



Lobbying for Animals: State & Federal Legislative Update

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Why Do We Need to Lobby for Animals?

- To pass laws that protect them 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



We Need Stronger Laws at All Levels of Government

- Local: town, city, and county commissions/councils
- State: state legislatures
- Federal: Congress

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Federal Legislation

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SUPPORT

BIG CAT PUBLIC SAFETY ACT (S. 1210, H.R. 263)

Prohibits the private possession of big cats and direct contact with big cat cubs

CAPTIVE PRIMATE SAFETY ACT (S. 1588, H.R. 3135)

Prohibits the private possession of and interstate commerce involving primates

ANIMAL WELFARE ENFORCEMENT IMPROVEMENT ACT (H.R. 3277)

Strengthens enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act

FARM SYSTEM REFORM ACT (S. 2332, H.R. 4421)

Places a moratorium on the largest CAFOs by 2040

GOLDIE'S ACT (H.R. 6100)

Requires the USDA to confiscate suffering animals and strengthens AWA inspection and licensing

INDUSTRIAL ANIMAL AGRICULTURE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (S. 5138)

Holds large CAFOs accountable by imposing liability for disaster mitigation and prevents operation at higher line speeds, among other reforms





Federal Legislation

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SUPPORT

- HUMANE COSMETICS ACT (S. 3357, H.R. 6027)
- SAFE LINE SPEEDS IN COVID-19 ACT (S. 713, H.R. 1815)
- PUPPY PROTECTION ACT (S. 1385, H.R. 2840)
- PREVENTING FUTURE PANDEMICS ACT (S. 37, H.R. 151)
- TRAVELING EXOTIC ANIMAL AND PUBLIC SAFETY PROTECTION ACT (S. 2330, H.R. 5999)
- **PREVENT ALL SORING TACTICS ACT (S. 2295, H.R. 5441)**
- HORSE TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ACT (H.R. 921)



Federal Legislation

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OPPOSE

**EXPOSING AGRICULTURAL TRADE SUPPRESSION ACT
(S. 2619, H.R. 4999)**

LIVESTOCK REGULATORY PROTECTION ACT (S. 1475)

**BILL TO PROHIBIT EPA FROM MONITORING METHANE
EMISSIONS (S. 4850)**

Additional Federal Efforts

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- FARM BILL
- APPROPRIATIONS
- INFLATION REDUCTION ACT & BIOGAS

Learn more at [Congress.gov](https://www.congress.gov)





State Legislation

Ongoing Efforts

- Courtroom Animal Advocate Programs
- Possession bans
- Retail pet store sales bans
- Cross-reporting/coordination between agencies

- Animals in circuses and traveling shows
- Roadside zoos
- Wildlife trafficking

- Fur sales bans
- Rodeos
- Care standards for farmed animals
- CAFO expansion

- Animal research and testing

State Legislation

Victories since September

California:

Puppy financing ban (AB 2380) passed into law

Animal Evacuation Act (AB 1648) passed into law

Preventing Extraneous Testing Act (SB 879) passed into law

Safe Road and Wildlife Protection Act (AB 2344) passed into law

Funding for plant-based meals in schools (AB 558) passed into law

Low Income Housing Tax Credit pet incentives (SB 971) passed into law

Opposed: Expansion of horseracing (ballot initiative) failed



State Legislation

Victories since September

New Jersey:

Gestation/veal crate ban (A. 1970/S. 1298) passed unanimously out of Senate Environment Committee

Delaware:

Tortious pet injury damages (SB 258) passed into law
Landlord cat declaw requirement ban (HB 386) passed into law

New York

Puppy mill pipeline ban (SB 1130/A 4283) passed the legislature
Cosmetic testing ban (S. 4839) passed the legislature



Local Legislation

Victories

Attleboro, MA: retail pet store sales ban passed into law

Alameda County, CA: wild cow milking rodeo event ban passed into law

Cambridge, MA: retail fur sales ban passed into law

Ongoing Efforts

New York City: Ryder's Law (horse-drawn carriages)

Washington, DC:

Animal care omnibus bill

Retail fur sales ban

West Hollywood, CA:

animal standing





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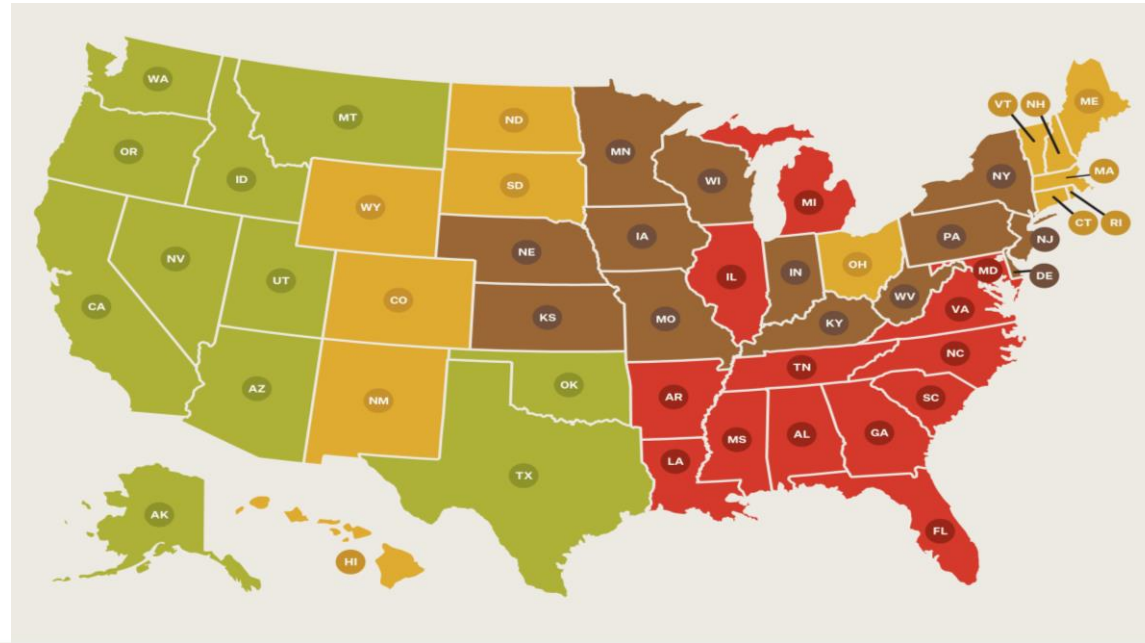
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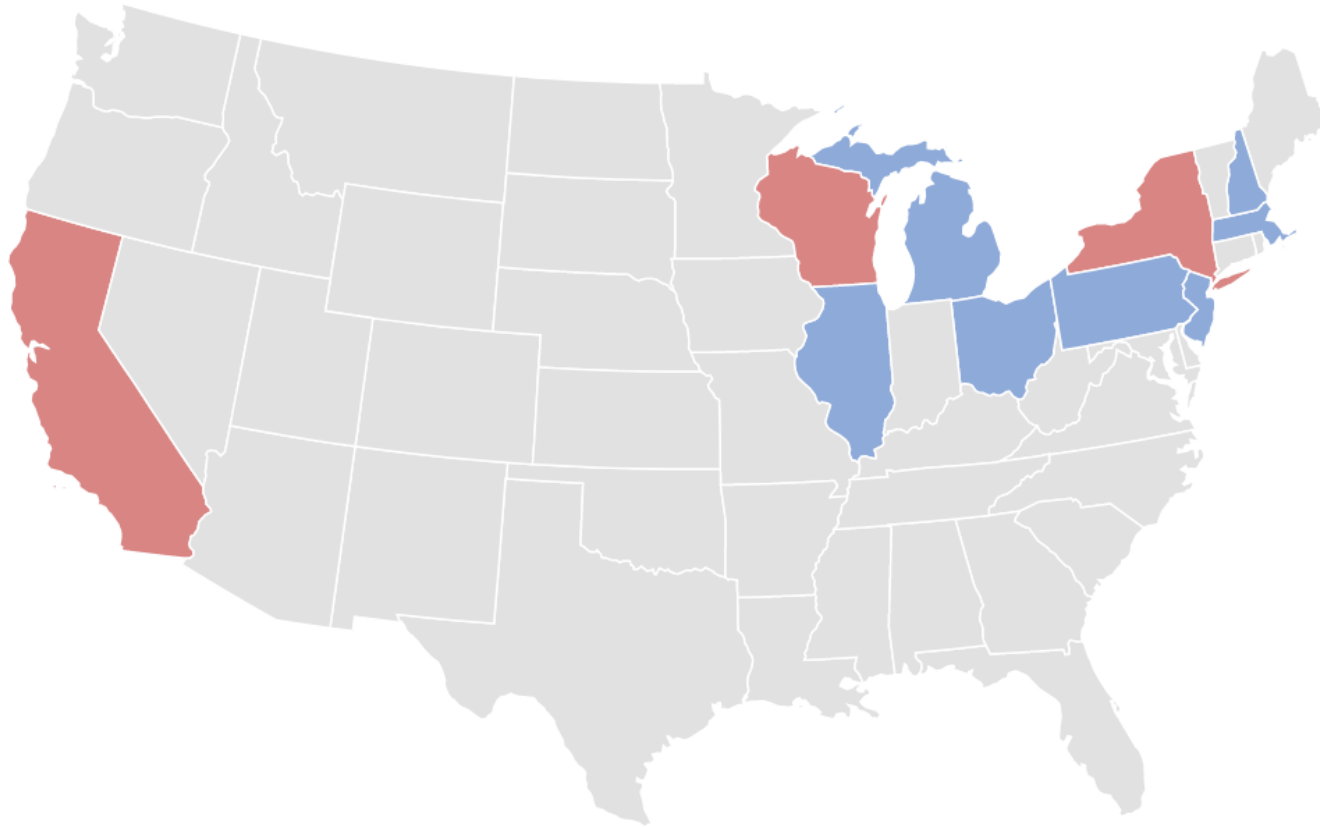
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When is your state in session?

- Recess
- Session
- Special
- Out



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Getting Involved:

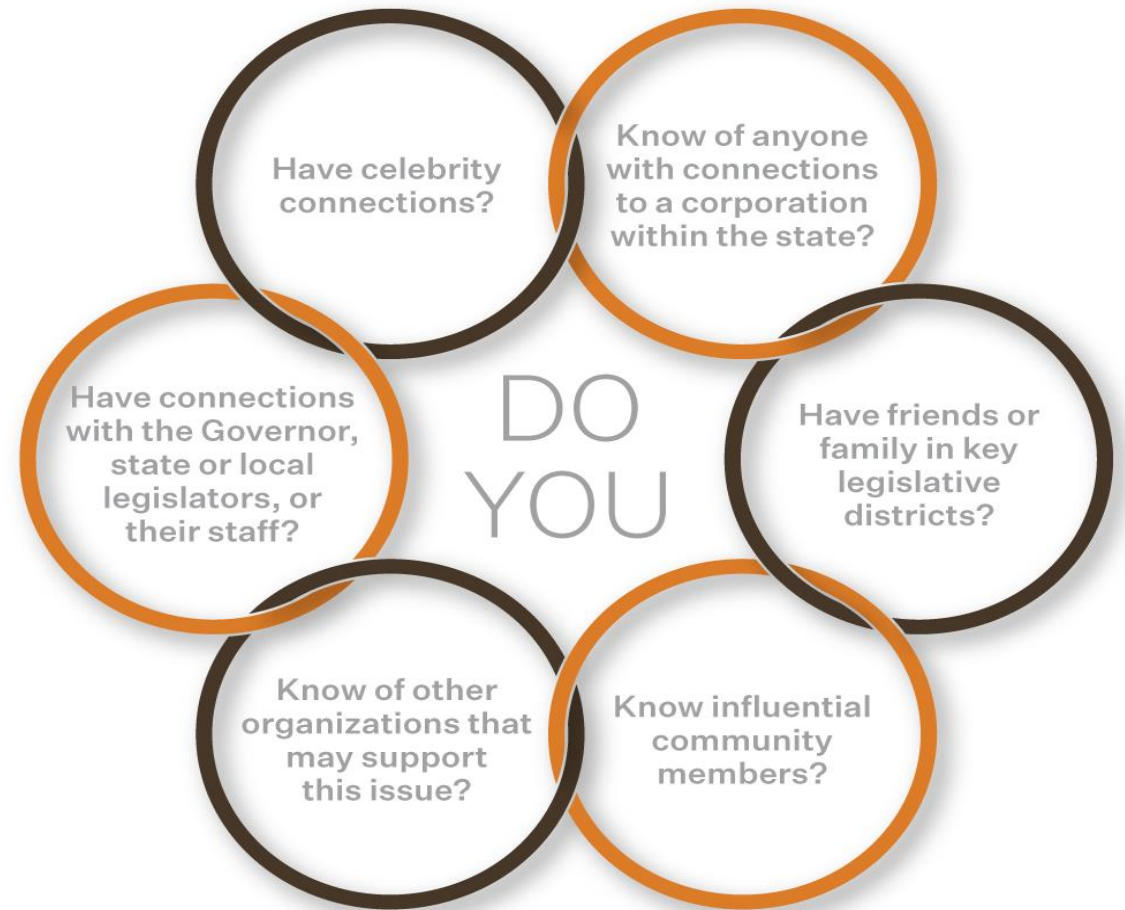
Your Role As An Advocate & Citizen Lobbyist

- Get to know your local, state, and federal legislators and their staff. Not sure who they are? Find your elected officials here: <https://aldf.org/findmyrep>
- Reach out to your elected officials via email, phone call, or meetings.
- Social media is also a great tool for connecting with your elected officials.
- Submit LTEs and op eds
- Sign up for ALDF action alerts: aldf.org/takeaction
- Reach out to the ALDF Legislative Affairs staff member who covers your state!





Know your sphere of influence!



2022 has been a great year for animals, in large part thanks to citizen advocates! Let's continue the progress into 2023.



Thank you!

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