

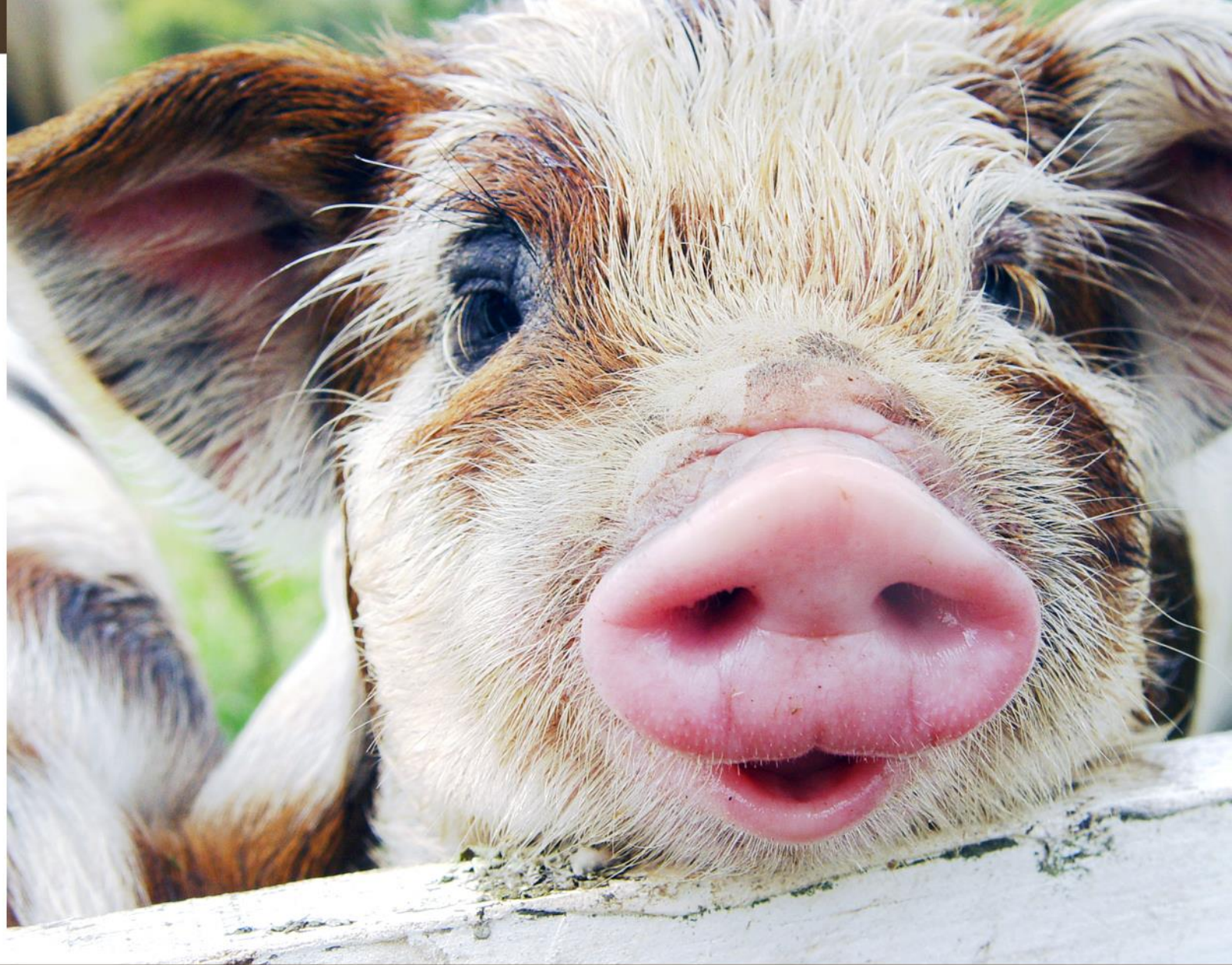
Animal Legal Defense Fund

2021
Courtroom Animal
Advocate Program
Support



WHY WORK ON LEGISLATION?

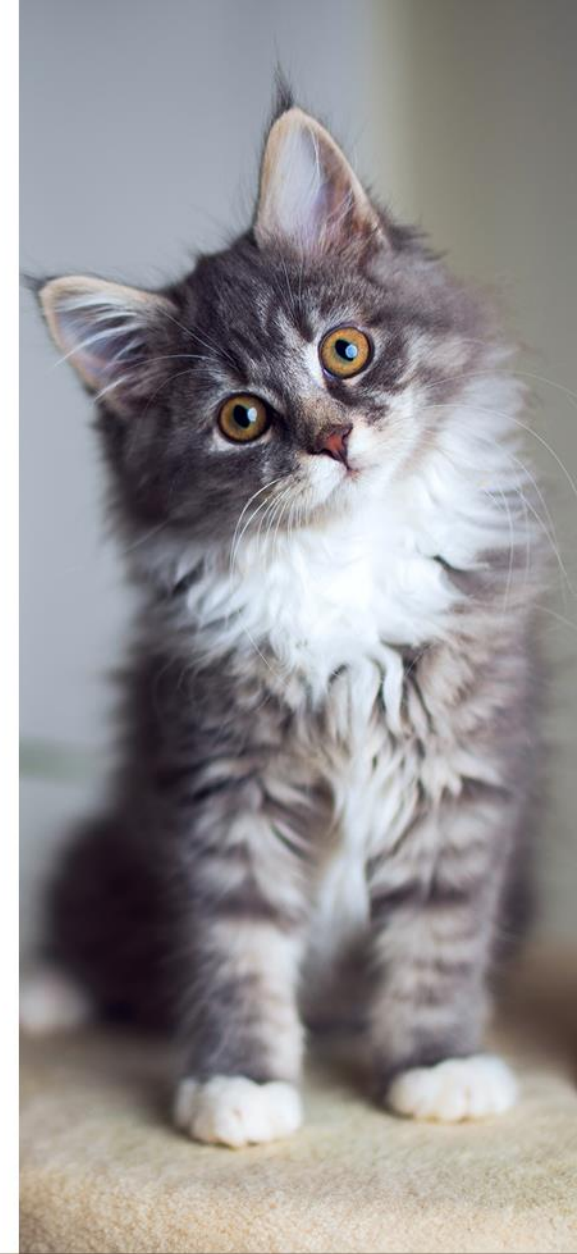
To protect the lives and advance
the interests of animals through
the legal system.



Courtroom Animal Advocate Program

What are CAAP laws?

Courtroom Animal Advocate Program (CAAP) laws allow advocates – supervised law students or volunteer lawyers – to advocate for animal victims in criminal cruelty cases. Volunteers appear in court and assist the judge by drafting briefs, conducting research, gathering information from veterinarians, animal control officers, and law enforcement officials, and making recommendations on behalf of the animal victim's interests.



2021 States with CAAP Bills

Colorado
Florida
Nevada
New Hampshire
New Jersey
New York
Rhode Island

* Bills that have been introduced

*Bills that are likely to be introduced this year



New Jersey CAAP Bill S.2868 / A.4533

Provides for advocate in criminal cases concerning welfare or care of **an animal**. Introduced [HTML Format](#)

Assembly Sponsors:

[Mukherji, Raj](#) as Primary Sponsor (Chair)

[Quijano, Annette](#) as Primary Sponsor

[Benson, Daniel R.](#) as Primary Sponsor

[Verrelli, Anthony S.](#) as Co-Sponsor

[Stanfield, Jean](#) as Co-Sponsor

[Auth, Robert](#) as Co-Sponsor

[Johnson, Gordon M.](#) as Co-Sponsor

Senate Sponsors:

[Scutari, Nicholas P.](#) as Primary Sponsor (Chair)

[Addiego, Dawn Marie](#) as Primary Sponsor

[Singleton, Troy](#) as Co-Sponsor

Bill Status:

8/13/2020 Introduced, Referred to Assembly Judiciary Committee

9/14/2020 Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee

12/14/2020 Reported from Senate Committee, 2nd Reading

Committee Vote: SJU 12/14/2020 - r/favorably - **Yes {11}** No {0} Not Voting {0} Abstains {0}



How You Can Help

Generate a support letter for the CAAP bill on behalf of your Animal Legal Defense Fund Student Chapter.

Generate a support letter for the CAAP bill signed by the Dean of your Law School.

Direct outreach to state legislators voicing support for the CAAP bill and willingness to volunteer as an Advocate.

Provide written or verbal testimony for committee hearing.

Ask friends and family to take action on the CAAP bill.



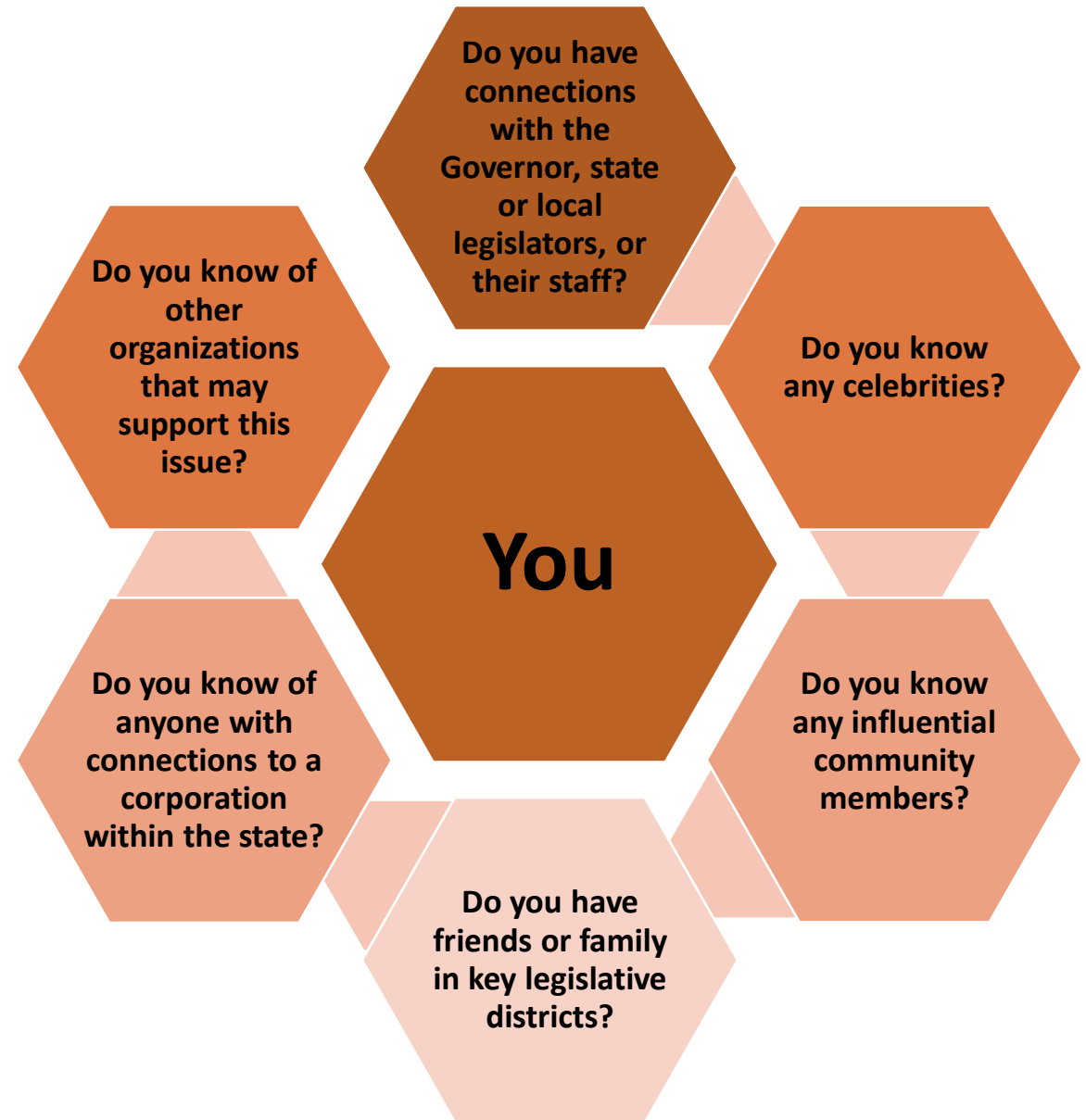
Use Your Connections

Let us know if you have any contacts that could help promote bills.

Share action alerts with friends and family!

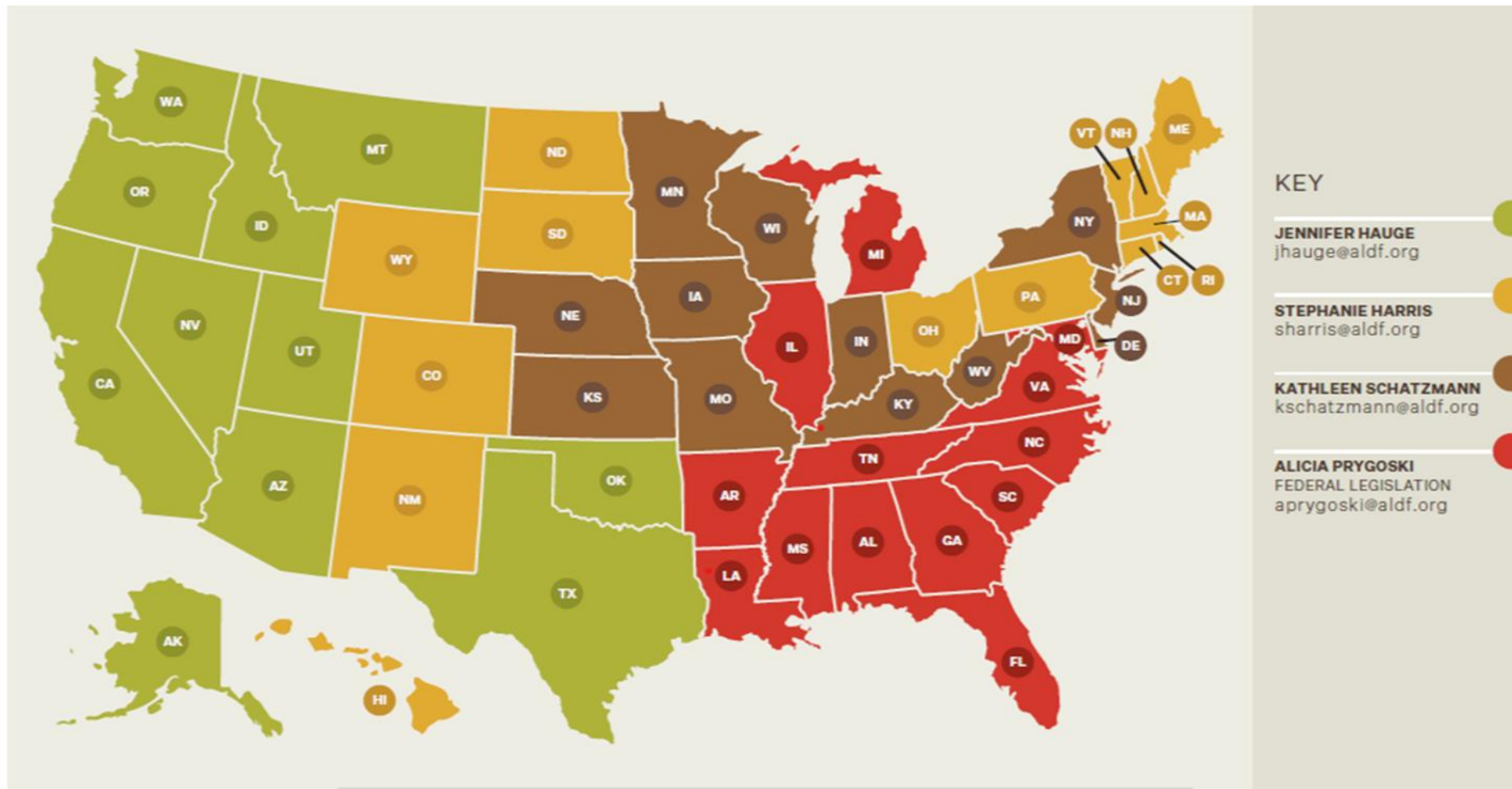
Connect with your elected officials by:

- Signing-up for legislator's newsletters
- Join their Facebook page
- Follow them on social media



LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS PROGRAM (LAP)

MAP OF STAFF COVERAGE BY STATE



Animals can't advocate for themselves, but that doesn't mean they shouldn't have a voice.

You can give animals that voice!

https://aldf.org/how_we_work/legislation/



Thank you

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