

PENDING LEGISLATION

Thursday, January 9th, 2025

Newest legislative activity is highlighted in yellow

Bill numbers with hyperlink direct to bill text

All bill summaries are direct quotes from official state websites

State Legislation:

Bill No.	Summary	Latest Action	Adjourn
AZ SB 1033	Animal seizure; bond amount		Profile
AZ SB 1048	Cruelty to working animals; classification		
MO HB 185	DOMESTIC PET CARE Establishes the "Healthy Pets Act"	1/8/25: Read First Time 1/9/25: Read Second Time (H)	5/30/25
MO HB 489	CONFISCATION OF ANIMALS	12/9/24: Prefiled (H) 1/7/25: Read First Time (H) 1/9/25: Read Second Time (H)	5/30/25
MO HB 586	Establishes micro shelters for animals and outlines minimum requirements for those shelters to operate	12/9/24: Prefiled (H) 1/7/25: Read First Time (H) 1/9/25: Read Second Time (H)	5/30/25
MT SB 96 LC 569	Establish working animal protection act	10/20/24: (LC) Drafter Assigned 12/02/24: (LC) Draft in Legal Review 12/09/24: (LC) Draft in Edit 12/16/24: (LC) Draft in Final Drafter Review (LC) Draft in Input/Proofing 12/17/24: (LC) Draft Ready for Delivery (LC) Draft in Assembly 1/05/25: (S) Introduced (LC) Draft Delivered to Requester 1/06/25: (S) First Reading	04/30/25
NH LSR 2025-0495	Requiring that two or more law enforcement officers in each county receive training regarding animal		
NJ A 129	Establishes procedures for seizure, care, and forfeiture of animals involved in animal cruelty violations.		1/13/26
NJ A 365	Prohibits cropping or altering the tail or ears of dog; establishes as animal cruelty offense.		1/13/26
NJ A 1422	"Chiara's Law"; prohibits euthanizing animals in shelters or pounds except for health or safety reasons.		1/13/26
NJ A 1780	Requires registry of animal rescue organizations; requires animal rescue, pet		1/13/26

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	shop, shelter, or pound notify person adopting or purchasing animal of animal's behavioral and medical history; designated as "Rocky's Law."		
NJ A 3921	Authorizes veterinarians to transfer ownership of animals rather than euthanizing them, under certain circumstances.	3/3/24: Introduced, Referred to Assembly Commerce, Economic Development and Agriculture Committee	1/13/26
NJ S 67	Requires licensure of dog trainers.	01/08/24: Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Commerce Committee	1/13/26
NJ S 261	Provides for spaying and neutering stray or feral cats and establishes fund therefor; designated as "Compassion for Community Cats Law."	01/08/24: Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Environment and Energy Committee	1/13/26
NJ S 297	Prohibits sale of cats, dogs, or rabbit by pet shops; prohibits certain transactions between animal shelters, pounds, animal rescue organizations, and animal breeders or brokers; repeals "Pet Purchase Protection Act."	01/08/24: Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Economic Growth Committee	1/13/26
NJ S 706	Authorizes veterinarians to transfer ownership of animals rather than euthanizing them, under certain circumstances.	01/05/24: Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Economic Growth Committee	1/13/26
NJ S 1406	Prohibits surgical declawing of cats and other animals.	01/08/24: Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Environment and Energy Committee	1/13/26
NJ S 1657	Criminalizes impounding cat or dog in shelter, pound, or kennel without consent of other party.	01/08/24: Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Environment and Energy Committee	1/13/26
NJ S 2045	Requires certain animals used in testing to be offered for adoption; requires establishment of procedures for assessment and disposition of animals; establishes penalties for noncompliance.	01/08/24: Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Economic Growth Committee	1/13/26
NJ S 2511	Prohibits sale of cats, dogs, or rabbits by pet shops; repeals "Pet Purchase Protection Act."	2/4/24: Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Economic Growth Committee	1/13/26
NJ S 2784	"Chiara's Law"; prohibits euthanizing animals in shelters or pounds except for health or safety reasons.	2/14/24: Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Economic Growth Committee	1/13/26
NY A 107	Relates to establishing animals as sentient beings	1/7/25: Introduced REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE	1/2/27
NY A 165	Relates to outdoor restraints of dogs	1/7/25: Introduced REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE	1/2/27

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NY A 181	Creates a task force on animal laws; requires reporting to the governor and legislature of recommendations on how to increase statewide uniformity of such.	1/7/25: Introduced REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE	1/2/27
NY S 391	Requires a disclosure form for the surrender of a dog to a shelter, pound or dog protective association detailing the reasons for surrender and any aggressive tendencies of such dog.	1/7/25: Introduced REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE	1/2/27
TX HB 285	Relating to the prosecution of the offense of cruelty to nonlivestock animals.	11/11/24: Prefiled	
TX HB 471	Relating to the intake and disposition records of animal shelters and releasing agencies.	11/11/24: Prefiled	
TX HB 562	Relating to the regulation of licensed dog and cat breeders.	11/11/24: Prefiled	
TX HB 662	Relating to the adoption of cats and dogs previously used for research.	11/11/24: Prefiled	
VA HB 1768	Possession, sale, transfer, or breeding of nonhuman primates prohibited; penalties. Prohibits the possession, sale, transfer, or breeding of nonhuman primates and controls the ownership of such primates already in the Commonwealth. The bill exempts from the prohibition certain institutions, qualified transporters passing through the Commonwealth, those in possession of a state or federal exhibitor's license, and those in lawful possession of a nonhuman primate prior to July 1, 2026, subject to certain conditions. The bill also provides a procedure for the seizure of a primate in certain circumstances. Any violation of the provisions of the bill is a Class 1 misdemeanor or, for a willful act or omission in the care, control, or containment of a nonhuman primate, a Class 6 felony.		
VA SB 903	Sale and procurement of animals by pet shops; pet shop regulations.	1/4/25: Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25102151D Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources	2/22/25

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VA SB 916	Local ordinances; regulation of pet shops. Authorizes the governing body of any locality to regulate or restrict by ordinance the acquisition, marketing, and sale of animals in a pet shop, provided that such ordinance is consistent with state law. Such ordinance may distinguish between certain types of pet shops and include provisions for special licensing, inspections, reporting, or restrictions on the sale of certain types of animals. The bill also includes certain existing statewide provisions related to pet shops in the list of sections for which a locality may adopt parallel or more stringent ordinances.	1/4/25: Prefiled and ordered printed; Offered 01-08-2025 25103882D Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources	2/22/25
WA HB 1149	Preventing cruelty to animals.	12/30/24: Prefiled for introduction. 1/13/25: Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Community Safety at 2:00 PM in anticipation of other legislative action. 1/16/25: Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on Community Safety at 8:30 AM in anticipation of other legislative action.	Prefile
WA SB 5065	Prohibiting the use of certain animals in traveling animal acts.	HEARING 1/14/25: Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Law & Justice at 8:00 AM in anticipation of other legislative action. 1/16/25: Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 1:30 PM in anticipation of other legislative action. 1/16/25: Scheduled for executive session in the Senate Committee on Law & Justice at 10:30 AM in anticipation of other legislative action.	Prefile

Federal Legislation:

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Local Ordinances:

Los Angeles, CA	Ban on certain rodeo events, see Protect the Harvest for more details	Hearing is 12/5/23 Please submit comments via city website	
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	https://protecttheharvest.com/news/critical-call-to-action-to-save-rodeo-in-los-angeles/	https://cityclerk.lacity.org/publiccomment/?cfnumber=20-1575 Passed out of committee to full city council vote URGENT: Comments needed ASAP Please use link above to submit comments 12/05/23: Council adopted Personnel, Audits and Animal Welfare Committee report dated December 7, 2022 as Amended by Motion 15A (Blumenfield - Rodriguez - Harris-Dawson), subject to reconsideration, pursuant to Council Rule 51. City Attorney report No. 21-0377 and Ordinance dated December 17, 2021 received and file and new Ordinance requested. Amending Motion 15A (Blumenfield - Rodriguez - Harris-Dawson) Report from Personnel, Audits, and Animal Welfare Committee	
San Diego, CA	Potential rodeo ban	The rodeo company and the Padres are being sued by animal rights groups to keep the rodeo from happening at Petco Park in January 2025.	
Detroit, MI	Proposal to ban the retail sale of pets - Cats and Dogs	9/16/2024 Detroit City Council – Public Health and Safety Standing Committee: Councilmembers considered the pet store ordinance, which would prohibit the sale of cats and dogs at pet stores in Detroit. People could still bring home pets from shelters, rescues and responsible breeders. The committee referred the ordinance to the Law Department and will discuss it again in two weeks. HEARING 11/12	
Austin, TX	Ban on public contact with wild animals	Hearing June 12th, USARK has the details https://usark.org/23austin/ Proposed language The commission decided to create a working group to work on the ordinance's language so it wouldn't affect businesses that are operating appropriately. Commissioners will revisit this at a later meeting. Passed animal advisory group - to full city council for vote	

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USDA APHIS	Horse Protection Amendments APHIS-2022-0004-8793	Publication Date: May 08, 2024 Effective Date: February 01, 2025	
Dol FWS	Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants: Listing the Giraffe We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce our 12-month finding on a petition to list the giraffe (including its subspecies) as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act or ESA). After a review of the best available scientific and commercial information, we find that the following listing actions are warranted: We propose to list all three subspecies of the northern giraffe (<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>)--the West African giraffe (<i>Giraffa camelopardalis peralta</i>), the Kordofan giraffe (<i>Giraffa camelopardalis antiquorum</i>), and the Nubian giraffe (<i>Giraffa camelopardalis camelopardalis</i>)--as endangered species under Act. We also propose to list the reticulated giraffe (<i>Giraffa reticulata</i>) and the Masai giraffe (<i>Giraffa tippelskirchi</i>), both from east Africa, as threatened species with protective regulations issued under section 4(d) of the Act ("4(d) rule"). After a thorough review of the best scientific and commercial data available, we find that, based on the Act's section 4(a)(1) factors, it is not warranted at this time to list either subspecies of the southern giraffe (<i>Giraffa giraffa</i>)--the Angolan giraffe (<i>Giraffa giraffa angolensis</i>) and the South African giraffe (<i>Giraffa giraffa giraffa</i>)--but we are proposing, under the authority of section 4(e) of the Act, to treat both of these subspecies as threatened species based on their similarity of appearance to the West African giraffe, Kordofan giraffe, Nubian giraffe, reticulated giraffe, and Masai giraffe. If we finalize this rule as proposed, it would add all giraffes to the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife, under the authority of either section 4(a)(1) or 4(e) of the Act, and extend the Act's protections to these taxa.	Publication Date: 11/21/24 Comment Deadline: 2/19/25	