

## UAPPEAL

### GENERAL ANIMAL LEGISLATION THAT BECAME LAW IN 2023

ARIZONA	<a href="#">SB1053</a> Chapter 124	veterinary medicine; electronic means	Effective 90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 5/8/23
AFFECTED: Veterinarians, Owners SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Electronic Veterinary Medicine				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adds that sufficient knowledge of animal in relation to veterinarian client patient relationship includes real-time electronic exam using audio-video based communication</li> <li>• Allows establishing veterinarian client patient relationship through electronic means if vet 1) is licensed or has permit, 2) obtains informed consent from client kept for 3 years, 3) provides client with their name and contact and has alternative contact method if electronic is interrupted, 4) advises the client before exam that an in-person visit may be recommended, federal law prohibits certain drugs or medicines by electronic exams, and appointment may be terminated at any time, and 5) is able to recommend local vet that can do in-person visit and client has option to choose in-person</li> <li>• Veterinarians may prescribe drugs or medicines after establishing veterinarian client patient relationship through electronic means except: 1) initial prescriptions may only be filled 14 days and renewed an additional 14 days with another electronic exam and then need in-person exam, 2) vet must notify client that some drugs and medicines may be filled at the pharmacy and forward prescription to the pharmacy if requested, 3) vet does NOT prescribe controlled substance except with in-person exam or visit to premises where animal lives, and 4) vet must prescribe all medicines and drugs according to state and federal law</li> <li>• Electronic veterinary services are subject to practice of veterinary medicine rules</li> </ul>				
ARIZONA	<a href="#">SB1060</a> Chapter 115	animal owners; definition	Effective 90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 5/8/23
AFFECTED: Owners SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Redefines				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adds that animal owner does NOT include someone who keeps an animal at the request of an animal shelter</li> </ul>				

ARIZONA	<a href="#">SB1067</a> Chapter 116	study committee; animal control standards	Effective 90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 5/8/23
AFFECTED: All SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Creates Committee				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creates the joint study committee on statewide animal control standards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comprised of 2 members of Senate appointed by president of senate with 1 chair, 2 members of House of Representatives appointed by Speaker of the House with 1 vice chair, Director of Maricopa County Department of Animal Care and Control Services or designee, Director of Pima County Animal Care Department or designee, 4 members of animal control agencies all from different counties in counties with less than 800,000 people (2 appointed by Senate and 2 by House), 4 members of humane animal organizations from different organizations that provide animal control to cities or counties without shelters (2 appointed by House and 2 by Senate), 1 veterinarian who is faculty at accredited veterinary college appointed by AZ state veterinary medical examining board</li> <li>Majority constitutes quorum and meets as often as chair determines</li> <li>Committee must research and report on need for statewide consistency of animal control and submit report to leaders of House and Senate and Governor by 12/31/23</li> <li>Committee may use legislative staff for administrative and operational services</li> <li>Requires state agency or political subdivision to provide services, equipment, documents, personnel and facilities to committee without cost upon request</li> <li>Repeals section on 6/30/24</li> </ul> </li> </ul>				
ARIZONA	<a href="#">SB1194</a> Chapter 132	state veterinarian; certified rabies vaccinator	Effective 90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 5/11/23
AFFECTED: Veterinarians, Rabies Vaccinators, Owners SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Vaccine Administration				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allows rabies vaccine to be administered by certified rabies vaccinator</li> <li>Adds that certified rabies vaccinator is not considered practicing veterinary medicine</li> <li>Allows veterinarian to appoint non-veterinarian as certified rabies vaccinator to administer rabies vaccines on animal shelter or rescue premises in county with less than 400,000 or census county division of less than 50,000 in county of 400,000+ if no licensed veterinarian</li> <li>Requires veterinarian to provide training and to certify in writing that demonstrated skills and knowledge to administer vaccines</li> <li>Certification lasts 1 year and must be renewed for 2 years</li> <li>Requires rabies vaccinator to maintain records of vaccines for 3 years and report adverse events to the veterinarian</li> <li>Veterinarian is not liable for actions of rabies vaccinator administering vaccines</li> </ul>				
ARKANSAS	<a href="#">HB1293</a> Act 206	TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO TITLE 25 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING STATE GOVERNMENT; AND TO REPEAL THE SUBCHAPTER CONCERNING RULES PERTAINING TO MILK AND CATTLE PRODUCTION.	Effective 90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 3/6/23
AFFECTED: Milk Producers SPECIES: Cattle CLASSIFICATION: Repeals Rule				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Repeals rule regarding milk and cattle production</li> </ul>				

ARKANSAS	<a href="#">HB1319</a> Act 113	TO PROVIDE FOOD AND MEDICAL CARE TO A CANINE RETIRED FROM THE DIVISION OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND TO CREATE RINO'S LAW.	Effective 90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 2/21/23
AFFECTED: Canine Handlers SPECIES: Police Canines CLASSIFICATION: Payment for Medical				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires Department of Public Safety to provide up to \$2500/year for food, flea and tick medication and veterinarian bills for canine that retires from AR Division of State Police and is adopted by a handler</li> </ul>				
ARKANSAS	<a href="#">HB1420</a> Act 268	REGARDING EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMALS.	Effective 90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 3/13/23
AFFECTED: Providers and Needers of Emotional Support Animals SPECIES: Emotional Support Animals CLASSIFICATION: Requires Notification				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires supplier of emotional support dog to provide written notice to recipient that dog does not have training to qualify as service animal, that it is not entitled to rights of service animals, and misrepresentation of a service animal is a misdemeanor</li> <li>Requires person or business providing certificate, identification, tag, vest, leash, or harness for an emotional support animal to provide notice to recipient that the item does not entitle an emotional support animal the rights of service dogs and misrepresentation of a service animal is a misdemeanor</li> <li>Requires notice to be 12-point type on receipt or separate piece of paper</li> <li>Requires healthcare provider providing documentation of need of emotional support dog to 1) have active license and provide effective date, license number, jurisdiction, and type of license, 2) be licensed to provide professional services, 3) have client-provider relationship at least 30 days except homeless, 4) complete annual clinical evaluation, 5) provide verbal or written notice that misrepresentation of service animal is misdemeanor, and 6) annually renew documentation – violation may subject them to discipline by licensing board</li> <li>Violation of knowingly and fraudulently representing or selling dog as having rights of service dog OR violating written notice for recipients is civil penalty with \$500 for 1<sup>st</sup> offense, \$1000 for 2<sup>nd</sup> offense, and \$2500 per additional</li> <li>Law does not affect right to reasonable accommodation or right to equal access to housing</li> </ul>				
ARKANSAS	<a href="#">HB1566</a> Act 452	TO MODIFY THE COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENT ESTABLISHED UNDER ACT 161 OF 2023; AND TO PROHIBIT A VETERINARY TECHNICIAN SPECIALIST FROM RECEIVING COMPENSATION FOR PERFORMING SPECIALIZED VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY.	Effective 90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 4/4/23
AFFECTED: Veterinary Technician SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Limits Compensation				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prohibits a veterinary technician from receiving compensation for performing specialized veterinary technology except for salary or compensation paid by veterinary clinic, veterinary practice or veterinarian for which they are employed</li> <li>No longer allows collaborative practice agreement to include protocols for prescriptive authority</li> </ul>				

ARKANSAS	<a href="#">HB1591</a> Act 730	TO CLARIFY THE APPLICABILITY OF THE ARKANSAS RETAIL PET STORE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT OF 1991; AND TO PREEMPT CERTAIN LAWS CONCERNING RETAIL PET STORES.	Effective 90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 4/12/23
AFFECTED: Retail Pet Stores; Buyers; Cattery; Kennel; Dealer; Local Governments SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Prohibits Ban on Acquisition				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prohibits a local government (city of 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> class, incorporated town or county) from passing a law that prohibits a retail pet store from acquiring animals from cattery, kennel or dealer OR selling such animal</li> </ul>				
ARKANSAS	<a href="#">HB1629</a> Act 522	TO AMEND THE RABIES CONTROL ACT RELATED TO THE CONFINEMENT OF AN ANIMAL WHEN A PERSON IS BITTEN TO ALLOW AN OWNER TO CONFINE AN ANIMAL WHO HAS RECEIVED A CURRENT VACCINATION AGAINST RABIES.	Effective 90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 4/10/23
AFFECTED: Owners SPECIES: Animal CLASSIFICATION: Quarantine				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allows an owner of an animal that has bitten someone to confine the animal on their property and observe it IF the animal has a current rabies vaccination AND the owner provides proof</li> </ul>				
ARKANSAS	<a href="#">HB1662</a> Act 591	TO EXEMPT THE SALE OF VETERINARY DRUGS AND MEDICINE IF BASED ON A PRESCRIPTION OF A LICENSED VETERINARIAN FROM THE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR A PHARMACIST AND A PHARMACY; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 4/11/23
AFFECTED: Veterinarians; Drug Distributor SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Exemption				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adds an exemption from needing license for pharmacist for sale or shipment of veterinary medical use antibiotics and microbials directly from wholesaler, distributor, pharmacy, or farm store to a client if there is a veterinary prescription with a veterinary-client-patient relationship</li> <li>Passed in response to the FDA requiring a prescription for medically important antibiotics starting June 2023</li> </ul>				
ARKANSAS	<a href="#">HB1676</a> Act 593	TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING CERTAIN DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES AND TESTING RELATED TO ANIMALS; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES; AND TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CANINE BRUCELLOSIS.	Effective 90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 4/11/23
AFFECTED: Owners SPECIES: Dogs CLASSIFICATION: Additional Testing				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires owners of dogs that test positive for canine brucellosis to report the results to the Department of Agriculture (was Livestock and Poultry Commission)</li> <li>Requires positive dog that has been spayed or neutered to have negative test before leaving premises</li> </ul>				
ARKANSAS	<a href="#">HB1677</a> Act 594	TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING LIVESTOCK; TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING LIVESTOCK RUNNING AT LARGE; TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING FENCING; AND TO REPEAL THE LAW REGARDING FENCING DISTRICTS.	Effective 90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 4/11/23
AFFECTED: Owners SPECIES: Livestock CLASSIFICATION: Revises				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Makes several revisions to the law regarding livestock escapes and fencing</li> </ul>				

ARKANSAS	<a href="#">HB1706</a> Act 824	REGARDING LIQUID ANIMAL WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS; AND TO TRANSFER THE AUTHORITY RELATED TO LIQUID ANIMAL WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.	Effective 90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 4/13/23
AFFECTED: Waste Management Systems SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Revises Authority				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grants Department of Agriculture in consultation with Division of Environmental Quality the authority of liquid animal waste management systems including the power to promulgate rules, issue and modify permits, approve design plans and site requirements, and take other necessary action</li> </ul>				
ARKANSAS	<a href="#">HB1707</a> Act 530	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS SOIL NUTRIENT APPLICATION AND POULTRY LITTER UTILIZATION ACT; AND TO PROVIDE THAT NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANS AND POULTRY LITTER MANAGEMENT PLANS ARE NOT PUBLIC RECORDS.	Effective 90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 4/10/23
AFFECTED: Poultry Litter Management Plans SPECIES: Poultry CLASSIFICATION: Exempts from Public Record				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exempts poultry litter management plan from being a public record, from public inspection and from the FOIA</li> </ul>				
ARKANSAS	<a href="#">SB338</a> Act 467	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS EGG MARKETING ACT OF 1969; AND TO AMEND THE NUMBER OF HENS A RETAILER IS PERMITTED TO HAVE TO BE EXEMPT FROM THE ARKANSAS EGG MARKETING ACT OF 1969.	Effective 90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 4/19/23
AFFECTED: Retailers, Owners SPECIES: Hens CLASSIFICATION: Exemption Change				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increases the exemption for retailers of eggs from the Arkansas Egg Marketing Act of 1969 from those purchased from sellers that have less than 200 hens to those that have less than 700 hens</li> </ul>				
ARKANSAS	<a href="#">SB476</a> Act 706	TO CREATE THE RURAL VETERINARY STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM; TO CREATE THE AGRI SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE; AND TO CREATE THE AGRI SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FUND WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.	Effective 90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 4/11/23
AFFECTED: Veterinarians SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Scholarship				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Makes Arkansas Plant Board civil penalty fees go to the Agri Scholarship Program</li> <li>Allows Department of Agriculture to offer scholarships to residents entering institute of higher learning that offers undergraduate program related to agriculture within the state OR post-graduate program for agriculture or veterinary medicine either within or outside the state</li> <li>Requires agreement to obtain degree within 6 years of obtaining scholarship AND work in state for 2 years after graduation and begin employment within 1 year – agreement must also include repayment for breach</li> <li>Creates Rural Veterinary Student Scholarship Program that encourages veterinarians to locate their practices in rural areas and receive special training to meet needs of livestock producers and rural communities</li> <li>Details requirements for the scholarship program</li> </ul>				

COLORADO	<a href="#">SB23-152</a>	Sunset Continue Custom Processing Meat Animals	Effective 90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 4/28/23
AFFECTED: Meat Producers SPECIES: Meat Animals CLASSIFICATION: Extends Regulation				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extends the regulation of custom processing of meat animals from 9/1/23 to 9/1/32</li> <li>• Revises the sale of poultry labeling to remove the 2016 stakeholder group meeting and report and just allowing the commissioner to create a stakeholder group</li> <li>• Removes \$700 per violation civil penalty and makes penalties credited to general fund</li> <li>• Violations of Article 33 is petty offense (was Class 2 misdemeanor)</li> </ul>				
FLORIDA	<a href="#">SR 1732</a>	Path of the Panther Day		Adopted 4/11/23
AFFECTED: All SPECIES: Florida Panther CLASSIFICATION: Official Day				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designates 4/11/23 as Path of the Panther Day to highlight recovery of Florida panther and celebrate Florida Wildlife Corridor</li> </ul>				
GEORGIA	<a href="#">SB 68 Act 91</a>	Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations; offense of dogfighting as racketeering activity; include	Effective 7/1/23	Adopted 5/1/23
AFFECTED: Dog Fighters SPECIES: Dogs CLASSIFICATION: Dogfighting is Racketeering				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes dogfighting as racketeering activity in relation to racketeer influenced and corrupt organizations</li> </ul>				
IDAHO	<a href="#">H0095 Chapter 28</a>	Animal remedies, hemp	Effective 7/1/23	Signed into law 3/15/23
AFFECTED: Commercial Feed Suppliers, Owners SPECIES: Pets, Special Pets, Equine CLASSIFICATION: Excludes from definition				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excludes from the definition of commercial feed any animal remedies from industrial hemp for pets, specialty pets, and equines as it clarifies that they are not considered adulterated</li> </ul>				
IDAHO	<a href="#">H0349 Chapter 261</a>	Stray livestock, herd district	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 4/3/23
AFFECTED: Herd Districts SPECIES: Livestock CLASSIFICATION: Removes grandfathering				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removes the exemption for herd districts or ordinances on 1/1/1990 from the authority of the county commissioners</li> <li>• Corrects every instance of the word inclosed with enclosed</li> </ul>				

INDIANA	<a href="#">HB 1354</a> Public Law 52	Service animals.	Effective 7/1/23	Signed into law 5/4/23
AFFECTED: Handlers    SPECIES: Service Animals    CLASSIFICATION: Re-defines				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Redefines service animal from hearing animal, guide animal, assistance animal, seizure alert animal, mobility animal, psychiatric service animal or autism service animal to dog or miniature horse trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability</li> <li>• Requires public accommodation to make reasonable modifications to policies, practices and procedures to allow miniature horse for individual with disability</li> <li>• Requires public accommodation to consider size, type and weight of horse and whether facility can accommodate it, whether handler has sufficient control, whether horse is housebroken, and whether presence in certain facility compromises legitimate safety requirements for safe operation</li> <li>• Removes that person who is blind, deaf or has physical or mental disability must be allowed to be accompanied by service animal without charge</li> <li>• For penalties for those who refuse accommodation or charge extra fees, replaces person who is blind, deaf or has physical or mental disability to individual with a disability</li> <li>• Requires public accommodation to make reasonable modifications to policies, practices and procedures to allow service animal for individual with disability</li> <li>• Public accommodation may ask person with disability to remove animal if it is out of control and handler does not take effective action to control it OR if it is not housebroken – must allow handler to obtain goods, services or accommodations without the animal</li> <li>• Allows public accommodation to charge handler for damages if they normally charge individuals for damages they cause</li> <li>• Service animal must be under control of handler at all times AND must have harness, leash or tether unless the handler is unable to because of the disability or it will interfere with the animal’s work</li> <li>• Public accommodation is not responsible for care or supervision of the service animal</li> <li>• Prohibits public accommodation from asking about nature or extent of disability but may ask whether animal is required because of a disability and what work or task the animal was trained to perform – may not make inquires if readily apparent – may not require documentation of certification, training or licensing</li> <li>• Allows service animal in all areas of public accommodation including where members of public, program participants, clients, customers, patrons and invitees are allowed – may not charge a fee or make requirements that others don’t comply with</li> </ul>				

INDIANA	<a href="#">SB 423</a> Public Law 52	Animal impoundment.	Effective 7/1/23	Signed into law 4/20/23
AFFECTED: SPECIES: CLASSIFICATION:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defines impound agency and reasonable expenses</li> <li>• Requires impound agency to make reasonable attempt to identify and notify the owner of an impounded animal that it was impounded and the bond requirement</li> <li>• Requires providing bond to impound agency (was animal shelter caring for it) within 10 BUSINESS days (was just 10 days) and requires amount to be reasonable expenses</li> <li>• Makes 10 business day period begin on day of impoundment without court order</li> <li>• Makes animal forfeited to impound agency (was shelter) if bond expires OR is not posted</li> <li>• Euthanasia by impound agency requires a veterinarian to determine animal presents serious threat to other animals or people OR is in best interest of welfare of animals (was just those suffering extreme pain) – must notify owner with reason within 10 business days AFTERWARDS – exempts vet from civil liability – unused bond must be returned to owner</li> </ul>				
IOWA	<a href="#">HF 317</a>	A bill for an act relating to taking certain animals that are deemed a nuisance.	Effective 7/1/23	Signed into law 4/28/23
AFFECTED: Owner/Tenant of Agriculture Property SPECIES: Raccoon, Opossum, Skunk CLASSIFICATION: Exemption				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adds that prior permission is not required to shoot, trap or ensnare a fur-bearing animal when it is an owner or tenant of agriculture property or associated residence outside city limits when taking, capturing by cage-trap or dog-proof trap, shooting or temporarily possessing to destroy or dispose of a raccoon, skunk or opossum deemed a nuisance</li> <li>• Excludes federal Endangered Species Act species or state endangered species</li> </ul>				
IOWA	<a href="#">SF 315</a>	A bill for an act relating to raw milk, by providing for the production of raw milk at certain dairies, the manufacture of products using raw milk, and the labeling and distribution of raw milk and manufactured products, and making penalties applicable.(Formerly SSB 1107.)	Effective 7/1/23	Signed into law 5/11/23
AFFECTED: Dairy Producers & Manufacturers SPECIES: Dairy Animals CLASSIFICATION: Revises				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allows department to require records by raw milk producer that includes coliform count and standard plate count of dairy animals at raw milk dairy owned or operated by them and administration of antibiotic drugs to dairy animals</li> <li>• Prohibits home food processing establishment from selling or distributing raw milk</li> <li>• Requires raw milk dairy where raw milk is produced, processed, labeled, marketed or distributed along with raw milk product is manufactured to comply with chapter 195 – prohibits department from regulating it except where expressly allowed</li> <li>• Prohibits food establishment or farmers market from selling or distributing raw milk or raw milk manufactured product</li> <li>• Requires labeling of raw milk or manufactured raw milk product with specific wording requirements</li> <li>• Regulates distribution of raw milk products</li> </ul>				



IOWA	<a href="#">SF 473</a>	A bill for an act relating to livestock health, by providing for the livestock health advisory council and livestock disease research fund.	Effective 7/1/23	Signed into law 4/28/23
AFFECTED: Owners; Council SPECIES: Livestock CLASSIFICATION: New member				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adds that livestock health advisory council supports livestock disease research by college of veterinary medicine</li> <li>• Adds Iowa turkey farmer appointed by Iowa turkey federation to membership</li> <li>• Adds members are appointed by member organizations</li> <li>• Adds that members cannot get expenses for doing their duties or compensation</li> <li>• Requires council to make recommendations for expenditures in fund to be made at beginning of fiscal year and requires such recommendation before expending it</li> <li>• Adds that money from livestock disease research fund is for college of veterinary medicine to conduct research on livestock diseases</li> </ul>				
KENTUCKY	<a href="#">HB 39</a>	AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Horse Park.	Effective 90 days after adjournment	Became law w/o signature 3/29/23
AFFECTED: Kentucky Horse Park SPECIES: Horses CLASSIFICATION: Makes various revisions				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adds definitions for “emergency” and “solely for administrative purposes”</li> <li>• Increases commission membership from 15 to 18 and adds secretary of the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet or designee, secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet or designee, Commissioner of Agriculture or designee, mayor of Lexington or designee, Scott County judge/executive or designee and dean of the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment or designee</li> <li>• Limits terms to 3 consecutive</li> <li>• Adds chairperson is non-voting member and vice chair is voting member unless performing chair duties</li> <li>• Vacancies shall be filled same as original appointment</li> <li>• Makes Kentucky Horse Park independent, de jure municipal corporation and political subdivision of KY and public agency AND attaches it to Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet for administrative purposes</li> <li>• Replaces executive director with president and makes them responsible for records instead of secretary</li> <li>• Makes other changes</li> </ul>				
KENTUCKY	<a href="#">HB 115</a> Chapter 169	AN ACT relating to service animals.	Effective 90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 4/4/23
AFFECTED: Handlers SPECIES: Service Animals CLASSIFICATION: Adds to definition				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adds electronic detection dog and police dog to the definition of service animal</li> </ul>				

KENTUCKY	<a href="#">HB 167</a> Chapter 95	AN ACT relating to veterinarian licensing and making an appropriation therefor.	Effective 90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 3/24/23
<p>AFFECTED: Veterinarians, Veterinary Technologists, Veterinary Facilities, AAHP Facilities, Animal Control  SPECIES: N/A  CLASSIFICATION: Creates Licensing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allows telehealth for veterinary practice and lists requirements</li> <li>• Requires veterinarians and AAHP to maintain medical records which are property of client and available for 5 years after last contact with client and details the process for releasing them and when they are confidential or required to be released</li> <li>• Details requirements for renewal of veterinary technician license and animal euthanasia specialist and animal control certificates and requirements if not renewed in time</li> <li>• Requires national and state criminal background check for licenses and certificate holders</li> <li>• Makes other changes</li> </ul>				
MAINE	<a href="#">HP 160</a> Chapter 88	An Act to Establish the Pink-edged Sulphur as the State Butterfly	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 5/15/23
<p>AFFECTED: All SPECIES: Pink-edged Sulphur CLASSIFICATION: Official State Animal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designates pink-edged sulphur as official state butterfly</li> </ul>				
MARYLAND	<a href="#">HB0102</a> Chapter 488	Real Property - Actions for Possession - Pet Protections	Effective 6/1/23	Signed into law 5/8/23
<p>AFFECTED: Landlords, Complainants, Pet Owners SPECIES: Domesticated Cats or Dogs CLASSIFICATION: Removal of pets from real property</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applies to action for possession of real property filed after 11/1/23 by landlord against a tenant or complainant against person holding possession of real property</li> <li>• Requires Department of Agriculture to develop and publish on its website by 10/1/23 a fact sheet on how a person may care for and protect any pets in the event of an eviction or loss of property – must include state and local resources including shelters and rescues – must update on regular basis</li> <li>• Requires landlord executing a lease on or after 11/1/23 to include a link to the DOA fact sheet above within the lease if landlord knows the tenant has a pet</li> <li>• Requires Maryland Judiciary to include link to fact sheet with any warrant issued on and after 11/1/23</li> <li>• When possession of real property is given to landlord or complainant, the sheriff, constable or other official must inspect the property for pets and provide the tenant or person who had the property with the pet</li> <li>• If tenant or person who held property is not present at time property is delivered, the sheriff, constable or official must contact an animal shelter or rescue to take the pet, provide the tenant or person who held it with name and contact information where pet was taken and provide the shelter or rescue with the name and contact information of the owner</li> <li>• Prohibits leaving removed pet on public property or a public right-of-way</li> </ul>				

MARYLAND	<a href="#">HB0325</a> Chapter 588 <a href="#">SB0390</a> Chapter 589	Provision of Veterinary Services – Practice of Veterinary Medicine and Rabies Vaccines	Effective 10/1/23	Signed into law 5/8/23
AFFECTED: Veterinarians, Animal Control Facility SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: New License				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allows board to issue license to animal control facility to administer drugs to sedate and/or euthanize animals AND rabies vaccines – owner must apply for and be issued license – 1 individual must be designated to administer them – annual fee is \$100</li> <li>• Board may reject an application for animal control authority or revoke or suspend a license for failure to comply with regulations</li> <li>• Animal control facility must comply with training requirements and must allow inspections</li> <li>• Moves provision allowing Board to authorize practice of health occupation on animal by health care practitioner from section 304(e) to 305.1</li> <li>• Requires board to establish expedited process to allow veterinary practitioner licensed to practice in another state or jurisdiction to become licensed in the state</li> <li>• Requires Secretary of Health to provide system that allows a veterinary technician, clinical staff who work in or for an animal shelter, or animal control facility to administer rabies vaccine IF 1) the shelter or facility is licensed to administer drugs, 2) animal is under custody or control of animal shelter or facility, 3) veterinary practitioner that signs certificate ensured individual administering it was properly trained, and 4) individual administering it is identified on certificate</li> <li>• Requires State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to report to General Assembly by 12/1/23 the status of the expedited process to license veterinarians licensed in other states along with any financial support needed</li> </ul>				
MARYLAND	<a href="#">HB0608</a> Chapter 211 <a href="#">SB0535</a> Chapter 212	Human Relations - Housing Discrimination - Service Dogs	Effective 10/1/23	Signed into law 4/24/23
AFFECTED: Handlers SPECIES: Service Dogs CLASSIFICATION: Ban Housing Discrimination				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defines service dog as dog trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability and excludes animals meant to deter crime or provide emotion support, well-being, comfort or companionship</li> <li>• Bans discrimination in the sale or rental or otherwise make unavailable or deny a dwelling to an individual with a disability who has or obtains a service dog or keeps their former service dog after retirement from service</li> <li>• Makes a person who has, obtains or retains a service dog is exempt from provision of a leasing or rental agreement banning dogs and from additional rent or fee for the dog, may keep a retired dog for its life, and is liable for damages by the dog</li> </ul>				

MARYLAND	<a href="#">HB0626</a> Chapter 447 <a href="#">SB0560</a> Chapter 448	Animal Testing and Research - Human-Relevant Research Funding and Animal Testing and Research Contributions	Effective 7/1/23	Signed into law 5/8/23
AFFECTED: Researchers      SPECIES: Research Animal      CLASSIFICATION: Creates Fund & Board; Requires Payment				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creates Human-Relevant Research Fund to promote state-funded research that develops human-relevant alternatives to using non-human animals in medical and product testing</li> <li>• Fund is administered by Corporation, is nonlapsing, and is separate</li> <li>• Fund consists of revenue distributed to it, state budget appropriations, interest earnings, and other sources and is used to award grants and loans to those above and pay administrative costs</li> <li>• Corporation shall create grant and loan program for state-funded human-relevant research with human-relevant alternatives – recipients must enter into memorandum of understanding establishing scope of state’s ownership in commercialization and benefits of results of research and reflects intellectual property policies</li> <li>• Requires corporation to contract with independent scientific review board to become Human-Relevant Research Review Board</li> <li>• Requires Board to review, evaluate, rank and rate research proposals based on Corporation procedures and guidelines that consider scientific, medical and ethical implications AND then make recommendations for grants and loans</li> <li>• Board members may NOT receive a grant and are subject to conflict of interest standards at least as strict as Federal National Institutes of Health</li> <li>• Requires annual report from Corporation and Board by Jan 1 to Governor and General Assembly on research progress funded by grants with each recipient, amount of money and description of research</li> <li>• Requires research facilities required to submit APHIS form 7023 to by Jan 15 each year to pay contribution to Department of \$5000 for 100 animals, \$10,000 for 101-500 animals, \$55,000 for 501-5000 animals, and \$75,000 for 5001+ animals based on the APHIS form – Requires Secretary to distribute funds to Human-Relevant Research Fund – Failure to pay is civil penalty up to \$1000/day</li> </ul>				
MARYLAND	<a href="#">HB0676</a> Chapter 591	Cemeteries – Interment – Pet Remains	Effective 10/1/23	Signed into law 5/8/23
AFFECTED: Owners      SPECIES: Deceased Pets      CLASSIFICATION: Revises pet internment				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adds that interment includes pet remains including those cremated</li> <li>• Preneed burial contract must include name of pet if applicable</li> <li>• If preneed burial contract has 2 or more pets for which preneed goods or services of trust apply, sellers may designate consideration paid for each pet</li> <li>• Registered cemeterian, registered crematory operator, or permit holder with business that operates cemetery, crematory, or burial goods that sells public cremation services, burial lots and burial rights for pet remains which perpetual care is stated or implied owes duty of perpetual care</li> </ul>				

MARYLAND	<a href="#">SB0910</a> Chapter 758	Maryland Veterans Service Animal Program – Definitions – Therapy Horse	Effective 10/1/23	Signed into law 5/16/23
AFFECTED: Handlers SPECIES: Therapy Horses CLASSIFICATION: Revises Definitions				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Redefines therapy horse to no longer require Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International member centers to be premier accredited</li> </ul>				
MISSISSIPPI	<a href="#">SB2228</a>	Pet insurance; establish provisions for the sale and renewal of policies.	Effective 7/1/23	Signed into law 3/10/23
AFFECTED: Pet Insurers, Owners SPECIES: Pets CLASSIFICATION: Adds disclosure and training				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires pet insurers to disclose 1) if the policy excludes coverage due to a preexisting condition, hereditary disorder, congenital anomaly or disorder or chronic condition, 2) "Other exclusions may apply. Please refer to the exclusions section of the policy for more information" if any other exclusions, 3) whether coverage is limited due to waiting or affiliation period, deductible, coinsurance or annual or lifetime policy limit, 4) whether it decreases coverage or increases premiums due to claim history, age of pet, or change in geographic location, and 5) whether underwriting company differs from brand name sold under</li> <li>• Allows person licensed in major line of authority and appointed by pet insurer to sell, solicit or negotiate a pet insurance</li> <li>• Allows commissioner to require training for insurance producers which may be met by training in another state</li> <li>• Allows commissioner to create rules regarding policy disclosures, policy conditions, sales practices for selling wellness programs, and penalties for violations, among other things</li> </ul>				
MONTANA	<a href="#">HB 44</a> Chapter 3	Revise duties of state stock inspectors and deputy stock inspectors	Effective 7/1/23	Signed into law 2/16/23
AFFECTED: Stock Inspectors SPECIES: Livestock CLASSIFICATION: Removes triplicate permit requirement				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replaces one copy with a copy in regards to state stock inspectors or deputy stock inspectors</li> <li>• Removes requirement for market consignment permit or transportation permit to be in triplicate</li> </ul>				
MONTANA	<a href="#">HB 59</a> Chapter 20	Extend sunset date for livestock loss board funding and statutory appropriations	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 2/28/23
AFFECTED: Livestock Loss Board SPECIES: Livestock CLASSIFICATION: Extends sunset date				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extends termination of the funding of programs contingency, statutory appropriation of funds in the livestock loss mitigation restricted account, statutory appropriation of funds in the livestock loss reduction restricted account, statutory appropriation of funds in the predatory animal special revenue account to 6/30/2029</li> </ul>				
MONTANA	<a href="#">HB 66</a> Chapter 120	Revise penalties and interest for livestock per capita fee	Effective 10/1/23	Signed into law 4/18/23
AFFECTED: Importers SPECIES: Livestock CLASSIFICATION: Import Reporting; Per capita fee				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revises requirement to complete livestock reporting form from immediately after crossing state lines to March 1 of the following year</li> <li>• Changes per capita fee due date from May 31 to March 1</li> <li>• Applies to tax years after 12/31/2023</li> </ul>				

MONTANA	<a href="#">HB 84</a> Chapter 126	Generally revise laws related to treatment of garbage fed to swine	Effective 10/1/23	Signed into law 4/18/23
AFFECTED: Owners; Feeders SPECIES: Swine; Animals CLASSIFICATION: Bans garbage feeding				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Excludes waste products that do not include animal products from the term garbage</li> <li>Bans feeding garbage to swine or other animals and no longer issues licenses except household garbage to own animals and adds that they must be under their ownership</li> <li>Removes authority to create rules regarding garbage feeding since it is banned</li> <li>Removes authority to inspect airports for garbage disposal methods</li> <li>Repeals no longer relevant sections</li> </ul>				
MONTANA	<a href="#">HB 100</a> Chapter 130	Require livestock containment for required animal disease testing	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 4/18/23
AFFECTED: Owners; Inspectors SPECIES: Livestock CLASSIFICATION: Requires Containment				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires livestock to be contained for animal disease testing and inspections</li> <li>Allows department to provide chute or alley to complete it</li> </ul>				
MONTANA	<a href="#">HB 153</a> Chapter 37	Generally revise laws related to livestock markets	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 3/2/23
AFFECTED: Livestock Markets SPECIES: Livestock CLASSIFICATION: Revises				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>for definition of custodial account, replaces “market agency or a satellite video livestock” with “livestock market or livestock video”</li> <li>Redefines livestock dealer as buying or selling livestock in commerce on person’s own account or as employee or agent of vendor or purchaser AND adds that it does not include livestock market</li> <li>Redefines livestock market as person in the business of buying or selling livestock in commerce on a commission basis, a person in the business of furnishing stockyard services, or a livestock video auction</li> <li>Replaces satellite video livestock auction market with livestock video auction</li> <li>Application for a certificate of public convenience no longer requires location of other livestock markets within 200 mile radius NOR anticipated revenue from inspection</li> </ul>				
MONTANA	<a href="#">HB 159</a> Chapter 99	Repeal Livestock Crimestoppers Act	Effective 10/1/23	Signed into law 4/18/23
AFFECTED: Livestock Crimestoppers Commission SPECIES: Livestock CLASSIFICATION: Repeals Commission				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Repeals the Livestock Crimestoppers Commission</li> <li>Deletes that department may consider the commission’s recommendations and take action</li> <li>Adds that department shall recommend to board of livestock the names of individuals to be rewarded for providing information in detecting and combating livestock-related crimes, the amount of reward, and means for promoting program</li> <li>Repeals sections related to repealed Livestock Crimestoppers Commission</li> </ul>				

MONTANA	<a href="#">HB 388</a> Chapter 194	Increase penalty for uninspected livestock	Effective 10/1/23	Signed into law 4/20/23
AFFECTED: Importers SPECIES: Livestock CLASSIFICATION: Increases Penalty				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increases penalty for importing livestock without a health certificate, permit or documentation from a maximum of \$500 to greater of \$500 per animal or \$5000</li> </ul>				
MONTANA	<a href="#">HB 703</a> Chapter 284	Generally revise laws related to service animals and emotional support animals	Effective 10/1/23	Signed into law 4/27/23
AFFECTED: Tenants, Landlords SPECIES: Service Animals; Emotional Support Animals CLASSIFICATION: Allow emotional support animals				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allows tenant with disability or disability-related need for emotional support animal to request and be approved for such animal as reasonable accommodation in housing</li> <li>Allows landlord to deny request if animal poses direct threat to safety or health of others or direct threat of physical damage to property that cannot be reduced by another accommodation</li> <li>Allows landlord to request need for such animal if not apparent that includes information from healthcare provider of specific assistance or therapeutic emotional support along with any other reliable source</li> <li>Allows landlord to require proof of compliance with state and local licensure and vaccination requirements</li> <li>Prohibits landlord from requesting information on diagnosis or severity of tenant's disability or medical records</li> <li>Requires landlord to issue written determination after receiving information</li> <li>Adds that emotional support registration is not proof of need for such animal</li> <li>Makes tenant liable for damages to premises or another person on the property caused by the animal</li> <li>Makes health care provider subject to disciplinary action by licensing board for violation</li> <li>Excludes service animals from law</li> </ul>				
MONTANA	<a href="#">HB 767</a> Chapter 217	Generally revise livestock laws	Effective 10/1/23	Signed into law 4/20/23
AFFECTED: Owners SPECIES: Livestock CLASSIFICATION: Revises Brand Law				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allows Department to consider applications for characters and images within a proposed mark or brand not recorded with the department</li> <li>No longer requires Department to keep records of marks or brands in a book</li> </ul>				
MONTANA	<a href="#">SB 78</a> Chapter 427	Revise reimbursement values for registered livestock	Effective 10/1/23	Signed into law 5/4/23
AFFECTED: Owners SPECIES: Livestock, Guard Animals CLASSIFICATION: Double fair market value for livestock loss				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limits coverage of livestock loss mitigation program from livestock guard animals to livestock guard DOGS</li> <li>Livestock Loss Board must keep names, addresses and personally identifiable information of claimants confidential and not release it</li> <li>Changes fair market value of registered sheep and registered cattle to twice the average value of commercial sheep or cattle of the same age and sex – changes FMV of unlisted registered livestock to twice the value of commercial-grade animals of the same breed, age and sex</li> </ul>				

MONTANA	<a href="#">SR 26</a>	Confirm governor's appointees for the board of veterinary medicine		Adopted 2/3/23
AFFECTED: Board of Veterinary Medicine SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Confirms appointees				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Just states that Senate concurs in, or agrees with, the governor's appointees for the Board of Veterinary Medicine</li> </ul>				
MONTANA	<a href="#">SR 64</a>	Confirm governor's appointees for board of livestock		Adopted 3/31/23
AFFECTED: Board of Livestock SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Confirms appointees				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Just states that Senate concurs in, or agrees with, the governor's appointees for the Board of Livestock</li> </ul>				
NEBRASKA	<a href="#">LB296</a>	Adopt the Pet Insurance Act	Effective 1/1/24	Signed into law 4/21/23
AFFECTED: Owners, Insurers SPECIES: Pets CLASSIFICATION: Regulates Pet Insurance				
Creates Pet Insurance Act				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Includes insurance issued to state residents, those sold, solicited, negotiated or offered in the state and those delivered in the state</li> <li>Requires pet insurers that use the terms chronic condition, congenital anomaly or disorder, heredity disorder, orthopedic condition, pet insurance policy, preexisting condition, renewal, veterinarian, veterinary expenses, waiting period, or wellness program in their policy to use the definition given in the bill and include that definition in the policy along with in a clear and conspicuous link on main page on the insurer's website, pet insurer program's website or both – does not limit exclusions insurers may use</li> <li>Requires pet insurer to disclose 1) any coverage excluded due to preexisting condition, heredity disorder, congenital anomaly or disorder or chronic condition, 2) "Other exclusions may apply. Please refer to the exclusions section of the policy for more information" if any other exclusions, 3) any coverage limited by waiting or affiliation period, deductible, coinsurance, or annual or lifetime policy limit, 4) whether coverage is reduced or premiums are increased based on claim history, age of pet, or change in geographic location, and 5) if underwriting company differs from brand</li> <li>Allows pet insurance applicant to examine and return the policy, certificate or rider within 30 days if they are unhappy for any reason as long as they have not filed a claim</li> <li>Requires pet insurance policies, certificates and riders to have instructions for completing a return on the first page or attachment with the information listed</li> <li>Pet insurers must clearly disclose a summary of the basis or formula used to determine claim payments in the policy and include it on the insurer's website, pet insurer program's website or both</li> <li>Requires pet insurer that uses benefit schedule to clearly disclose the schedule in the policy and disclose all benefit schedules through a clear link on the website</li> <li>If claims are based on usual and customary fees based on veterinary provider service charges, policy must include the limitation provision along with the basis in calculating it and disclose on the website</li> <li>If a medical examination is required, the insurer must disclose aspects of examination before issuance</li> <li>Insurer must disclose waiting periods and applicable requirements before purchase, provide summary of all provisions required in the law under a separate "insurer disclosure of important policy provisions.", post disclosure of these items on the website, provide copy of these</li> </ul>				



provisions in 12-point type, a written disclosure with address and customer service number and statement advising customer to contact insurance producer for assistance

- Allows insurer to provide coverage exclusions based on preexisting conditions if disclosed
- Allows policies to include waiting periods up to 30 days for illness or orthopedic conditions not from an accident (bans waiting period on accidents or policy renewals) but must include provision allowing it to be waived after an examination by veterinarian that is paid for by policyholder unless insurance pays it – can require reasonable elements of the exam
- Prohibits veterinary examination for renewals
- If policy includes prescriptive, wellness, or noninsurance benefits, then they are part of the policy subject to such laws
- Eligibility for insurance must not be based on participation in wellness program
- Prohibits insurers from marketing wellness program as pet insurance and marketing it during sale or solicitation of pet insurance and lists the restrictions of wellness programs
- Insurance producers must be licensed and trained to sell or solicit insurance
- Violation is unfair trade practice
- For telehealth, reimbursement must be comparable to in-person health care if provider has in-person health care services in physical location in NE or is employed or has privileges at licensed facility in NE that provides in-person
- Requires National Provider Identifier

NEW MEXICO	<a href="#">HB 459</a> Chapter 191	HORSE BREEDER FEE DISTRIBUTIONS	Effective 90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 4/5/23
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AFFECTED: Horse Breeders SPECIES: Horses CLASSIFICATION: Increases fee distribution

- Increases the fee paid from the NM Horse Breeder’s Association to the owner of stallions that sired first-place winners from 7% to 12%

NEW MEXICO	<a href="#">SB 215</a> Chapter 42	ESTABLISH CRIME OF BESTIALITY	Effective 90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 3/30/23
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AFFECTED: Abusers SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: New Crime

- Creates crime of bestiality and promoting bestiality with penalty of fourth degree felony
- Create crime of aggravated bestiality with penalty of third-degree felony
- Sentencing must include requiring to give up all animals in their care to NM Livestock Board or animal control and not have any new animals for 3-15 years
- Court may require psychological assessment and counseling and/or restitution for care of animals
- Exempts anyone who was coerced

NEW MEXICO	<a href="#">SB 271</a> Chapter 45	EQUINE DEFINITION	Effective 7/1/23	Signed into law 3/30/23
AFFECTED: New Mexico Livestock Board; Rescuers SPECIES: Equine CLASSIFICATION: Revises Definition				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Replaces Horse Shelter Rescue Fund with Equine Shelter Rescue Fund</li> <li>Adds New Mexico Livestock Board to those that may collect security from seized animals</li> <li>Requires board to create rules for equine rescue and retirement facilities that includes process to issue a “temporary capacity waiver to a facility for the purpose of transferring equines in the custody of the board to a facility”</li> <li>For estray that is equine, notice shall include description of equine and state when and where it was impounded and, if not claimed by owner in 5 days, first right of registered equine rescue or retirement facility to purchase the equine at fee equal to impoundment costs, then sealed-bid auction, then alternative placement or euthanasia as last resort</li> <li>For estray that is equine and not claimed within 5 days, the board must give registered equine rescue or retirement facility first right to purchase for ownership transfer fee equal to costs of care while impounded – requires providing bill of sale that serves as legal title – if not purchased, it goes to sealed-bid auction then other placement or euthanasia</li> <li>For livestock that is equine that is running at large, a sheriff, peace officer, military authority or board shall impound it and provide notice in county newspaper for 3 days before disposition with description of equine and where and when impounded and that unless the owner redeems it in 3 days, it will go through the same channels as above with any proceeds used to pay impoundment costs</li> <li>For livestock that is equine that court finds were cruelly treated, it gets disposed of through the same channels above; if not guilty, it is returned to the owner</li> </ul>				
NEW YORK	<a href="#">A00981</a> Chapter 35	Relates to showcasing pets for adoption	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 3/3/23
AFFECTED: Retail stores; Adoption Agencies SPECIES: Dogs, Cats, Rabbits CLASSIFICATION: Fees				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allows a retail store to receive reasonable rental fee for space used to showcase dogs, cats and rabbits for adoption</li> </ul>				
NEW YORK	<a href="#">A03777</a> Chapter 131	Makes a technical correction to the designation of the animal shelter regulation fund		Signed into law 5/11/23
AFFECTED: Animal Shelter SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Technical				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Corrects the name of the Animal Shelter Regulation Fund</li> </ul>				
NORTH DAKOTA	<a href="#">HB 1101</a>	Relating to the fee collection for the cost of each brucellosis tag, each identification tag, and each health book the commissioner distributes.	Effective 8/1/23	Signed into law 3/15/23
AFFECTED: Board, Owners SPECIES: Livestock CLASSIFICATION: Moves provision and changes fee				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moves the fee for brucellosis tag, identification tag and health book from the duties and rules section to the fees section AND no longer requires calculating actual direct cost</li> </ul>				
NORTH DAKOTA	<a href="#">HB 1361</a>	Relating to personhood status; to provide for application; and to declare an emergency.	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 4/11/23
AFFECTED: All SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Animals are not people				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Declares that environmental elements, artificial intelligence, animals, and inanimate objects are NOT included in the definition of person</li> </ul>				

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NORTH DAKOTA	<a href="#">HB 1371</a>	Relating to agricultural definitions, ownership exceptions for beekeeping, agriculture support services, cattle backgrounding and feedlot operations, and raising or producing of livestock by persons that have limited landholdings.	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 4/28/23
AFFECTED: Livestock Farms      SPECIES: Livestock      CLASSIFICATION: Revises				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adds several new definitions regarding livestock farms</li> <li>• Revises definition of farming or ranching to mean raising or producing agricultural crops, fruit, horticultural products, of livestock or livestock products, livestock backgrounding and livestock finishing – exclusions adds agricultural support services, aquaculture or greenhouse agriculture with farmland or rangeland up to 40 acres, and beekeeping</li> <li>• Makes various other changes</li> </ul>				
NORTH DAKOTA	<a href="#">HB 1437</a>	Relating to the creation of regional livestock planning grants; and to provide for an appropriation.	Effective 8/1/23	Signed into law 4/18/23
AFFECTED: Regional Planning Councils      SPECIES: Livestock      CLASSIFICATION: Grant Program				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creates a grant program for regional livestock planning to assist counties and regional planning councils in livestock development planning</li> <li>• Awarded to help in coordinating strategic planning and encouraging livestock production investment for identifying suitable locations for rural economic development and reviewing and updating township zoning and land use</li> <li>• Grants are limited to \$12,000 per county and \$500 per township</li> <li>• Makes identified suitable land locations confidential</li> <li>• Appropriates \$1,200,000 to agriculture commissioner for 7/1/23 to 6/30/25</li> </ul>				
NORTH DAKOTA	<a href="#">HB 1506</a>	Relating to a bicycle and a ridden animal being deemed a vehicle.	Effective 8/1/23	Signed into law 4/7/23
AFFECTED: Riders      SPECIES: Ridden Animal      CLASSIFICATION: New Penalty				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• States that a bicycle or ridden animal are not deemed a vehicle under Section 39-08-01 regarding operating a vehicle under the influence of drugs or substances</li> <li>• Bicycling or riding an animal on a roadway or public accessway under the influence of alcohol or drug to extent that it renders the person a hazard to themselves or others is a fee of \$200</li> </ul>				

NORTH DAKOTA	<a href="#">SB 2373</a>	Relating to the establishment of the livestock-friendly county designation.	Effective 8/1/23	Signed into law 3/22/23
AFFECTED: All SPECIES: Livestock CLASSIFICATION: Livestock-Friendly Designation				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires commissioner to establish livestock-friendly county designations to recognize those that develop, maintain or expand livestock sectors within the county</li> <li>Counties may apply and be designated if they 1) adopted resolution expressing interest in developing, maintaining or expanding livestock production and processing sectors, 2) collaborate with county political subdivisions, 3) submit a plan of action, 4) complete a study on suitable locations for rural economic development, and 5) disclose other activities or initiatives</li> <li>Requires application every 4 years</li> <li>May be revoked if they no longer meet requirements</li> </ul>				
OKLAHOMA	<a href="#">HB2059</a>	Animals; repealing annual report requirements related to the Commercial Pet Breeders and Animal Shelter Licensing Act; emergency.	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 4/21/23
AFFECTED: Commercial Pet Breeders; Animal Shelters SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Repeal Reporting Requirements				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Repeals the reporting requirements for the Commercial Pet Breeders and Animal Shelter Licensing Act</li> </ul>				
OREGON	<a href="#">HB 2689</a> Chapter 81	Relating to small-scale meat animal processing.	Effective 1/1/24	Became law w/o signature 5/8/23
AFFECTED: Slaughterers SPECIES: Rabbits CLASSIFICATION: Exemptions				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exempts from licensing those who slaughter up to 1000 rabbits for human food (currently only includes poultry)</li> </ul>				
SOUTH CAROLINA	<a href="#">S 449</a>	AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 4 OF ACT 71 OF 2021, RELATING TO THE TRANSPORTATION OF LIVE SWINE WITHOUT IDENTIFICATION, SO AS TO REPEAL THE SUNSET CLAUSE.	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 5/16/23
AFFECTED: Transporters SPECIES: Swine CLASSIFICATION: Repeals Sunset				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Repeals the sunset (expiration) clause regarding transporting live swine without identification</li> </ul>				
SOUTH DAKOTA	<a href="#">HB 1025</a>	revise the fees for registration of an apiary.	Effective 90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 2/9/23
AFFECTED: Apiaries SPECIES: Bees CLASSIFICATION: Increases Fees				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increases registration fees for apiaries from \$11 to \$16 per permanent location and from \$30 to \$40 per temporary location</li> </ul>				

SOUTH DAKOTA	<a href="#">SB 18</a>	revise the appropriation for a livestock and equestrian complex at the State Fair, and to declare an emergency.	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 3/9/23
AFFECTED: State Fair SPECIES: Livestock; Equine CLASSIFICATION: Revises Appropriation				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revises name from Department of Agriculture to Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources</li> <li>Increase appropriation for livestock and equestrian complex at State Fair from \$20 million to \$29 million</li> <li>Increases general appropriation to Department from \$12 million to \$18 million and another appropriation from \$8 million to \$11 million</li> <li>Declares emergency</li> </ul>				
SOUTH DAKOTA	<a href="#">SB 150</a>	add provisions regarding construction and maintenance of livestock pipelines on highways.	Effective 90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 3/2/23
AFFECTED: Owners; Others SPECIES: Livestock CLASSIFICATION: Revises Pipeline Requirements				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adds that those constructing pipeline to provide water to livestock on land taxed as agricultural land must apply to board of county commissioners</li> <li>Allows board of county commissioners to enact ordinances regarding pipelines and allow highway superintendent to approve lines without application – clarifies that authorization does not create ownership interest</li> <li>Allows requiring removal or relocation of livestock pipeline if necessary to improve highway or remove for county purpose</li> <li>Allows owner or operator of livestock pipeline to request relocation, removal or change to highway superintendent at their own cost</li> <li>A person that owns, operates or benefits from a livestock pipeline is liable for damage or injury caused by any faulty or negligent construction or maintenance – county may recover costs to remove or repair it plus attorney fees</li> </ul>				
TENNESSEE	<a href="#">SB0195</a> Chapter 335	Animal Cruelty and Abuse - As introduced, establishes standards for shelter that must be provided to dogs under present animal cruelty laws, including requirements for ventilation, movement, and the ability to retain body heat. - Amends TCA Title 39 and Title 44.	Effective 7/1/23	Signed into law 5/5/23
AFFECTED: Owners SPECIES: Dogs CLASSIFICATION: Shelter Requirements				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adds to animal cruelty those who fail to provide food, water or care to an animal OR fails to provide shelter for animal other than dog in person's</li> <li>Adds to animal cruelty those who fail to provide a dog with structure that 1) is waterproof, constructed of steel, aluminum or sound material, sufficient to protect from inclement weather suitable for dog, and is vented, insulated and size to allow dog to maintain normal body temperature, 2) of dimensions that allow dog to stand, sit, turn around and lie down, 3) has solid surface, resting platform, pad, floormat or similar large enough to lie on, 4) prevents pain, suffering or significant risk to health, 5) is properly shaded during hot weather and has bedding material sufficient to protect and maintain body temperature during cold weather</li> <li>Exempts space under buildings, decks, steps, or open crates or carriers for temporary housing</li> </ul>				

TENNESSEE	<a href="#">SB0451</a> Chapter 194	Disabled Persons - As introduced, authorizes an employee of a public accommodation to ask for certain information about a dog guide in training; specifies that an individual utilizing a service animal or training a service animal in training is liable for damages to the same extent that an individual whose pet causes damages to a public accommodation is; makes other related changes to service animals and service animals in training. - Amends TCA Title 8; Title 39; Title 44 and Title 62, Chapter 7, Part 1.	Effective 7/1/23	Signed into law 4/24/23
AFFECTED: Owners; Handlers SPECIES: Dog Guide; Service Animals CLASSIFICATION: Revises				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limits the definition of dog guide in training and defines "Place of public accommodation, amusement, or recreation"</li> <li>Authorizes place of public accommodation, amusement or recreation to ask what task the guide dog in training is being trained for and if the trainer is currently training it</li> <li>Adds that person that is training dog or using it is subject to same liability for damages as is used for pets that cause damage</li> <li>Makes place not required to provide food or care to dog</li> <li>Adds additional penalty for misrepresentation of service animal of 100 hours of service at organization that serves individuals with disabilities that must be completed in 6 months</li> </ul>				
TEXAS	<a href="#">SB 349</a>	Relating to county and municipal housing authority pet policies.	Effective Immediately	Adopted 5/10/23
AFFECTED: Housing Authorities; Owners SPECIES: Pets CLASSIFICATION: Compliance with Local Law				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires housing authority policy that allows tenants to have pets to comply with the county or municipal restrictions of dangerous dogs under the Health and Safety Code</li> </ul>				
TEXAS	<a href="#">HR 654</a>	Recognizing March 23, 2023, as Texas Humane Legislation Network Day at the State Capitol.	Effective Immediately	Adopted 3/23/23
AFFECTED: All SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Official Day Designation				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Designates 3/23/23 as Texas Humane Legislation Day</li> </ul>				

UTAH	<a href="#">H.B. 184</a> Chapter 134	Veterinarian Education Loan Repayment Program	Effective 5/3/23	Signed into law 3/14/23
AFFECTED: Veterinarians SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creates Veterinarian Education Loan Repayment Program</li> <li>• Defines qualified veterinarian as one that practiced 5+ years starting on or after 5/3/23 in either 1) an area designated as veterinary shortage area by USDA in at least 1 of the 5 years or in Indian Country, 2) in a county or municipal operated or 501(c)(3) animal shelter, 3) in any area as department employee, or 4) in any combination of these</li> <li>• Authorizes payment of qualified veterinarian loan balances starting 7/1/28 if they apply as qualified veterinarian and register with program at least 5 years before payment</li> <li>• Payments must be made directly to the lender and in total equal maximum payment value</li> <li>• Up to 2% of funding may be used for administrative costs</li> <li>• Requires annual report by Oct 1 to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee and the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality Appropriations Subcommittee with revenues, expenditures and outcomes</li> <li>• Adds that appropriations are nonlapsing</li> <li>• Appropriates \$2.5 million to the program for fiscal year 7/1/23 to 6/30/24</li> </ul>				
UTAH	<a href="#">H.B. 187</a> Chapter 62	Veterinary Practice Amendments	Effective 5/3/23	Signed into law 3/13/23
AFFECTED: Bovine Tester SPECIES: Bovine CLASSIFICATION: Exemption from Licensure				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exempts from licensing under Veterinary Practice Act any individual who tests a bovine for pregnancy that has a masters degree or higher in animal reproductive physiology and completed 8 hours of continuing education on it in the last 2 year period</li> </ul>				
UTAH	<a href="#">H.B. 396</a> Chapter 188	Paleontological Resources Amendments	Effective 5/3/23	Signed into law 3/14/23
AFFECTED: Paleontologists SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Authorization for Specimens				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allows city with paleontology museum to retain, curate, and manage paleontological specimens, collections and resources recovered on land owned or controlled by the city</li> <li>• Defines paleontology museum as museum owned or established by city of the first or second class that is designed for curation and display of specimens and paleontological resources, has designated paleontologist for care and preservation, and is an approved repository or detailed plan to become one</li> <li>• Designation requires written consent of owner or trust</li> </ul>				

UTAH	<a href="#">H.B. 418</a> Chapter 419	Canine Body Armor Restricted Account Modifications	Effective 5/3/23	Signed into law 3/20/23
AFFECTED: All SPECIES: Canine CLASSIFICATION: Repeals				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repeals the Canine Body Armor Restricted Account</li> <li>• Defines service animal as dog used by law enforcement agency that is specially trained or in training for law enforcement work and assists law enforcement in the performance of their duties in relation to exemption from a municipal or county law limiting number of dogs</li> </ul>				
UTAH	<a href="#">S.B. 61</a> Chapter 232	Livestock Collision Amendments	Effective 4/1/24	Signed into law 3/14/23
AFFECTED: Railroad Operators; Livestock Owners SPECIES: Livestock CLASSIFICATION:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires department to administer the provisions regarding livestock damaged by railroad operations</li> <li>• Requires railroads in the state to provide department with current contact information for communication regarding injury to livestock by the railroad</li> <li>• Requires railroad operator that strikes, injures or kills livestock to immediately record the location and notify the department and statewide railroad engineer within 24 hours – penalty for not reporting is civil penalty of at least \$5000 per incident</li> <li>• Is prima facie evidence that it was not reported if investigation determines livestock was struck by railroad and the railroad has not reported it – department shall notify railroad and assess penalty – penalty goes to Railroad Livestock Damage Fund – railroad still liable for damages</li> <li>• After department is notified of a strike, it must notify the relevant law enforcement agency and investigate the scene, identify the livestock, determine ownership, assess state-of-repair of fences along railroad, and document and preserve evidence</li> <li>• Department and law enforcement shall notify owner of livestock if possible, create and maintain a website to notify the public regarding livestock strikes, and shall post information on a website if owner is not known</li> <li>• Livestock owner may receive compensation of estimated market value or actual fair market value of damage – owner must notify department each time of strike – must file proof of loss form within 30 days that notification was received by owner or department – department must approve or deny it within 30 days and, if approved, pay it from the Railroad Livestock Damage Fund</li> <li>• Requires each railroad to pay by 12/31/23 a fee of \$150 per mile of track in the state for payment of claims and \$75 per mile for administrative costs</li> <li>• If department issues payment from fund, it must notify the railroad of its liability and pay for it within 30 days or pay a civil penalty up to \$10,000 and per additional 30 days</li> <li>• Requires reviewing data of strikes between 7/1/23 and 12/31/23 to see how many there are and then charge an administrative fee starting 7/1/24</li> <li>• Creates Livestock Damage Board to hear appeals on value of livestock</li> <li>• Requires railroads to build wire fence 4.5’ high with posts no more than 16.5’ apart with proper gates and cattle guards on sides of railway that passes through privately owned land or public land which livestock grazing occurs – must repair within 30 days or owner may repair and file civil action if not reimbursed</li> </ul>				



UTAH	<a href="#">S.B. 108</a> Chapter 360	Animal Shelter Revisions	Effective 5/3/23	Signed into law 3/17/23
AFFECTED: Animal Shelter SPECIES: Cat or Dog CLASSIFICATION: Revises Euthanasia				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clarifies that animal does not include livestock</li> <li>Requires animal shelter to only euthanize a dog or cat by a drug that the FDA has approved and only by intravenous injection by hypodermic needle, intraperitoneal injection by hypodermic needle or intracardial injection by hypodermic needle (if unconscious)</li> <li>An animal control officer may euthanize an animal in an emergency outside of the shelter by a method other than an FDA drug if it is humane</li> <li>Requires shelters that euthanize animals to develop a policy, adopt a training program, and require those who do or assist with euthanasia to have training every 2 years – Shelter must ensure training is taught by veterinarian and maintain training record with dates and attendees</li> </ul>				
VIRGINIA	<a href="#">HB 1577</a> Chapter 121	Rabid animals; quarantine; access by Department of Health.	Effective 7/1/23	Signed into law 3/21/23
AFFECTED: Owners SPECIES: Dog; Cat; Animals CLASSIFICATION: Allow Inspections				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires owner of dog or cat to allow the local health director or designee to access to it during confinement if it is suspected of having rabies that did not expose anyone, if it may have been exposed with no current vaccination, and if it exposed a person to rabies</li> <li>Requires owner of animal other than a dog or cat that exposes a person to allow the local health director or designee to access to it during confinement</li> </ul>				
VIRGINIA	<a href="#">HB 1660</a> Chapter 146	Dairy Producer Margin Coverage Premium Assistance Program Fund; created, removes sunset provision.	Effective 7/1/23	Signed into law 3/21/23
AFFECTED: Dairy Producers SPECIES: Dairy Animals CLASSIFICATION: Creates Fund				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creates Dairy Producer Margin Coverage Premium Assistance Program Fund</li> <li>Adds that Farm Act includes subsequent federal farm program</li> <li>Makes section expire on 7/1/28</li> </ul>				
VIRGINIA	<a href="#">HB 1951</a> Chapter 60	Official emblems and designations; state pony.	Effective 7/1/23	Signed into law 3/21/23
AFFECTED: All SPECIES: Chincoteague Pony CLASSIFICATION: Official State Animal				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Designates Chincoteague Pony as the official state pony</li> </ul>				
VIRGINIA	<a href="#">HB 2297</a> Chapter 262	Cattle Industry Board; collection and disposition of assessment by handler.	Effective 7/1/23	Signed into law 3/22/23
AFFECTED: Handlers SPECIES: Cattle CLASSIFICATION: Extends Assessment				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extends the collection of an assessment per head of cattle to 7/1/2028</li> </ul>				

VIRGINIA	<a href="#">HB 2348</a> Chapter 532	Animal testing facilities; noncompliance with federal laws and regulations; civil penalty.	Effective 7/1/23	Signed into law 3/26/23
AFFECTED: Animal Testing Facility; Contract Testing Facility; Manufacturer SPECIES: Animal = vertebrate except fish CLASSIFICATION: Requires Making Reports Available				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires animal testing facility, contract testing facility and manufacturers that use animal test to display link on its website to its annual report submitted to USDA before Dec 1</li> <li>Requires animal testing facility to display its USDA inspection report within 30 days on either a link on its website or a press release or similar document if no website</li> <li>Requires animal testing facility of institute of higher education to notify leadership of the institute including president, dean and board of visitors or board of trustees if it receives citation for critical noncompliance</li> <li>Exempts federal facilities and privately owned veterinarian practices</li> </ul>				
VIRGINIA	<a href="#">SB 795</a> Chapter 263	Cattle Industry Board; collection and disposition of assessment by handler.	Effective 7/1/23	Signed into law 3/22/23
AFFECTED: Handlers SPECIES: Cattle CLASSIFICATION: Extends Assessment				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extends the collection of an assessment per head of cattle to 7/1/2028</li> </ul>				
VIRGINIA	<a href="#">SB 1271</a> Chapter 533	Animal testing facilities; public notification.	Effective 7/1/23	Signed into law 3/26/23
AFFECTED: Animal Testing Facility; Contract Testing Facility; Manufacturer SPECIES: Animal = vertebrate except fish CLASSIFICATION: Requires Making Reports Available				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires animal testing facility, contract testing facility and manufacturers that use animal test to display link on its website to its annual report submitted to USDA before Dec 1</li> <li>Requires animal testing facility to display its USDA inspection report within 30 days on either a link on its website or a press release or similar document if no website</li> <li>Requires animal testing facility of institute of higher education to notify leadership of the institute including president, dean and board of visitors or board of trustees if it receives citation for critical noncompliance</li> <li>Exempts federal facilities and privately owned veterinarian practices</li> </ul>				

WASHINGTON	<a href="#">HB 1020</a> Chapter 330	Designating the Sucasaurus rex as the official dinosaur of the state of Washington.	Effective 7/23/23	Signed into law 5/4/23
AFFECTED: All SPECIES: Sucasaurus Rex CLASSIFICATION: Official State Animal				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Designates Sucasaurus rex as official state dinosaur</li> </ul>				
WASHINGTON	<a href="#">HB 1077</a> Chapter 59	Concerning courthouse facility dogs.	Effective 7/23/23	Signed into law 4/13/23
AFFECTED: Courts; Witnesses SPECIES: Courthouse Facility Dogs CLASSIFICATION: Revises Law				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allows court to exercise discretion in using a courthouse facility dog</li> <li>Gives courthouse facility dog with a certified handler access to 1) a courthouse, 2) any location where the dog and handler provide services, participate in administrative activities, engage in community outreach or participate in training, 3) any location related to law enforcement investigation that requests their presence, 4) matters pending in civil or criminal justice system</li> <li>Adds that authorized locations include places of public accommodation, all modes of public transportation, children's advocacy centers, schools, day care facilities, law enforcement agencies, prosecutors' offices, attorneys' offices, medical facilities, specialty courts, and court-appointed special advocates and guardian ad litem program offices</li> <li>Handler may be required to show identification card from accredited assistance dog organization</li> <li>Adds that motions to include a courthouse facility dog must include reasons why the dog would reduce anxiety and elicit testimony – Adds that such motions may be verbal or written</li> <li>When court approves such dog, it must include basis for determination</li> <li>Requires accredited assistance dog organization that trains and certifies courthouse facility dog handlers to issue an identification card to each handler working in WA – must include "Certified Courthouse Facility Dog Handler", complete legal name of handler and name and contact information for the organization along with a specific statement that the dog and handler can enter all places listed above</li> <li>Revises definition of certified handler to require them to be trained by ACCREDITED organization and that their knowledge must include victim advocates, forensic interviewers, detectives, prosecuting attorneys, and guardians ad litem</li> <li>Revises definition of courthouse facility dog to require that they demonstrate continued proficiency in providing safe and reliable services through ongoing training based on organization's standards, provide companionship to both witnesses and potential witnesses during interviews, examinations, meetings, and other encounters with law enforcement investigation and legal proceedings, and includes travel as needed between locations</li> </ul>				

WASHINGTON	<a href="#">SB 5319</a> Chapter 40	Concerning pet insurance.	Effective 1/1/24	Signed into law 4/6/23
AFFECTED: Pet Owners; Insurance Companies SPECIES: Pets CLASSIFICATION: Revises				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires pet insurers that use the terms chronic condition, congenital anomaly, heredity disorder, orthopedic, pet insurance, preexisting condition, renewal, veterinarian, veterinary expenses, waiting period, or wellness program in their policy to use the definition given in the bill and include that definition in the policy along with in a clear and conspicuous link on main page on the insurer’s website, pet insurer program’s website or both – does not limit exclusions insurers may use</li> <li>• Requires pet insurer to disclose 1) any coverage excluded due to preexisting condition, heredity disorder, congenital anomaly or congenital disorder or chronic condition, 2) "Other exclusions may apply. Please refer to the exclusions section of the policy for more information" if any other exclusions, 3) any coverage limited by waiting or affiliation period, deductible, coinsurance, or annual or lifetime policy limit, 4) whether coverage is reduced or premiums are increased based on claim history, age of pet, or change in geographic location, and 5) if underwriting company differs from brand</li> <li>• Allows pet insurance applicant to examine and return the policy, certificate or endorsement within 15 days if they are unhappy for any reason as long as they have not filed a claim</li> <li>• Requires pet insurance policies, certificates and endorsements to have instructions for completing a return on the first page or attachment with the information listed</li> <li>• Pet insurers must clearly disclose a summary of the basis or formula used to determine claim payments and include it on the insurer’s website, pet insurer program’s website or both</li> <li>• Requires pet insurer that uses benefit schedule to clearly disclose the schedule in the policy and disclose all benefit schedules through a clear link on the website</li> <li>• If claims are based on usual and customary fees based on veterinary provider service charges, policy must include the limitation provision along with the basis in calculating it and disclose on the website</li> <li>• If a medical examination is required, the insurer must disclose aspects of examination before issuance</li> <li>• Insurer must disclose waiting periods and applicable requirements before purchase, provide summary of all provisions required in the law under a separate "insurer disclosure of important policy provisions.", post disclosure of these items on the website, provide copy of these provisions in 12-point type, a written disclosure with address and customer service number and statement advising customer to contact insurance producer for assistance</li> <li>• Allows insurer to provide coverage exclusions based on preexisting conditions if disclosed</li> <li>• Allows policies to include waiting periods up to 30 days for illness or orthopedic conditions not from an accident (bans waiting period on accidents or policy renewals) but must include provision allowing it to be waived after an examination by veterinarian that is paid for by policyholder unless insurance pays it – can require reasonable elements of the exam</li> <li>• Prohibits veterinary examination for renewals</li> <li>• Eligibility for insurance must not be based on participation in wellness program</li> <li>• Prohibits insurers from marketing wellness program as pet insurance and marketing it during sale or solicitation of pet insurance and lists the restrictions of wellness programs</li> <li>• Insurance producers must be licensed and trained to sell or solicit insurance</li> </ul>				

WASHINGTON	<a href="#">HB 1234</a> Chapter 246	Concerning the civil forfeiture of animals seized for abuse or neglect.	Effective 7/23/23	Signed into law 5/4/23
AFFECTED: Owners; Law Enforcement; Animal Control      SPECIES: Animals      CLASSIFICATION: Revises Seizure Laws				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allows law enforcement or animal control officer in addition to seizing an animal with a warrant that is held in violation of the prohibition of having animals if guilty of abuse or neglect to also seize an animal in violation of the animal cruelty in the 1<sup>st</sup> degree (intentionally causes substantial pain, physical injury or kills an animal; starves, dehydrates or suffocates animal with criminal negligence and animal dies or has substantial pain; engages in sexual conduct with animal) and in violation of animal cruelty in 2<sup>nd</sup> degree (knowingly, recklessly or with criminal negligence inflicts suffering or pain; has control or custody of animal used in fighting and abandons the animal with criminal negligence causing bodily harm or risk of such)</li> <li>• Allows law enforcement or animal control to enter private property without a warrant and render emergency aid to the animal or seize it and take it to a veterinarian for attention if they believe the animal is in imminent danger or is suffering physical injury or infirmity and needs immediate medical attention</li> <li>• Law enforcement and animal control who seizes an animal without a warrant is not liable for damage from entry if no more force than necessary is used</li> <li>• Seized animals can be placed with animal care and control agency, foster care not associated with owner, nonprofit humane society, nonprofit animal sanctuary or nonprofit rescue organization – must consider animal’s needs when considering placement – such entity must provide minimal care as defined</li> <li>• If animal goes to foster care, animal sanctuary or rescue organization, the seizing agency retains custody, must make sure it has minimal care and may withdraw from the bond and give to the entity</li> <li>• Owner of seized animal must be given notice of right to petition for immediate return of the animal and be given time to petition for a civil hearing before the animal is abandoned and forfeited</li> <li>• Requires notice of circumstances of seizure within 72 hours to known or suspected owner that must include name, business address and phone of agency that seized it, description of animal, authority and purpose for seizure with date and time, statement that owner is liable for care and must post bond within 14 days of seizure, statement that owner has right to petition for immediate return of animal within 14 days</li> <li>• Changes bond for seized animal to amount sufficient to provide minimum care for 30 days that must be posted within 14 days after seized or animal is deemed abandoned and forfeited</li> <li>• Failure to file petition by 14<sup>th</sup> day will constitute waiver of right to file a petition – May extend to additional 14 days if petitioner did not receive notice and there are exceptional and compelling circumstances</li> <li>• Requires court to set civil hearing within 30 days of filing a petition for return – rules of civil procedure apply and respondent must prove that there was probable cause animal was in violation – owner has chance to be heard – if probable cause, owner must post bond in 72 hours or animal is forfeited; if no probable cause, animal must be returned and may allow attorney fees paid for owner and refund of the bond</li> <li>• If bond is posted, court proceedings shall be given priority</li> <li>• If bond expires, owner must post additional bond within 72 hours of expiration or animal is forfeited</li> <li>• If animal is seized from person prohibited from owning or caring for one or an order of animal cruelty in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> degrees, animal is immediately forfeited and placed with entity without court action</li> <li>• If forfeited, agency may place with new owner if it is not with family members or friends of the owner or someone in the household</li> <li>• Custodial agency may have veterinarian or veterinary technician euthanize animal if severely injured, sick, diseased or suffering</li> </ul>				

Updated 5/21/23

- Allows voluntary relinquishment of animal
- Court action is not required for taking custody of, caring for and disposing of stray, feral, at-large or abandoned animal or wild animals not kept as pets or livestock
- Petition for civil hearing for immediate return of animal must in form listed

WASHINGTON	<a href="#">HB 1424</a> Chapter 208	Concerning consumer protection with respect to the sale and adoption of dogs and cats.	Effective 7/23/23	Signed into law 5/1/23
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AFFECTED: Sellers, Buyers, Adopters SPECIES: Dogs; Cats CLASSIFICATION: Modifies Pet Store Allowance

Modifies the provision allowing retail pet stores that sold dogs before 7/25/21 to sell dogs by requiring:

- Dogs to only be sold at location on retail pet store’s business license
- Dogs to come directly from breeder (including out-of-state) or a USDA broker that obtains dogs from such breeder if it provides all applicable federal and state license numbers
- Possession of documentation from breeder or broker that dog was not separated from mother before 8 weeks and breeder’s compliance with dog breeding limit and condition requirements
- Obtaining all USDA inspection reports of breeder within last 3 years and maintain for 5 years after dog is sold
- Including in any advertising the range of prices that a breed of dog or dogs with certain traits are sold, age of dog, and applicable state and federal licenses
- Posting on bulletin board or kiosk visible from entrance the purchase price, age and breeder’s name, kennel name, city and state, and applicable licenses
- Disclosing before sale the purchase price, applicable federal and state license numbers and list of violations on federal or state inspection report in last 2 years
- Allows retail pet store to provide space and care for animals by animal care and control agency or rescue group for adoption – dog and cat cages need label with certificate of source and name and address of agency
- Violation is Class 1 civil infraction up to \$250 – if 3+ violations in 1 year then can no longer sell dogs or cats
- Prohibits lessor from financing consumer lease for purchase of dog or cat and one on or after effective date is void
- Voids all retail installment transaction after effective date
- Prohibits licensees from financing or making loan for purchase of dog or cat – ones on or after effective date are void

WASHINGTON	<a href="#">SB 5439</a> Chapter 44	Concerning livestock identification.	Effective 7/23/23	Signed into law 4/6/23
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AFFECTED: Owners; Livestock Identification Advisory Committee SPECIES: Livestock CLASSIFICATION: Revises Duties

- Requires Livestock Identification Advisory Committee to review the costs and operations of the livestock identification program
- Adds that no call out fee is required for livestock inspections by certified veterinarians and field livestock inspectors
- Changes date for department to submit livestock inspection report to 11/1/23 and annually AND extends expiration to 7/1/26

WEST VIRGINIA	<a href="#">HB 3524</a>	Making a supplementary appropriation to the Department of Agriculture – West Virginia Spay Neuter Assistance Fund	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 3/16/23
AFFECTED: WV Spay Neuter Assistance Fund SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Appropriation				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Issues supplementary appropriation to WV Spay Neuter Assistance Fund for fiscal year ending 6/30/23</li> </ul>				
WEST VIRGINIA	<a href="#">SB 200</a>	Allowing leashed dogs to track wounded elk, turkey, and wild boar when hunting	Effective 6/9/23	Signed into law 3/28/23
AFFECTED: Hunters SPECIES: Dogs CLASSIFICATION: Allows Dog to Track Wounded Animals				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allows hunter who believes they have mortally wounded a deer, elk, turkey, wild boar or bear to use leashed dogs to track and locate it</li> <li>Handler must always have physical control of the dogs</li> <li>Tracking a mortally injured animal is hunting subject to hunting laws</li> <li>Requires hunter or handler to have hunting license to track them or be exempt</li> <li>Requires handler to accompany dog handler in tracking and only hunter can kill the animal except that a hunter physically unable to follow handler may designate handler to kill the animal</li> <li>Animal shot becomes part of bag limit of hunter who fired initial shot</li> <li>Dog handler providing tracking for profit must be licensed as outfitter or guide</li> </ul>				
WEST VIRGINIA	<a href="#">SB 361</a>	Authorizing miscellaneous boards and agencies to promulgate legislative rules	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 3/29/23
AFFECTED: SPECIES: CLASSIFICATION:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Includes SB 365, SB 369 and SB 371</li> <li>Adopts various agency rules including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WV Apiary Rule</li> <li>Inspection of non-traditional domesticated animals</li> <li>Livestock care standards</li> </ul> </li> </ul>				
WYOMING	<a href="#">HB0017</a> Chapter 158	State lands-grazing of non-owned livestock.	Effective 7/1/23	Signed into law 3/9/23
AFFECTED: Lessee of State Lands SPECIES: Livestock CLASSIFICATION: When Approval Not Required				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lessee of state lands whose lease allows grazing on it may allow livestock they do not own to graze on it without approval if the ratio of owned to non-owned livestock does not exceed 1:1 for more than 2 years in any 10-year period, the lessee provides documentation of grazing of non-owned livestock to office of state lands and investments, and the lessee maintains full management responsibility</li> <li>Such use is NOT a sublease</li> <li>Defines full management responsibility as all duties, obligations and liabilities as if the lessee owns the livestock</li> </ul>				

WYOMING	<a href="#">HB0180</a> Chapter 121	Brucellosis testing-notification requirements.	Effective Immediately & 7/1/23	Signed into law 2/27/23
AFFECTED: All SPECIES: Livestock CLASSIFICATION: Notification of Positive Test				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires WY Livestock Board to establish standard communication protocol to inform livestock producers, veterinarians and brand inspectors in designated surveillance area of county where non-negative brucellosis test has been confirmed for any animal</li> <li>Allows board to release information related to a non-negative brucellosis test in county where animal is located</li> <li>Requires state veterinarian to provide testing information to owner of animal that has non-negative test within 3 days after receipt of preliminary laboratory results</li> </ul>				
WYOMING	<a href="#">SF0028</a> Chapter 25	Livestock infectious disease control-tribal inclusion.	Effective 7/1/23	Signed into law 2/15/23
AFFECTED: Wind River Indian Reservation; Livestock Owners SPECIES: Livestock CLASSIFICATION: Revises				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allows state veterinarian to provide contagious and infectious reportable disease testing, containment and reimbursement services to livestock producers, including Wind River Indian Reservation who agrees to program requirements – adds that services to Wind River Indian Reservation may also come from cooperative agreement with WY Livestock Board – Services do not include bison considered wildlife</li> <li>Adds that livestock under Wind River Indian Reservation infected with or exposed to TB must also be disposed of on the property or transferred as listed</li> <li>Adds cattle and bison under Wind River Indian Reservation infected with brucellosis must also only be shipped or transported under direction of state veterinarian</li> <li>Allows governor to enter negotiations with tribes of regions adjacent to WY to preserve its brucellosis-free state</li> </ul>				
WYOMING	<a href="#">SF0029</a> Act	Brucellosis management updates.	Effective Immediately & 7/1/23	Signed into law 2/24/23
AFFECTED: Owners SPECIES: Livestock CLASSIFICATION: Revises				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gives option to immediately brand livestock reacting to test for brucellosis with B</li> <li>For brucellosis surveillance, replaces area of concern with temporary surveillance area AND replaces livestock herd plan with brucellosis mitigation plan</li> <li>For compensation for testing, payment no longer requires notarized invoice – makes documentation in form and manner under board rule – makes payment upon receipt by board (was submission to board)</li> </ul>				