

WHAT IS LOBBYING?

What is Legislation?

Legislation covers all the laws introduced by the various governments and their agencies.

What is a Lobbyist?

A lobbyist is a person or organization that works on legislation.

What is a Citizen Lobbyist?

A citizen lobbyist is a person just like you that works to either pass or defeat legislation introduced or even introduce your own legislation. All it takes is determination and dedication to your cause, which in this case is defending the ownership of animals.

Want to Learn More About Lobbying or to Stay Informed About Legislation in Your State?

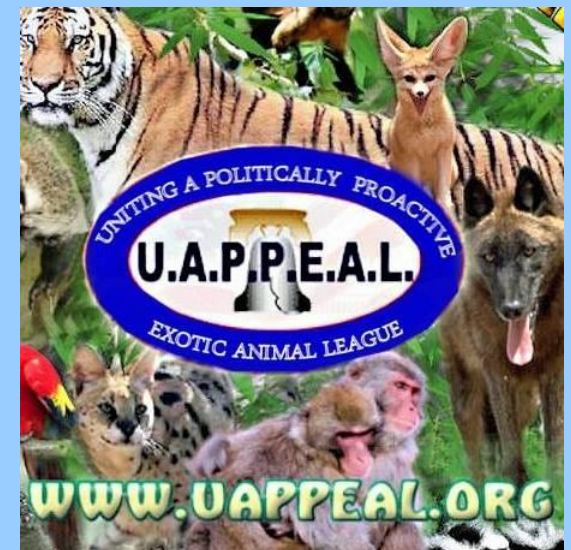
Upon joining UAPPEAL, members are given a detailed Government 101 Lobbying Guide and access to the most accurate and up-to-date state exotic animal legislative monitoring.

Uniting A Politically Proactive Exotic Animal League (U.A.P.P.E.A.L.) is the first non-profit 501 (c) 4 lobbying organization that represents current and future owners, handlers and enthusiasts of all species of native and exotic animals and their hybrids at both the federal and state levels.

Mission: To protect the right of responsible exotic and alternative animal ownership by lobbying to prevent unfair regulation, discouraging the casual acquisition of exotic animals through education, and furthering animal welfare through the responsible placement of animals in need.

BECOMING A CITIZEN LOBBYIST FOR YOUR ANIMALS

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Why Lobby For or Against State Animal Laws?

Laws have a tremendous impact on your right to own, breed, or exhibit a particular animal and even the requirements for how and where you can maintain one. For those without animals or looking to get a new animal, new laws can prevent you from getting your animal of choice by making them illegal. For those with animals, new laws can force you to find a new home for your animal(s). Those that allow current animals to be "grandfathered" will often still have requirements for keeping them, some of which can get quite excessive. If you are really lucky, you might be fortunate enough to only have to register your animals and meet some minimum requirements.



The effect of current exotic animal laws can be found everywhere throughout this country. Some have forced owners to put their pets that lived in their homes most their lives into locked outdoor enclosures.

to rehome their animals due to new laws.

On the state level, over 100 animal related laws are passed every year, with new ones constantly being introduced.

Others have made owners announce to everyone around them that they have an exotic animal by putting signs up around their property encouraging trespassing. There are reports of animals losing their lives due to a microchip requirement. The strict caging requirement in some laws has caused some owners to spend a lot of money tearing down their previously acceptable enclosures and essentially building fortresses to keep their animals in. Then there are the stories of those owners that had