

# Lobbying for Animals

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## Key Legislative Updates 2nd Quarter 2022

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# LEGISLATIVE VICTORIES

Since Mar. 17, 2022

- **SIGNED INTO LAW**
  - Cat declaw ban (MD HB 22)
  - Insurance breed discrimination ban (AZ HB 2323)
  - Greyhound racing (CO SB 167 & OR SB 1504)
  - Police dogs in retirement (FL SB 226)
  - Dog tethering/shelter (CT HB 5170)
  - Animal sexual abuse penalties increase (FL SB 1798)
  - Hen welfare regulations (AZ)
- **PASSED LEGISLATURE**
  - Retail pet sales ban (NY S 1130)
  - Cosmetics testing ban (NY S 4839)



# LEGISLATIVE VICTORIES

Since Mar. 17, 2022

- VETOED
  - Expanded canned hunting (WI SB 563)
  - Roadside zoos exemptions (WI SB 347)
  - Preemption (FL SB 620)
- DEFEATED
  - Preemption (UT HB 476)
  - Dangerous wild animals possession exemption (MN SF 4280)
  - Preemption (MO SB 1058 / HB 1586)



# STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS STATUS

Is your state in session now?

- CA 08/31/22
- DE 06/30/22
- MA 01/3/23
- MI 12/31/22
- NH 06/30/22
- NJ 12/31/22
- NC 06/30/22
- OH 12/31/22
- PA 11/30/22
- RI 06/30/22



# ACTIVE STATE LEGISLATION:

## Companion Animals

- **Courtroom Animal Advocate Program (CAAP)**
  - NJ (A 1965/S 2211), RI (S 2227, H 7678)
- **Possession Ban:** MA (H 1824 / S 1111), NJ (A 2826/S 3333)
- **Cross Reporting:** MA (SB 2672)
- **Pet Financing Ban:** PA (HB 2311), CA (AB 2380), NJ (TBD)
- **Cat Declaw Ban**
  - NJ (A 2578), DE (HB 333, HB 386), PA (HB 1624), RI (HB 7574), CA (AB 2606), MA (SB 222)



# ACTIVE STATE LEGISLATION:

## Wildlife

- **Wildlife Killing Contests Ban:** NJ (A 502 / S 2409)
- **Circuses and Traveling Shows:** MA (SB 2251 / HB 3376)
- **Black Bear Management:** CA (CDFW), NJ (A 1967 / S 1891)
- **Poaching/Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact:** MA (HB 4442)
- **Rodenticides Ban:** MA (HB 3991)



# ACTIVE STATE LEGISLATION:

## Farmed Animals

- Cruel Confinement
  - Gestation/Veal Crates: NJ (S 3401 / A 5236)
- Fur Sales: RI (S 2646 / H 7361), DC (B 24-0578)
- Foie Gras: RI (H 6663)
- Mega-Dairy Moratorium
  - Oregon 2023
- Citations Authority for Keeping Animals in Cruel Conditions
  - MA (SB 2672)



# ACTIVE STATE LEGISLATION:

## Other Important Areas

- DC omnibus cruelty package (B24-0560)
  - Declaw ban, retail pet sales ban, dog fighting implements ban, pet custody in divorce, pre-conviction bond/forfeiture, animal sexual abuse
- Cost of animal care/pre-conviction forfeiture: NJ (S 981, A 2354)
- Animal Research/Cosmetics Ban
  - MA (H 901), RI (S 798, H 7297)





# ACTIVE FEDERAL LEGISLATION

117<sup>th</sup> Congress (2021 – 2022)

## SUPPORT

- **Big Cat Public Safety Act (S. 1210, H.R. 263)**
- Traveling Exotic Animal and Public Safety Protection (TEAPSA) Act (S. 3220, H.R. 5999)
- Captive Primate Safety Act (S. 1588)
- 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)
- Increasing Slaughter Line Speeds (regulatory)



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# PASSING LOCAL ORDINANCES IN YOUR AREA

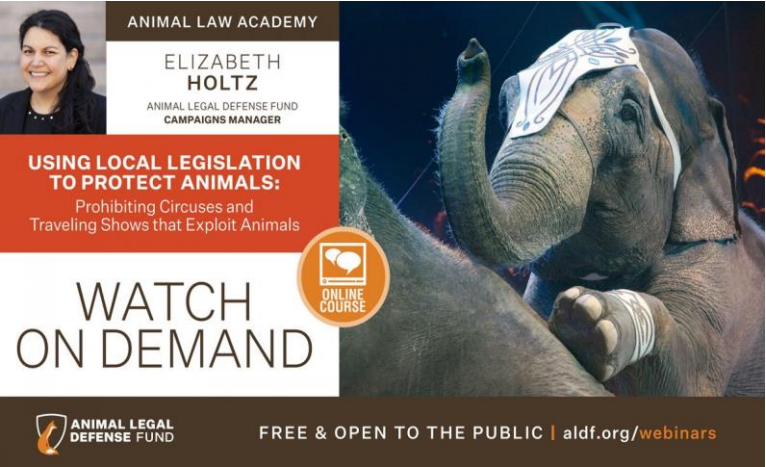


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# STRONGER LAWS AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT

LOCAL: City and County councils/commissions

STATE: State legislatures

- 1 Senator & 1 Representative/Assemblymember

FEDERAL: Congress

- 2 Senators & 1 Congressperson

**Identify YOUR Elected Officials:**

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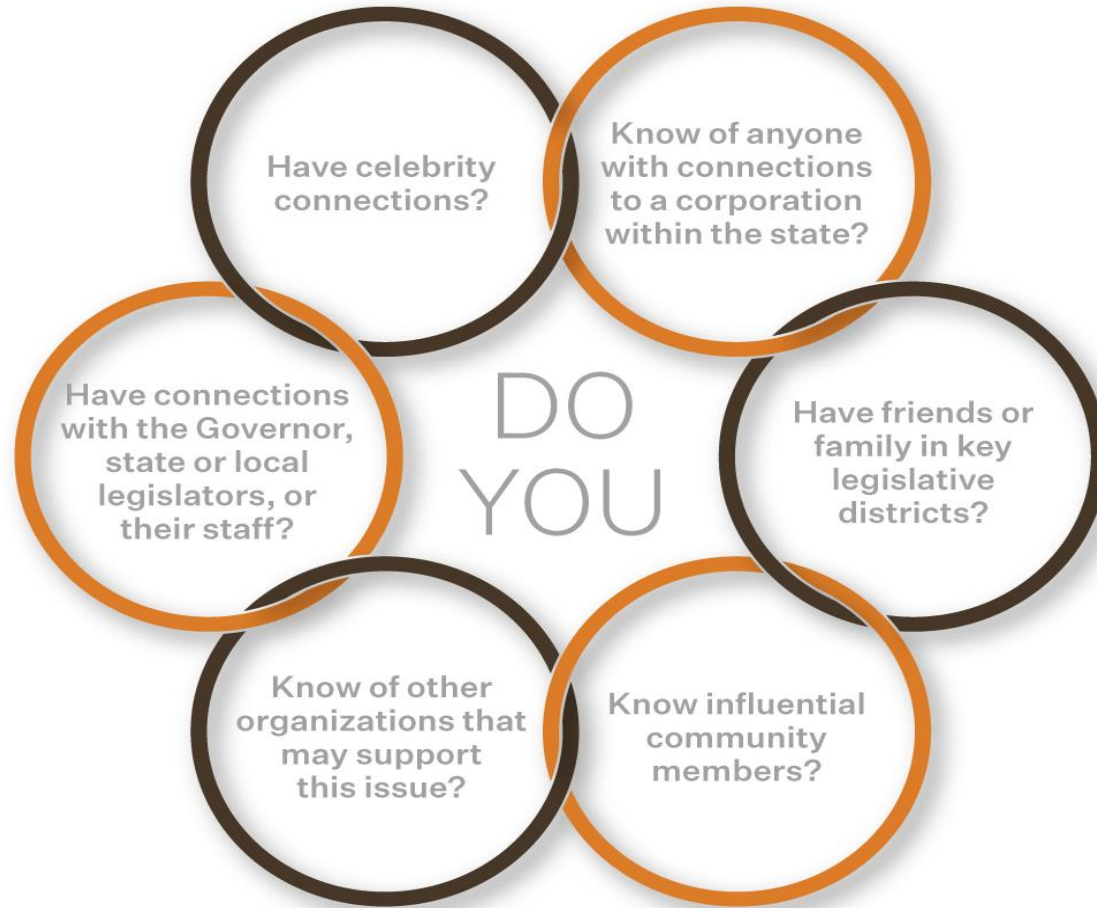
# HOW YOU CAN HELP:

## 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



# TAP INTO YOUR SPHERE OF INFLUENCE!



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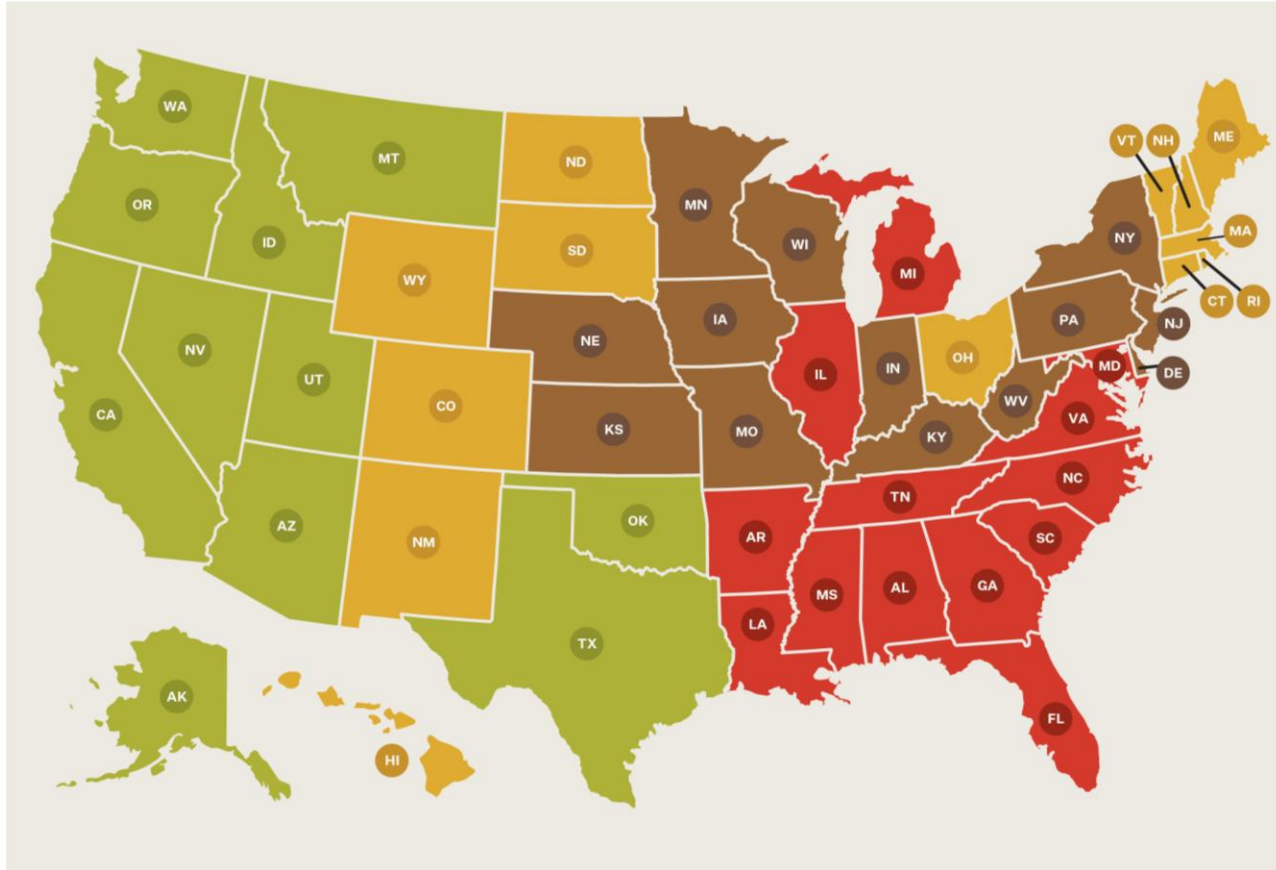
- Overview of animal related legislation: [aldf.org/legislation](https://aldf.org/legislation)
- Where does your state rank? [aldf.org/staterankings](https://aldf.org/staterankings)
- Take action! Sign up at [aldf.org/signup](https://aldf.org/signup)
- Watch our [Lobby 101](#) and [How To Advocate For Animals](#) webinars
- Review our Model Animal Protection Laws guidebook: [aldf.org/modellaws](https://aldf.org/modellaws)
- Reach out to the Legislative Affairs professional who covers your state



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