

UAPPEAL

GENERAL ANIMAL LEGISLATION THAT BECAME LAW IN 2020

DELAWARE	SB 139	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 AND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CRUELTY TO DOGS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR HUMANE HANDLING, CARE AND TREATMENT OF DOGS.	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 3/11/20
<p>Revises the law for outdoor housing facilities for dogs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prohibits dogs from being outside and unattended with conditions that pose serious adverse risk to health and safety (exposed to elements for 15 minutes not in range of owner) except for livestock and farm dogs • Requires shelter to be moisture proof and windproof with raised floor and made of durable materials with a windbreaker at entrance during Nov 1 – Mar 1 • Bans metal doghouses • Must be provided access to food and water • Prohibits tethers from being attached to choke, pinch, prong, or martingale collar AND prevents tethering more than 2 hours when owner is not on property • Bans wire only floors • Considers tethering more than 9 hours a day to be cruelty except for farms • Civil penalties of \$100 + costs for 1st violation, \$250 + cost for 2nd, and \$500 + costs per additional <p>Requires dogs to be leashed when outside except while on owner’s property, private property with permission or inside a vehicle except for working dogs and at off-leash dog parks</p>				
IDAHO	H0356 Chapter 66	Cattle, nutrient plans	Effective 7/1/2020	Signed into law 3/9/2020
<p>Use of web-based nutrient management planner requires consent of plan to be filed with state department of Agriculture, which will be considered trade secrets and kept confidential</p>				

IDAHO	S1286 Chapter 135	Trespassing hogs	Effective 7/1/2020	Signed into law 3/15/2020
Repeals sections related to hogs running at large within towns				
NEW MEXICO	SB 57 Chapter 69	PET FOOD FEE FOR NEUTERING & SHELTERING	Effective 7/1/20	Signed into law 3/6/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limits spaying and neutering assistance to those with a household income below 200% of federal poverty level Allows up to 5% of total fees sent to statewide spay and neuter subaccount to be used for Animal Sheltering Act For reports, requires total dogs and cats spayed/neutered and costs per surgery paid from the subaccount Adds additional spay and neuter program fee to be collected from commercial food registrations of \$50 in 2021, \$75 in 2022, and \$100 after that except for prescription diet foods and pet food manufacturers with gross revenue of less than \$3 million – split by having 96% for subaccount and 4% for New Mexico Commercial Feed Act Repeals law in 2026 				
NEW YORK	S 6966 Chapter 67	Relates to the use of pesticides to protect livestock and farm property against Asian longhorned ticks	Effective when related law is	Signed into law 4/17/2020
Allows use of pesticides to protect from Asian longhorned ticks not just as a last resort				
SOUTH DAKOTA	HB 1227	make an appropriation for the rural veterinary medical education program and to declare an emergency	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 3/16/20
Appropriates \$550,000 for rural veterinary medical education program at South Dakota State University to be used by 6/20/2022				
UTAH	H.B. 228	Livestock Predators Removal Amendments		Signed into law 3/24/20
Specifies provisions allowing the owner, family member or employee of livestock that is harassed, chased, disturbed, harmed, attacked, or killed by a predator to take such predator				
UTAH	H.B. 358	Poultry Amendments		Signed into law 3/24/20
Creates less stringent rules for those that slaughter less than 20,000 poultry per year and 1000 poultry per year				

UTAH	H.J.R. 4	Joint Resolution Establishing K9 Veterans Day		Signed into law 3/23/20
Designates March 13 each year as K9 Veterans Day				
VIRGINIA	HB 764 Chapter 453	Domesticated animal premises; liability for transmission of domesticated animal pathogen.	Effective 7/1/20	Signed into law 3/25/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes owner of domesticated animal premise (petting zoo, fair or agricultural exhibition where domestic animal is kept for 3 hours or more) immune from liability for damages caused to visitors by domesticated animal pathogen • Excludes gross negligence, willful and wanton misconduct or intentional acts of owner • Owner must post listed warning sign about immunity from liability and have a hand-washing station with soap, water and drying method 				
VIRGINIA	HB 1074 Chapter 315	Disturbing animals; certain species	Effective 7/1/20	Signed into law 3/12/2020
Replaces molest with harass in regarding to disturbing wild animals				
VIRGINIA	HB 1237 Chapter 407	Beehive distribution program.	Effective 7/1/20	Signed into law 3/23/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limits beehive units to 3 per household • Limits application submission time to 15 days and makes department select applicants at random and to notify those not selected 				
VIRGINIA	HB 1552 Chapter 954	Tethering animals; adequate shelter and space.	Effective 7/1/20	Signed into law 4/9/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animals tethered outdoors must be 1) protected from predators and be suited to tolerate such an environment, 2) not be out during hurricane or tropical storm warning, and 3) must not be out during a local or state heat advisory, when temperature is above 85 or less than 32 or during a severe weather warning unless animal control officer determines it to be safe • Tethers must be 15' long or 4x length of animal except when attached to lead line unless animal control officer determines that a tether between 10-15' is safer 				
VIRGINIA	HB 1573 Chapter 1183	Rabid animals.	Effective 7/1/20	Signed into law 4/11/2020
Creates Class A misdemeanor for allowing dog or cat to leave premises if local health department, law-enforcement agency or animal control agency suspects it of having rabies				

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VIRGINIA	SB 114 Chapter 412	Comprehensive animal care; enforceable under Virginia Consumer Protection Act.	Effective 7/1/20	Signed into law 3/23/2020
Makes violating provision requiring pet shops to post information about dogs to be considered a prohibited practice under the law regarding mispresenting goods and services and enforceable under that act except for making records available to State vet				
VIRGINIA	SB 272 Chapter 955	Tethering animals; adequate shelter and space.	Effective 7/1/20	Signed into law 4/9/2020
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VIRGINIA	SB 303 Chapter 569	Import and sale of dogs from certain breeders; penalty.	Effective 7/1/20	Signed into law 3/31/2020
Prohibits commercial dog breeder to import for sale, sell or offer for sale dogs that come from a person with USDA direct or critical violation or citations for 3+ indirect or noncritical violations in last 2 years or two consecutive citations for no access – Penalty is Class 1 misdemeanor per dog				
VIRGINIA	SB 742 Chapter 630	Rental or lease of dog or cat prohibited; civil penalty.	Effective 1/1/21	Signed into law 4/2/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibits rental or leasing of dog or cat Prohibits covered person (pet shop, commercial dog breeder, pet dealer, firm, or other pet selling business) from offering agreement where dog or cat can be repossessed Prohibits financial institutions from offering loan for rental, lease or sale of dog or cat subject to repossession Violations are considered a prohibited practice regarding mispresenting goods or services and covered by that act AND business, retail or pet shop permit may be revoked after a hearing Exempts purebred dog under breeding contract, dogs or cats in spectator events, shows, exhibitions, motion pictures, or other entertainment and service, guide or leader, security, police or law-enforcement, military, and certified facility dogs 				

VIRGINIA	SB 786 Chapter 1109	Animal shelters; housing conditions.	Effective 7/1/20	Signed into law 4/10/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calls animal shelter holds for strays a stray hold period and requires their enclosures to have durable, nonporous, moisture impervious materials able to be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected and to provide the animal with adequate care and access to outdoor areas • For animals not in stray hold period, requires 1) enclosure with adequate separation of animals of different species, sexes, ages, and temperaments with both an outdoor area not detrimental to the animal's health and an indoor area with a solid floor, and 2) adequate water, food and resting platform 				
VIRGINIA	SB 1024 Chapter 535	Detector canines and detector canine handlers; training and database.	Effective 7/1/20	Signed into law 3/31/2020
Requires compulsory minimum training standards for detector canine handlers employed by the Department of Corrections				
WASHINGTON	SB 6300 Chapter 158	Concerning animal welfare.	Effective 6/11/20	Signed into law 3/25/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removes provision making those entering dog in dog fight guilty of Class C felony • Creates misdemeanor for devocalizing a dog or cropping its ear or tail except for veterinarian using accepted surgical procedures including for cutting off more than ½ ear of various livestock • Adds exposing animal to excessive heat or cold to 1st degree animal cruelty, requires factoring in animal's breed, age, health and medical conditions to determine if it constitutes cruelty, and exempts unforeseen and unpreventable accidents and acts of nature • Adds that those convicted of cruelty are also banned from caring for any animals • Adds that knowingly and recklessly abandoning an animal used in fights does not have to cause bodily harm to the animal to be 2nd degree animal cruelty • Allows person finding abandoned animal to take to animal care and control or rescue facility 				
WEST VIRGINIA	HB 4514	Permitting the tracking of wounded or injured deer or bear with leashed dogs	Effective 6/4/20	Signed into law 3/25/2020 -
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows using leash dogs to track mortally wounded or injured deer or bear AND requires dog handlers providing tracking services for profit to be licensed as outfitter • Bans using dogs to hunt or chase deer with dog returned to owner, if known, or to a county humane officer 				

WEST VIRGINIA	SB 490	Relating to the protection of animal and crop facilities	Effective 6/4/20	Signed into law 3/25/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trespassing on animal or crop facility with the intent to commit larceny, destroy property, or disrupt the operation of the facility is willful trespass – penalty is misdemeanor of \$500-1000 fine and/or up to 30 days jail for 1st offense and felony of \$5000-10000 fine and/or 1-5 years state correctional imprisonment Those who conspire with them are guilty of conspiracy to commit willful trespass – penalty is felony of \$5000-10000 fine and/or 1-5 years state correctional imprisonment If damage is caused, person is liable for twice the amount of damage Allows owner to bring injunctive relief against person in circuit court of county where occurred, and court may grant appropriate relief to prevent conduct even without security for issuance 				
WISCONSIN	SB 139 2019 Act 162	Relating to: sexual contact with an animal and providing a penalty.	Effective 3/4/20	Signed into law 3/3/20
Creates Class H felony for sexual contact with animals, Class F felony to force or encourage a child under 13 to do so or to have sexual contact with animals in their presence, and a Class G felony if the child is 13-17 AND increases penalties for subsequent violations				
WISCONSIN	SB 737 2019 Act 178	Relating to: creating a voluntary individual animal identification program and granting rule-making authority	Effective 3/4/20	Signed into law 3/3/20
Requires department to create voluntary individual animal identification program where livestock premises registrants may obtain RFID tags for bovines, goats, sheep, swine, or farm-raised deer AND requires an Internet site that lists retailers				
WYOMING	HB0088 Chapter 91	Livestock board investigators.	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 3/13/2020
Increases animal remedies registration fee from \$20 to \$40 with half for general fund and half for livestock board investigators and authorizes paying such investigators				
WYOMING	HB0099 Chapter 94	Animal reimbursement program-amendments.	Effective 7/1/2020	Signed into law 3/13/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows owners of animal quarantined for brucellosis to submit claim for reimbursement during quarantine or within 30 days after State vet paying reimbursement shall make sure there is sufficient funds, use any federal funds first, and must limit it to \$25,000 per quarantine effort and stop payments after unfunded balance is less than \$100,000 and may resume when balance is over \$100,000 				

WYOMING	HB0155 Chapter 119	Animal shares.	Effective 7/1/2020	Signed into law 3/17/2020
Revises requirements regarding sale of meat under animal shares				
WYOMING	SF0081 Chapter 76	Livestock brand administration.	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 3/12/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows board to determine when livestock brands have to be rerecorded and limits rerecording period in 10 year increments up to 100 years • Makes fee not less than \$300 per 10-year period, which is decreased to \$100 per 10-year period if renewal is for more than 50 years 				