



## 2023 RANKINGS REPORT TRIVIA QUESTIONS

- 1. Which state is ranked #1 for the best animal protection laws in 2023?**
  - a. Oregon**
  - b. Illinois
  - c. Alabama
  - d. Florida
- 2. Which state is ranked #50, and has the worst animal protection laws in 2023?**
  - a. Florida
  - b. North Dakota**
  - c. Idaho
  - d. Rhode Island
- 3. True or False: All states use the same definition of “animal.”**
  - a. False.** There are a wide variety of definitions of “animal.” and they rarely include all species that society deems as “animals.” Some states don’t even define “animal!” Many laws exclude reptiles and amphibians, others exclude birds and fish.
- 4. The link between animal abuse and domestic violence is scientifically proven. True or False: All states include animals in protective orders?**
  - a. False.** Even though there is a proven close link between animal abuse and domestic violence, not all states have recognized the need to include animals in protective orders.
- 5. What do “bond-or-forfeit” laws do?**
  - a. Require an animal abuser to pay a fee to get the animal they abused out of the shelter.
  - b. Allows for a seized animal from an animal cruelty investigation to either have a bond placed by the owner to assist with care or forfeit the animal so they can be adopted out.**
  - c. Police flip a coin to decide if an animal abuse suspect goes out on bond or they drop the charges.
- 6. True or False: Was Connecticut the first state to enact a Courtroom Animal Advocate Program?**
  - a. True.** The Courtroom Animal Advocate Program (CAAP) laws allow legal practitioners — 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.
- 7. Which state does not prohibit the sexual assault of animals in any way?**
  - a. West Virginia**
  - b. Kentucky
  - c. New Hampshire
  - d. Alabama

8. How many states have a statewide prosecutor dedicated to pursuing justice on behalf of animal crime victims?
- 50
  - 4**
  - 20
  - 0
9. True or False: Massachusetts joined the Top five ranked states in 2023. Is this due to the Animal Legal Defense Fund expanded scope of its rankings to include a greater emphasis on laws protecting farmed animals and wild animals?
- True.** Massachusetts has long been a luminary in these areas, being one of the few states to have adopted bans of battery cages, gestation crates, veal crates, coyote-killing contests, leghold traps, and more. Because of these and other protections Massachusetts maintains for all animals, it rose from eighth to fourth place in 2023.
10. In what state do veterinarians not have immunity for reporting animal cruelty in good faith?
- Utah
  - North Dakota**
  - Virginia
  - California
11. The data for the U.S. State Animal Protection Rankings Report comes from our compendiums; documents of each state and territory's animal protection laws organized by category. This year, three new categories were added. Name one of the three new categories.
- Laws Specific to Farmed Animals**
  - Cruel Hunting, Trapping, and Fishing**
  - Emergency Rescue and Relief**
12. What is one of the factors that put North Dakota last? Bonus points for each additional factor!
- No forfeiture**
  - No possession ban**
  - Lack of inclusion of animals in domestic violence protection orders**
  - No permission granted for social services workers to report suspected animal cruelty**
  - Antiquated bestiality law that is virtually ineffective**
  - Ag-Gag law**
13. True or False: Only half of the states/U.S. territories define and prohibit the sexual assault of animals.
- False.** Currently, every state except West Virginia has some law banning sexual assault of animals, with New Mexico and the District of Columbia enacting such laws for the first time in 2023.
14. In 2023, Connecticut was the most improved state, vaulting 20 ranks from 31st to 11th place by enacting important legislation. Which legislative act did Connecticut enact?
- Fixing Connecticut's sexual assault of animals law**
  - Establishing a mandatory five-year possession ban**
  - Requiring veterinarians to report suspected cruelty**
15. True or False: The Animal Legal Defense Fund has been producing the U.S. State Animal Rankings Report for 18 years.
- True.** The first U.S. State Animal Rankings Report was published in 2006, making 2023 the 18th edition. It is the longest-running and most authoritative of its kind, assessing the strength of each state's animal protection laws by ranking each state and territory according to the relative strengths and weaknesses of their animal protection laws.