

# Be Their Voice and Be Heard – October 5th

The Massachusetts Judiciary Committee will be hearing numerous animal related bills on October 5th at 1pm. The hearing will be in Room A1 at the Massachusetts State House.

[24 Beacon Street, Boston, MA](#)



It is important for animal advocates to attend the hearing to demonstrate your support for animal protection. To show your support you can:

1. [Call](#) or [meet](#) with [your legislators](#) to ask them to support the bills being heard on the 5th
2. Submit written testimony to the [Judiciary Committee](#)
3. Attend the hearing to show your support (we will have buttons!)
4. [Testify](#) at the hearing in support of one or all of the bills (it will be quick, 3 minutes or less)

All of these actions are important because legislators must know that you care enough about animal protection to take time out of your busy day to support animal protection legislation.

**Also, the HSUS, MSPCA, Farm Sanctuary and other animal protection groups will be hosting an informational meeting at 10:30am in Room 437 at the Massachusetts State House the morning of the hearing (Oct.5).** Please join us to meet fellow animal lovers, speak with your state legislators, learn more about the hearing process, get the latest info about the bills and ask us questions! This will be a wonderful day for the Massachusetts animal protection community and we would like you to be a part of it!

## The following important bills will be heard on the 5th:

### A. The Massachusetts Prevention of Farm Animal Cruelty Act (H458/S786)

This bill simply prohibits the confinement of certain farm animals in a manner that does not allow them to lie down, stand up and turn around freely. It would prevent two of the most notorious industrialized factory farm abuses: veal crates for calves and gestation crates for breeding pigs.

### B. Pet Protective Orders (S682)

The link between animal abuse and other types of abuse has been generating greater levels of attention. This bill would enable courts to include a pet in a protection order. This inclusion would help keep pets safe, as well as ensure that their owner (s) won't stay in an abusive situation to protect their pet.

### C. Horse Slaughter Prevention (S655)

This bill would ban horse slaughter for human consumption in Massachusetts and prohibit the export or sale of Massachusetts horses for slaughter for human consumption.

## Two Important Tips:

- **Dress for Success!** Please wear business attire at the State House.
- **Stay Energized!** The hearing begins at 1pm and it could be a long day so bring snacks.



THE HUMANE SOCIETY  
OF THE UNITED STATES

mSPCA  angell  
Kindness and Care for Animals®

AN INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATION FOUNDED IN 1868



farmsanctuary  
rescue • education • advocacy