualification standards; we vigorously campaigned against these measures and defeated three of the four. One pro-hunting referendum, which we contested and defeated, sought to repeal the ban on lion hunting in California.

We defeated two of the three initiatives from animal use industries — one to repeal the voter-approved ban on hounding and baiting in Oregon and one to expand gambling at greyhound and horse racing tracks in Arizona.

In sum, we have had great success in carefully selecting and winning initiative campaigns. Stung by our successes, animal use industries have organized a backlash, mainly by working with their allies in state legislatures to place counter-measures on ballots. We have been successful in defeating the meaningful counter-measures. In the rare circumstances when animal industries have placed measures on ballots, we have handily defeated their measures.

BALLOT MEASURES ON ANIMAL PROTECTION SINCE 1990

					<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
1990	California	prohibit sport hunting of mountain lions	Proposition 117	Approved	52%	48%
1992	Arizona	ban steel jawed traps and other body-gripping traps	Proposition 200	Rejected	38%	62%
1992	Colorado	prohibit spring, bait, and hound hunting of black bears	Amendment 10	Approved	70%	30%
1994	Arizona	prohibit steel jawed traps and other body-gripping traps	Proposition 201	Approved	58%	42%
1994	Oregon	ban bear baiting and hound hunting of mountain lions	Measure 18	Approved	52%	48%
1996	Alaska	ban same-day airborne hunting of wolves and foxes	Measure 3	Approved	58%	42%
1996	California	allow the trophy hunting of mountain lions	Proposition 197	Rejected	42%	58%
1996	Colorado	ban leghold traps and other body-gripping traps	Amendment 14	Approved	52%	48%
1996	Idaho	ban spring, bait, and hound hunting of black bears	Proposition 2	Rejected	40%	60%
1996	Massachusetts	restrict steel traps and other body-gripping traps, ban hound hunting of bears and bobcats and eliminate quota for hunters on Fisheries & Wildlife Board	Question 1	Approved	64%	36%
1996	Michigan	ban baiting and hounding of black bears	Proposal D	Rejected	38%	62%
1996	Oregon	repeal ban on bear baiting and hound hunting of bears and cougars	Measure 34	Rejected	42%	58%
1996	Washington	ban bear baiting and hound hunting of bears, cougars, bobcats, and lynx	Initiative 655	Approved	63%	37%
1998	Alaska	ban wolf snare trapping	Proposition 9	Rejected	36%	64%
1998	Arizona	prohibit cockfighting	Proposition 201	Approved	68%	32%
1998	California	ban the use of cruel and indiscriminate traps and poisons	Proposition 4	Approved	57%	43%
1998	California	prohibit slaughter of horses and sale of horse meat for human consumption	Proposition 6	Approved	59%	41%
1998	Missouri	prohibit cockfighting	Proposition A	Approved	63%	37%
1998	Ohio	restore the ban on mourning dove hunting	Issue 1	Rejected	41%	59%
1998	Utah	require 2/3 majority for wildlife ballot issues	<i>Proposition 5</i>	Approved	56%	44%

2000	Alaska	ban wildlife issues from ballot	<i>Measure 1</i>	Rejected	36%	64%
2000	Alaska	ban land-and-shoot wolf hunting	Measure 6	Approved	53%	47%
2000	Arizona	require 2/3 majority for wildlife ballot issues	<i>Proposition 102</i>	Rejected	38%	62%
2000	Massachusetts	ban greyhound racing	Question 3	Rejected	49%	51%
2000	Montana	prohibit new game farm licenses	Initiative 143	Approved	52%	48%
2000	Oregon	restrict steel traps and certain poisons	Measure 97	Rejected	59%	41%
2000	Washington	restrict steel traps and certain poisons	Initiative 713	Approved	55%	45%
2002	Arizona	expand gambling at greyhound tracks	Proposition 201	Rejected	20%	80%
2002	Arkansas	increase penalties for animal cruelty	Initiated Act 1	Rejected	38%	62%
2002	Florida	ban gestation crates for pigs	Amendment 10	Passed	55%	45%
2002	Georgia	specialty license plate for spay/neuter	<i>Measure 6</i>	Passed	71%	29%
2002	Oklahoma	ban cockfighting	State Question 687	Passed	56%	44%
2002	Oklahoma	increase signature requirement for animal issues	<i>State Question 698</i>	Rejected	46%	54%
2004	Alaska	ban bear baiting	Ballot Measure 3	Rejected	41%	59%
2004	Florida	expand gambling at race tracks	Amendment 4	Approved	51%	49%
2004	Maine	ban bear baiting, hounding, and trapping	Question 2	Rejected	48%	52%
2006	Arizona	ban gestation crates, veal crates	Proposition 204	Passed	62%	38%
2006	Michigan	allow mourning dove hunting	Proposal 3	Rejected	31%	69%
2008	Alaska	ban airborne hunting of wolves and bears	Measure 2	Rejected	45%	55%
2008	California	ban gestation crates, veal crates, and battery cages	Proposition 2	Approved	63%	37%
2008	Massachusetts	ban greyhound racing	Question 3	Approved	56%	44%

Bold – animal advocates prevail

Italics – referenda (measure referred to ballot by state legislature)