

Lobbying for Animals

Key Legislative Updates 1st Quarter 2022

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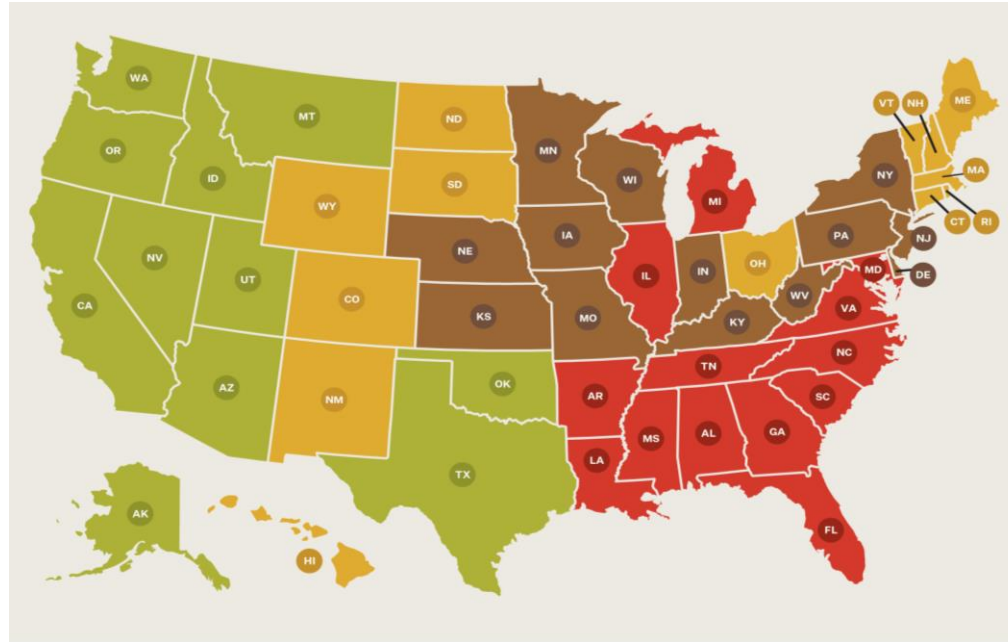
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WHY WORK ON LEGISLATION?

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

Legislators work for YOU—but
you must tell them what you
care about!



STRONGER LAWS AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT

LOCAL: City and County councils/commissions

STATE: State legislatures

- 1 Senator & 1 Representative/Assemblymember

FEDERAL: Congress

- 2 Senators & 1 Congressperson

FIND YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS:

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2021 LEGISLATIVE VICTORIES



Some Examples of 2021 Legislative Victories

Victories since Oct. 1, 2021

- California
 - Rodenticides Moratorium Clean-up
 - Dog Blood Banks
- New York
 - Breed Discrimination in Insurance Underwriting
 - Veterinary Reporting of Suspected Animal Cruelty
 - Pet Custody in Divorce/Separation Proceedings
- Texas – Dog Tethering/Shelter
- New Jersey – Animal Tested Cosmetics Sales Ban



HOT OFF THE PRESS: 2021 ALDF State Rankings Report

Where does YOUR state stand?

The disparity in various jurisdictions' animal protection laws demonstrates the unfortunate reality that, in many places, the law significantly underrepresents animals' interests. However, the Rankings Report also presents an opportunity to improve laws everywhere. New animal protection laws continue to be implemented around the country by motivated lawmakers and their constituents — just like you.

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2022 State Legislative Sessions Have Begun!

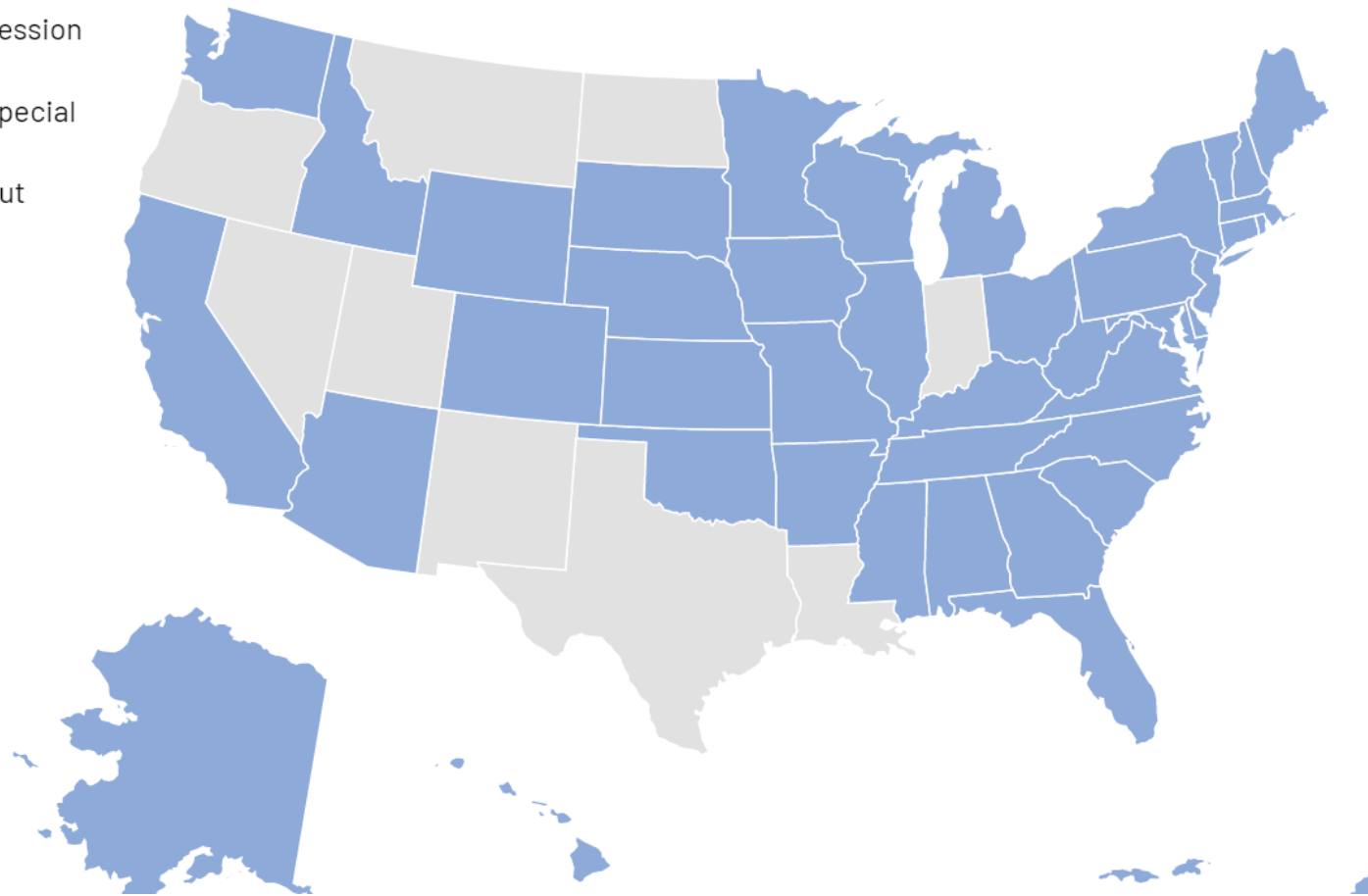
Is your state in its legislative session right now?

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STATE LEGISLATION: Companion Animals

Ongoing Legislation

- Courtroom Animal Advocate Program (CAAP):
 - NJ, NV, NY, IL
- Possession Ban: MA, NJ
- Puppy Mills/Retail Pet Sales/Financing Bans
 - MA, NJ, NY, PA, CA
- Cat Declaw Ban
 - NJ, DE, PA, WI, AZ, CA



STATE LEGISLATION: Wildlife

Ongoing Legislation

- Killing Contest Ban: NJ, NV, NY
- Circuses and Traveling Shows Ban: MA
- Black bear management: CA, NJ
- Poaching/Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact: MA
- Fur Sales: MA
- Rodenticides: MA
- Right to Hunt/Captive Hunting (oppose): OH, MO, RI



STATE LEGISLATION: Farm Animals

Ongoing Legislation

- Cruel Confinement Ban
 - Hen Welfare/Cage Free: MA, HI
 - Gestation/Veal Crates: NJ
- Rodeos: NY
- Citations Authority for Keeping Animals in Cruel Conditions: MA
- Factory Farm Gas: CA, NY



STATE LEGISLATION: Other Important Areas

Ongoing Legislation

- DC omnibus cruelty package: includes declaw ban, retail pet sales ban, banning dogfighting implements, pet custody in divorce, pre-conviction bond/forfeiture, animal sexual abuse
- Cost of animal care/pre-conviction forfeiture: NJ, KY, DC
- Animal Research/Cruel Cosmetics: RI, MA, NY



2022 Legislative Victories to Date

Some state legislative sessions are short, and thus have already concluded!

- Florida
 - PASSED! Retired Law Enforcement Canines Fund
 - PASSED! Animal Cruelty Code Enhancements—includes post-conviction animal possession ban
- Oregon
 - PASSED! Wildlife Trafficking/Zoonotic Disease Control
 - PASSED! Forever Ban on Cruel Greyhound Racing
- Utah
 - DEFEATED: Toxic animal enterprise preemption and working animal bill



FEDERAL LEGISLATION

117TH CONGRESS (2021 – 2022)

SUPPORT

- **Big Cat Public Safety Act (S. 1210, H.R. 263)**
- Captive Primate Safety Act (S. 1588)
- **Traveling Exotic Animal and Public Safety Protection (TEAPSA) Act (S. 3220, H.R. 5999)**
- Refuge from Cruel Trapping Act (H.R. 4716)
- Preventing Future Pandemics Act (S. 37, H.R. 151)
- Puppy Protection Act (H.R. 2840, S. 1385)
- Farm System Reform Act (H.R. 4421, S. 2332)
- Safe Line Speeds in COVID-19 Act (H.R. 1815)
- Animal Welfare Enforcement Improvement Act (H.R. 3277)
- Horse Transportation Safety Act (H.R. 921)
- Safeguard American Food Exports (SAFE) Act (S. 2732)
- Healthy Future Students and Earth Act (H.R. 4108)

OPPOSE

- **Exposing Agricultural Trade Suppression (EATS) Act (S. 2619, H.R. 4999)**



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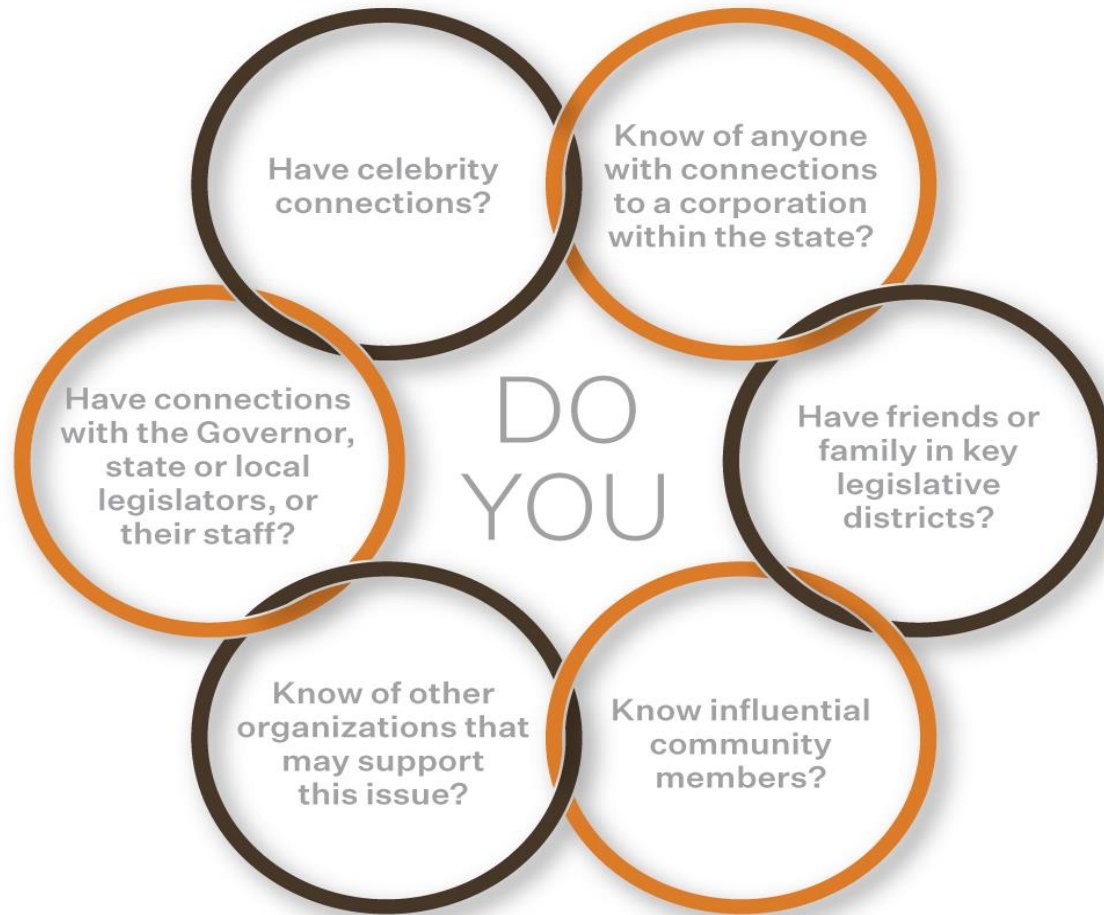
How You Can Help PART 1:

Your Role As An Advocate & Citizen Lobbyist

- Get to know your LOCAL, STATE, and FEDERAL legislators and their staff
- Create contacts for them for in your phone and email platform
- Review their bios & look for similarities/interests to build a relationship
- Offer yourself up as a resource if you have deep subject matter expertise
- Follow their social media and subscribe to their newsletters
- Call & write to express your opinion on legislation
- Find your representatives here: aldf.org/findmyrep



Know your sphere of influence!



How You Can Help Part II:

Your Role As An Advocate & Citizen Lobbyist

- Familiarize yourself with the ALDF Legislative Affairs web page
- See where your state falls on ALDF's annual State Rankings Report
- Participate in action alerts & share with your online network
- Submit a letter-to-the-editor (LTE) or Op-ed
- Review your contacts and see who you know...and who THEY know!
- Reach out to the ALDF Legislative Affairs professional who covers your state
- Watch our [Lobby 101](#) and [How To Advocate For Animals](#) webinars
- Review our newly released Model Animal Protection Laws guidebook:
 - <https://aldf.org/article/model-animal-protection-laws/>
 - The Animal Legal Defense Fund's Model Animal Protection Laws include definitions of terms, general prohibitions, defenses, pre- and post-conviction procedures, and other provisions.



Thank you!

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