



THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES

Humane State Ranking 2011
(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 |
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| 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 | | √ | | | | | | | | √ | | | | √ | | | | √ | | | | | | | | | √ |
| 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 | | | √ | √ | | √ | √ | √ | | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | | | √ | √ | | | | √ | √ | √ | √ | | √ |
| Bans the possession and sale of shark fins | | | | | | | | | | | | √ | | | | | | | | | | √ | | | | | |
| EXOTIC PETS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Prohibits the private possession of big cats as pets | | √ | | √ | √ | √ | √ | | | | | √ | | | | | √ | | √ | √ | √ | √ | | | | | √ |

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| Prohibits veal crates for calves | | | | | | | | | | √ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Phased-In Restrictions on Battery Cages for 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 | | | | | √ | | | | | | | | | √ | | | | | | | | | √ | | | | √ ¹ |
| 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 | | √ | √ | √ | √ | | √ | √ | | | √ | √ | √ | | | | | √ | √ | | √ | √ | √ | | √ | | √ |

¹ DC prohibits killing or otherwise taking any wildlife within the District.

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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 | 25 | 36 | 40 | 27 | 37 | 23 | 13 | 21 | 26 | 40 | 31 | 29 | 16 | 8 | 28 | 27 | 20 | 37 | 38 | 38 | 20 | 25 | 19 | 37 | |