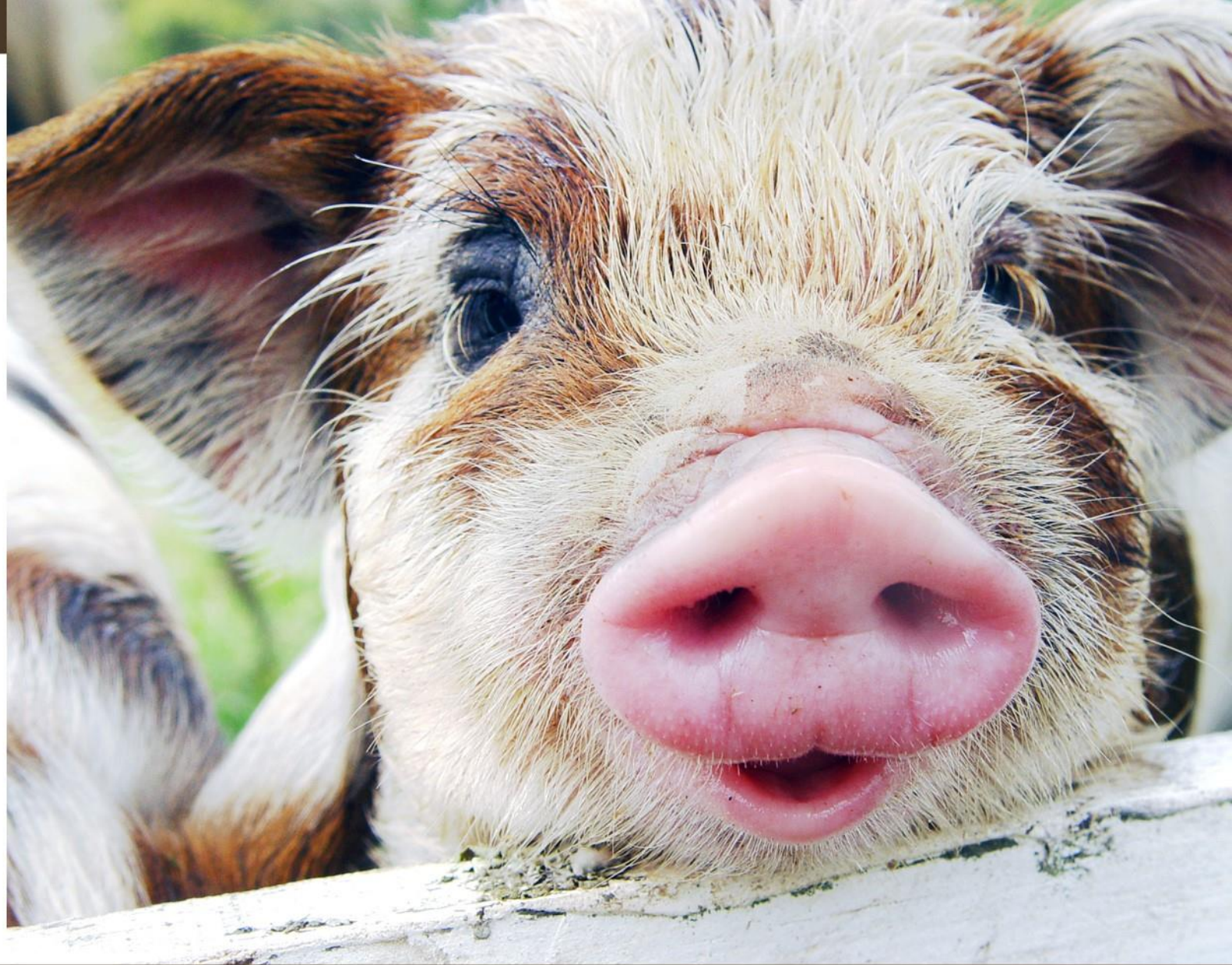


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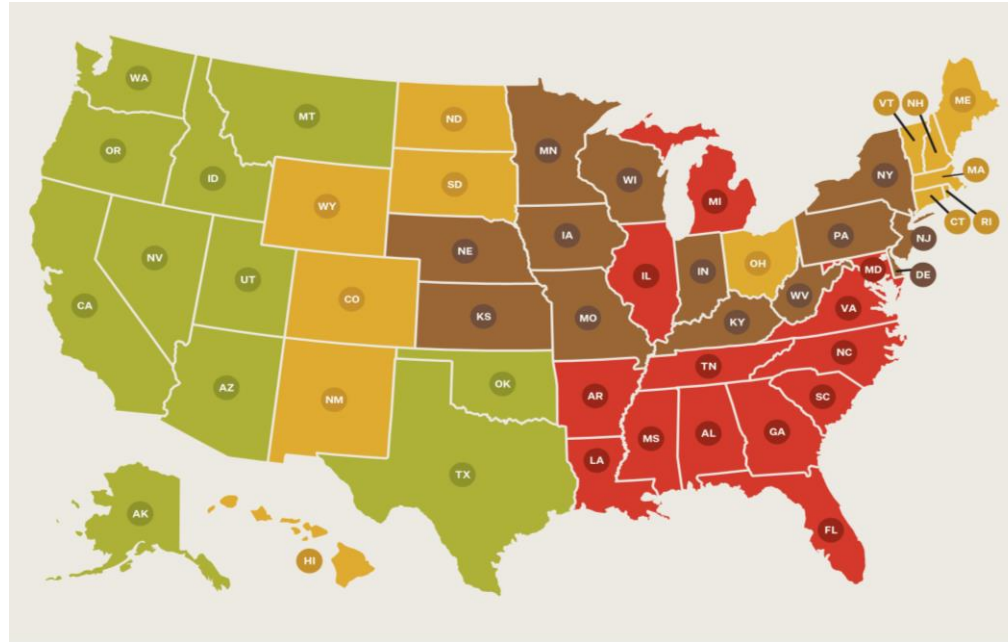
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# LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT

- LOCAL: town, city, and county
- STATE: state legislature
- FEDERAL: Congress

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# WHY LOBBY FOR ANIMALS?

- To pass laws that protect animals and advance their interests in the legal system
- To stop laws that harm animals from passing into law
- To ensure that the best interests of animals are part of the legislative discussion



# FEDERAL LEGISLATION

117<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS

Big Cat Public Safety Act (S. 1210/H.R 263)

Captive Primate Safety Act (S. 1588/H.R. 3135)

Farm System Reform Act (HR 4421/S 2332)

Animal Welfare Enforcement Improvement Act (HR 2377)

Goldie's Act (HR 6100)

**OPPOSE:** Livestock Regulatory Protection Act (S 1475)

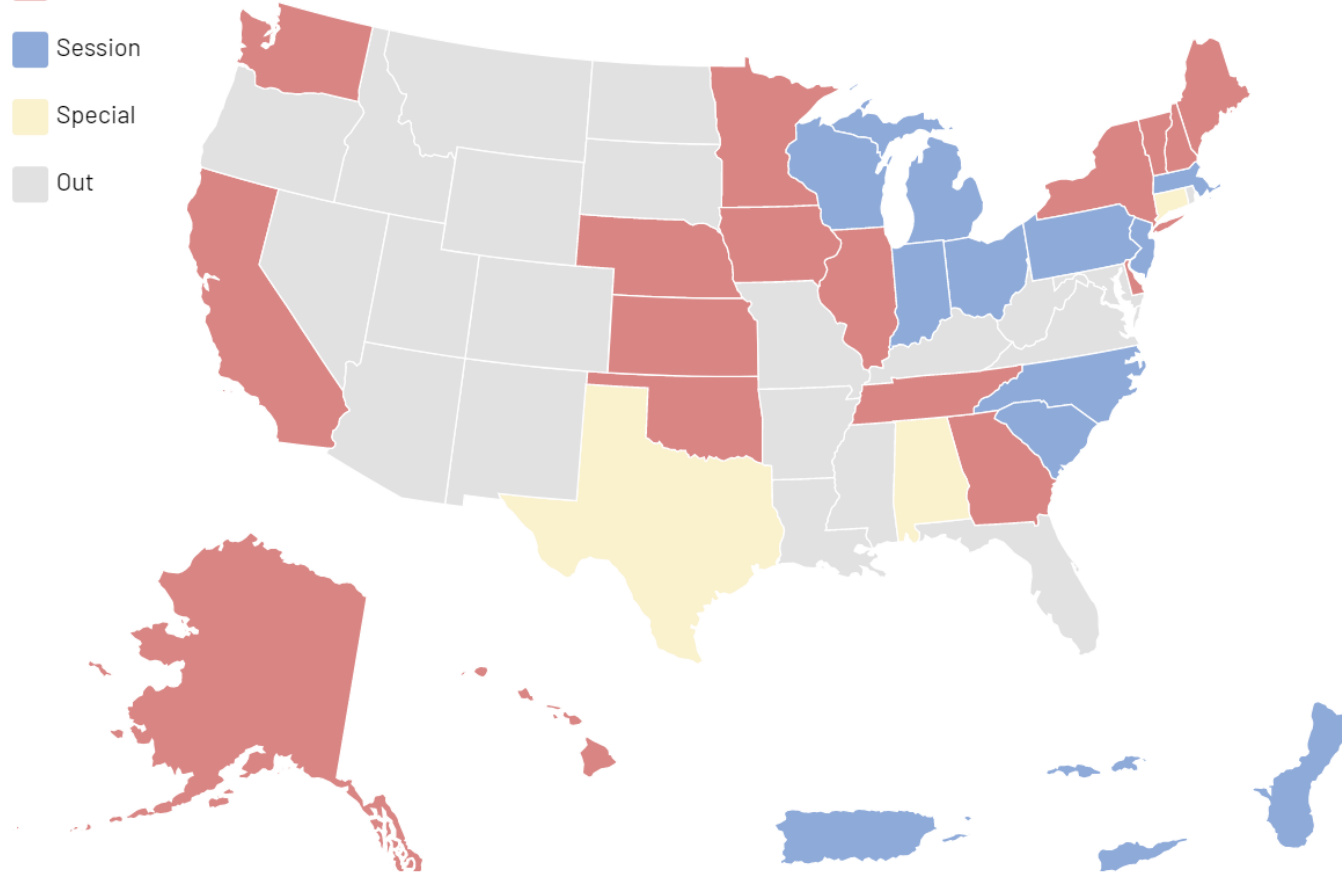


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# STATE LEGISLATION

Is your state in its legislative session right now?

- Recess
- Session
- Special
- Out



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# STATE LEGISLATION

Victories

## Law

CA Dog Transportation

CA Pet Incentives

MA Wildlife Compact/Poaching Penalties

MA Wildlife Crossings/Connectivity

MA Adoption of Retired Research Animals



# STATE LEGISLATION

Potential Victories

## Passed Legislature

CA Animal Evacuations in Disasters

CA Dog Toxicity Testing

CA Plant Based Meals

CA Puppy Mill Finance Ban

CA Wildlife Crossings/Connectivity

NY Puppy Mill Ban





# STATE LEGISLATION

Pending Issues

## COMPANION ANIMALS

Courtroom Animal Advocate Programs

Possession bans

Retail pet store sales



# STATE LEGISLATION

Pending Issues

## WILDLIFE

- Circuses and traveling shows
- Fur sales bans



# STATE LEGISLATION

Pending Issues

## FARMED ANIMALS

Confinement bans

Minimum standards of care

Rodeos



# STATE LEGISLATION

Pending Issues

## ANIMALS IN RESEARCH

Adopt Retired Research Dogs and Cats

Alternatives to Product Testing on Animals

Cosmetic Sales Ban



# LOCAL LEGISLATION



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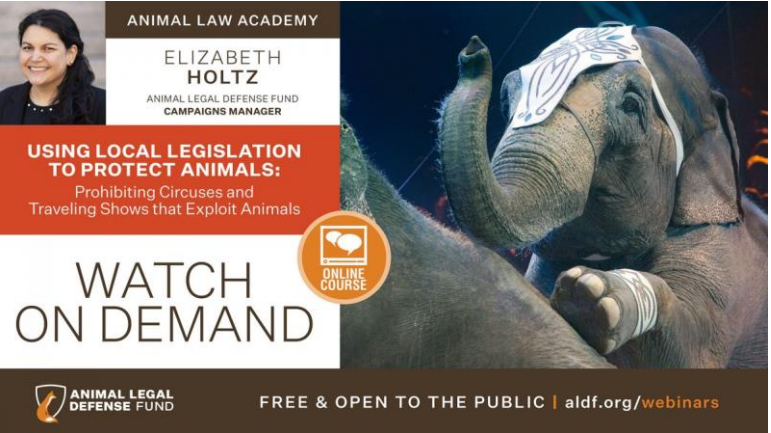
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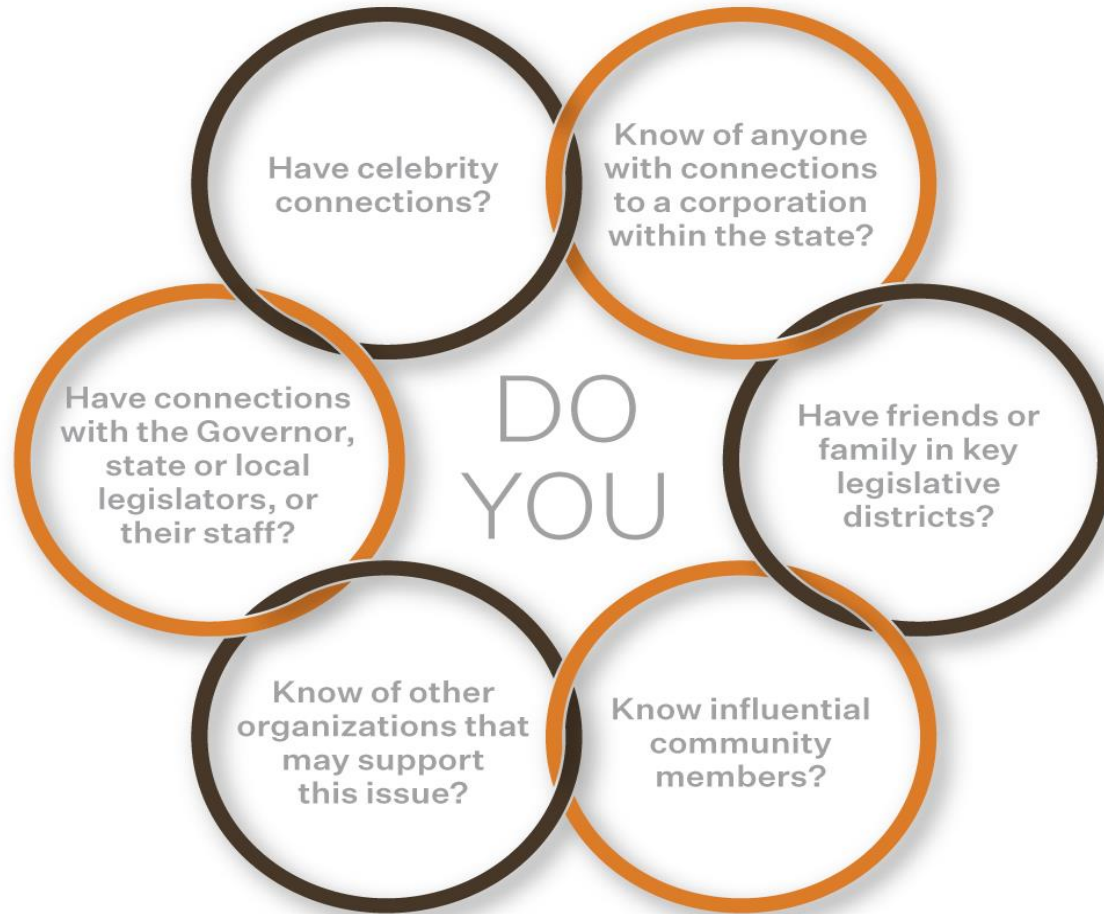


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- Find your local, state, and federal electeds and their staff via [aldf.org/findmyrep](https://aldf.org/findmyrep)
  - Add as contacts in phone and email
  - Review their bios and look for connections
  - Follow social and subscribe to newsletters
  - Call and email about pending legislation
  - Make a personal connection and develop a relationship



# Know your sphere of influence!



# HOW YOU CAN HELP: PART II

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