

Animal Legal Defense Fund

Animal Protection Legislation:
Moving Forward Together
2024



WHY WORK ON LEGISLATION?

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





Poll Question

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Priority Legislation



Critical Campaigns: Farmed Animals · Animal Status · Wild Animals · Other Opportunities



Recent Victories



STATE LEGISLATION
Victories since January 1, 2024

OVER
24
WINS
THIS
YEAR

18 NEW LAWS

6 DEFEATS

NUMEROUS ADVOCACY
EVENTS



Our Team Makes It Possible: Lindsay Vierheilig



Defensive work across a handful of states

Kentucky

- Pet Store Preemption

Minnesota

- Cervid Imports ZAA Exemption

Missouri

- Pet Store Preemption
- Declaw Preemption



Our Team Makes It Possible: Jennifer Hauge



California:

- Octopus Farming and Sales Ban
- Most Extensive Rodenticide Restrictions Nationwide

Washington:

- Octopus Farming Ban



Our Team Makes It Possible: Kathleen Schatzmann



New Jersey:

- Humane Pet Store Bill

New York:

- Puppy Mill Pipeline Ban law goes into effect on December 15, 2024



Our Team Makes It Possible: Stephanie Harris



Massachusetts

- Ollie's Law
- Coercive Control
- Circuses & Traveling Shows

Rhode Island

- Captive Hunting
- Pet Custody



Our Team Makes It Possible: Alicia Prygoski



Florida:

- Humane Lobby Day
- Balloon Ban Bill

Michigan:

- Queenie's Law: no testing on dogs at public institutions
- Courtroom Animal Advocate Program

Illinois:

- Cat Declaw



Our Team Makes It Possible: Allison Ludtke



Federal (118th Congress)

- OCTOPUS Act introduced
- *Chimp Crazy's* impact on the Captive Primate Safety Act
- Language requiring increased transparency of Animal Welfare Act enforcement included in the FY25 House Agriculture Appropriations report
- M-44 language in the FY25 Senate Agriculture Appropriations bill





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YOUR ROLE AS AN ADVOCATE: Participate in the legislative process

As a constituent who cares about animal protection issues, it's important to participate in the legislative process.

We would like to thank you upfront for your willingness to take action!

You have the most powerful and persuasive voice — especially at the state level — where, as a constituent, you're able to establish a personal relationship with your legislators and their staff.

Please Register To Vote

Levels of Government

Who represents you at the federal, state, and local levels?
Visit aldf.org/officials to find out!

Federal

Senate - Two US Senators per state

House of Representatives - Minimum of one per state (435 members)

State

Senate - Upper Chamber Senator

House - Lower Chamber Assembly Member

Local

Municipal Level - Town, City, Borough or County Councils



Research

Review the issue.

Know who represents you.

Understand your state's legislative process.

Lobby

Contact your elected officials, using clear and concise messaging on the topic.

Ask for a specific action.

Follow up with a thank you.

Remain in communication with their office.

Additional Actions

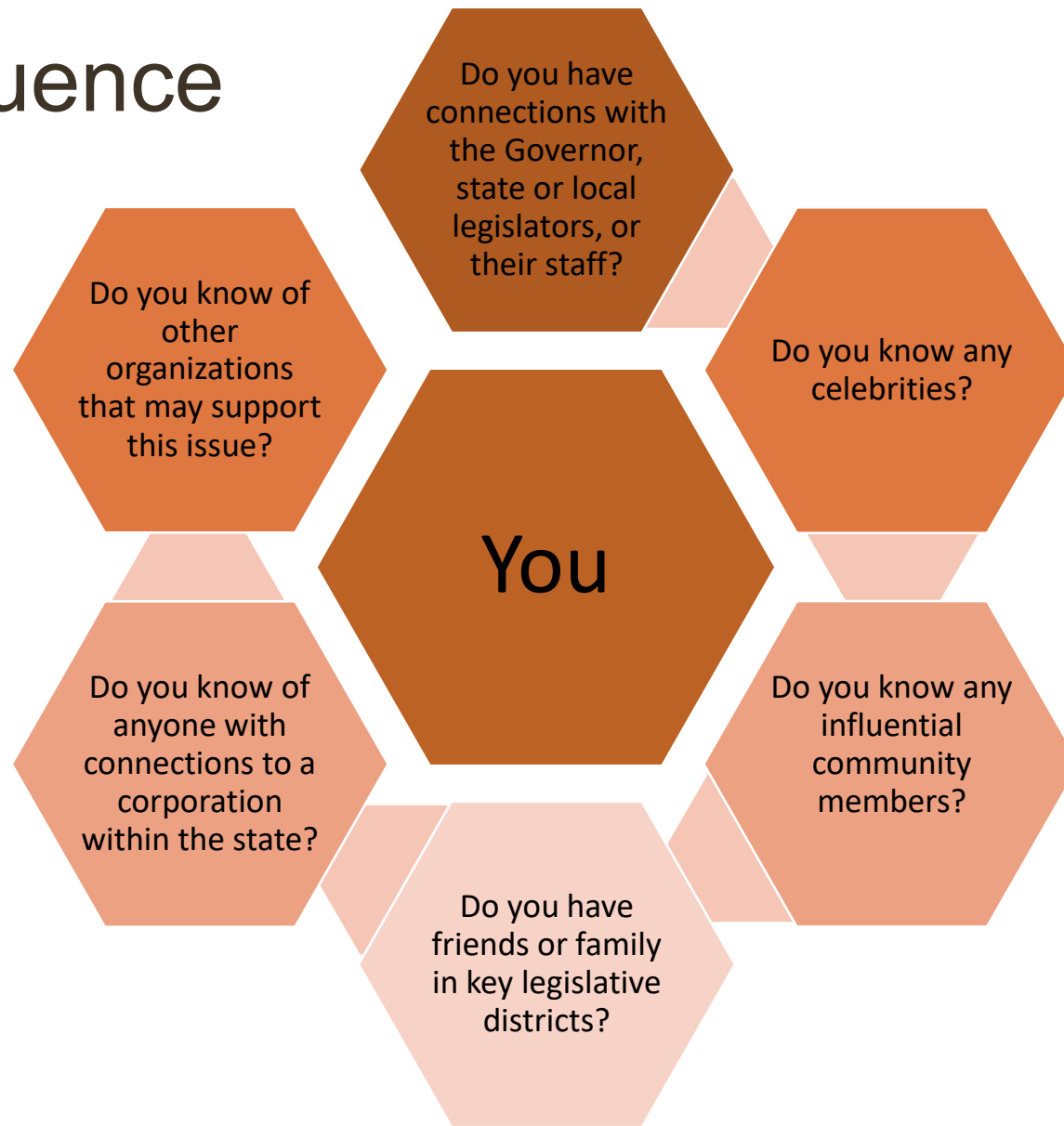
Use social media and your connections.

Help create and sustain interest in the bill.

Plan events and outreach.



Your Sphere Of Influence



Take action on local/state/federal
legislation and regulation.
www.aldf.org/legislation

Visit our website – www.aldf.org to sign
up for action alerts, read the latest
news, and join us on Facebook and X!

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State Rankings Report
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Thank you!

We can't do this without you

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