

UAPPEAL

GENERAL ANIMAL LEGISLATION THAT BECAME LAW IN 2023

ALABAMA	SB147 Act 2023-42	Relating to livestock; to amend Section 3-5-2, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide that no municipal governing body may adopt or continue in effect any ordinance, rule, resolution, or directive that prohibits a person from permitting their livestock or animals to run at large on the premises of another or public land which does not require the same mens rea as state law; and to make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing code language to current style.	Effective 7/1/23	Signed into law 4/25/23
AFFECTED: Owners; Landowners SPECIES: Livestock; Animals CLASSIFICATION: Limits municipal ordinance				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibits municipal governing body from adopting or continuing an ordinance, rule, resolution, or directive that is inconsistent with the state law regarding livestock or animals running at large on the premises of another or on public land, which is if it includes such a ban without a mental state or an inconsistent mental state 				
ALABAMA	SB162 Act 2023-467	Relating to the Alabama State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners; to amend Section 34-29-67, Code of Alabama 1975, to increase the daily stipend for board members; and to authorize the board to increase the amount of the daily stipend at its discretion by rule	Effective 9/1/23	Signed into law 6/14/23
AFFECTED: Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Pay change				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changes the daily pay for board members to \$400 				

ARIZONA	SB1053 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"> • Adds that sufficient knowledge of animal in relation to veterinarian client patient relationship includes real-time electronic exam using audio-video based communication • 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 • 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 • Electronic veterinary services are subject to practice of veterinary medicine rules 				
ARIZONA	SB1060 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"> • Adds that animal owner does NOT include someone who keeps an animal at the request of an animal shelter 				

ARIZONA	SB1067 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"> Creates the joint study committee on statewide animal control standards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Majority constitutes quorum and meets as often as chair determines 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 Committee may use legislative staff for administrative and operational services Requires state agency or political subdivision to provide services, equipment, documents, personnel and facilities to committee without cost upon request Repeals section on 6/30/24 				
ARIZONA	SB1194 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"> Allows rabies vaccine to be administered by certified rabies vaccinator Adds that certified rabies vaccinator is not considered practicing veterinary medicine 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 Requires veterinarian to provide training and to certify in writing that demonstrated skills and knowledge to administer vaccines Certification lasts 1 year and must be renewed for 2 years Requires rabies vaccinator to maintain records of vaccines for 3 years and report adverse events to the veterinarian Veterinarian is not liable for actions of rabies vaccinator administering vaccines 				
ARKANSAS	HB1293 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"> Repeals rule regarding milk and cattle production 				

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ARKANSAS	HB1319 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"> 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 				
ARKANSAS	HB1420 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"> 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 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 Requires notice to be 12-point type on receipt or separate piece of paper 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 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 1st offense, \$1000 for 2nd offense, and \$2500 per additional Law does not affect right to reasonable accommodation or right to equal access to housing 				
ARKANSAS	HB1566 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"> 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 No longer allows collaborative practice agreement to include protocols for prescriptive authority 				

ARKANSAS	HB1591 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"> Prohibits a local government (city of 1st or 2nd 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 				
ARKANSAS	HB1629 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"> 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 				
ARKANSAS	HB1662 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"> 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 Passed in response to the FDA requiring a prescription for medically important antibiotics starting June 2023 				
ARKANSAS	HB1676 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"> Requires owners of dogs that test positive for canine brucellosis to report the results to the Department of Agriculture (was Livestock and Poultry Commission) Requires positive dog that has been spayed or neutered to have negative test before leaving premises 				
ARKANSAS	HB1677 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"> Makes several revisions to the law regarding livestock escapes and fencing 				

ARKANSAS	HB1706 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"> 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 				
ARKANSAS	HB1707 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"> Exempts poultry litter management plan from being a public record, from public inspection and from the FOIA 				
ARKANSAS	SB338 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"> 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 				
ARKANSAS	SB476 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"> Makes Arkansas Plant Board civil penalty fees go to the Agri Scholarship Program 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 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 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 Details requirements for the scholarship program 				

CALIFORNIA	AB-357 Chapter 430	Animal test methods: alternatives.	Effective 1/1/24	Signed into law 10/8/23
AFFECTED: Research testing facilities SPECIES: Animals used in testing CLASSIFICATION: Revises Requirements				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes requiring alternative testing to be recommended by ICCVAM and adopted by federal agencies or programs Prohibits traditional animal testing or strategy if waiver has been granted by responsible agency Requires those using traditional animal testing starting January 1, 2027 to annually report to the Attorney General the number and species of animals used, type and number of alternative testing methods or strategies used, number of waivers used, and purpose and use of alternative testing or strategies or waivers used For civil action, replaces that civil action for injunctive relief is exclusive remedy with the Attorney General and others to that the section is enforced by a civil action for injunctive relief by them 				
CALIFORNIA	AB-1752 Chapter 854	Bees: pesticides: civil penalties.	Effective 1/1/24	Signed into law 10/13/23
AFFECTED: All SPECIES: Bees CLASSIFICATION: Replaces term				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replaces director with secretary in the pesticide law relating to penalties 				
CALIFORNIA	SB-669 Chapter 882	Veterinarians: veterinarian-client-patient relationship	Effective 1/1/24	Signed into law 10/13/23
AFFECTED: Veterinarians; Veterinary Technicians; Owners SPECIES: Pets CLASSIFICATION: Authorizes action				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows veterinarian to authorize a veterinary technician to veterinarian-client-patient relationship to administer preventive or prophylactic vaccines or medications for internal or external parasites if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> done at veterinary facility with veterinarian present, or if working at another premises, the veterinarian is in the general vicinity or available by phone technician follows the veterinarian's written procedures and protocols that includes: obtaining animal history, physical exam, information from the history or exam that would make the vaccine or medicine impossible, criteria that disqualifies an animal from getting them, vaccine protocols per animal species, preventative parasite control, documentation of animal information signed statement that veterinarian assumes all risks of the veterinary technician except for willful acts signed statement that technician is agent of the veterinarian veterinary technician informs client that they are acting as agent of veterinarian 				
COLORADO	SB23-152	Prohibit Wagering On Simulcast Greyhound Races	Effective 10/1/24	Signed into law 6/2/23
AFFECTED: Greyhounds tracks; adoption organizations SPECIES: Greyhounds CLASSIFICATION: Creates adoption fund				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates the Greyhound Welfare and Adoption Fund to be used for greyhound welfare and adoption organizations Appropriates \$25,000 from the license fees for racing on 1/1/25 to the fund and \$50,000 on 1/1/26 Repeals the section on 8/1/26 with all unused funds to go back to the general fund 				

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COLORADO	HB23-1068	Pet Animal Ownership In Housing	Effective 1/1/24	Signed into law 6/7/23
AFFECTED: Landlords, Tenants with Pets; Officers; Insurers SPECIES: Pet Animals CLASSIFICATION: Ban Breed-Specific Legislation, Etc.				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibits an insurer from refusing to issue, cancelling, refusing to renew, or increasing a premium or rate for homeowner's policy or dwelling fire insurance policy based on breed or mixture of breed of dog, BUT may be done if dog is known to be dangerous or is declared dangerous under the law Insurers may not ask about a dog's breed or mixture of breeds BUT may ask if it is known to be dangerous or is declared dangerous Officers issuing writ of execution must inspect the premises for pet animals AND give them to the tenant if present If owner is not present at time of inspection, custody of pet animals must be given to local animal control authority AND landlord must allow them to enter the property to remove the animals and give them the tenant's name and contact information along with post the name and contact information of the organization on the property Animals removed must not be left unattended Additional security deposits for pet animals may not be more than \$300 and must be refundable Limits landlord from requiring extra rent for pet animals of more than the greater of \$35 per month or 1.5 times the monthly rent Liens on tenant's personal property excludes pet animals 				
COLORADO	HB23-1264	Update Livestock Health Act	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 5/18/23
AFFECTED: Owners SPECIES: Livestock CLASSIFICATION: Allows Investigations				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For livestock disease prevention and detection, inspection and testing, and quarantine sections, removes that it is under rules that the commission adopts Allows commissioner to investigate to ensure compliance with this article at reasonable times during business hours after consent of the owner or an administrative search warrant – may check all buildings, yards, pens, pastures, and other areas animals are kept, handled or transported Allows commissioner to administer oaths and take statements, issue administrative subpoenas on witnesses and documents, and compel witnesses to disclose all relevant facts If witness fails to follow subpoena, commissioner may petition the district to compel them to comply – if they do not comply, it is contempt of court Investigations and records are kept from public record during the investigation except by court order For state livestock disease diagnostic laboratories: replaces rocky mountain regional animal health laboratory with animal health laboratory in the department For appraisers to determine value of animals to be condemned: removes the third appraiser and requires governor to determine appropriate appraisal within 90 days or commissioner value is used 				

COLORADO	HB23-1265	Born To Be Wild Special License Plate	Effective 90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 5/20/23
AFFECTED: Motorists SPECIES: Grey Wolves CLASSIFICATION: New License Plate				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates a “Born to Be Wild” license plate designed by the department for motorcycles, passenger cars, trucks, and noncommercial and recreational vehicles under 16,000# Requires department to issue them by 1/1/24 or as soon as available Must pay the following additional taxes and fees for the plate: 1) \$25 one-time fee for the highway users tax fund, 2) annual \$50 fee for the wildlife cash fund, and one-time special license fee Wildlife cash fund fee is used for nonlethal methods of mitigating and preventing contact with grey wolves May pay an additional fee to personalize the plate – any old special license plate must be turned in Lists out the purposes for which the wildlife cash fund fee is used 				
COLORADO	HB23-1286	Increase Penalty Cruelty Police And Service Animals	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 6/2/23
AFFECTED: Violators SPECIES: Police and service animals CLASSIFICATION: Increases Penalty				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates penalty of \$2000 and anger management or similar course for second or subsequent conviction of crime that includes cruelty or aggravated cruelty to service animal, certified police working dog, or police working horse For restitution for the owner, includes those who committed aggravated cruelty AND includes service animals 				
COLORADO	SB23-152	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"> Extends the regulation of custom processing of meat animals from 9/1/23 to 9/1/32 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 Removes \$700 per violation civil penalty and makes penalties credited to general fund Violations of Article 33 is petty offense (was Class 2 misdemeanor) 				

COLORADO	SB23-255	Wolf Depredation Compensation Fund	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 5/23/23
AFFECTED: Owners SPECIES: Livestock; Livestock Guard or Herding Animal CLASSIFICATION: Creates Fund				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates the Wolf Depredation Compensation Fund to comply with law requiring compensation to owners whose livestock is attacked by wolves • Transfers \$175,000 for fiscal year 2023-24 to the fund (repealed on 1/1/24) • Requires \$350,000 transfer to fund starting 2024-25 and each fiscal year • All interest and income from the money must go to the fund • Money goes to owners of livestock or livestock guarding or herding animal that suffer damages due to wolf depredation • Must have been killed or injured by at least 1 grey wolf AND claimant must be eligible under Gray Wolf Restoration and Management Plan • Allows commission to create rules to implement including additional criteria to claim or additional criteria for indirect loss • Any unexpended money over \$100,000 for 2023-24 and 2024-25 and amount expended to owners the preceding year plus 20% for 2025-26 or any other year must go to Gray Wolf Restoration and Management Plan • Requires report by 1/31/25 and annually to committees of reference • Compensation is not subject to taxes • Protects claimant's information and compensation • Appropriates \$175,000 to department from wolf depredation compensation fund which is reduced from their general appropriation 				
CONNECTICUT	HB05575 Public Act 23-138	AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO REVISE MUNICIPAL ANIMAL SHELTER REGULATIONS.	Effective Immediately & 10/1/23	Signed into law 6/26/23
AFFECTED: Municipal & Regional Dog Pounds SPECIES: Dogs; Cats CLASSIFICATION: Revises Requirements				
<p>Municipal and regional dog pounds must</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide mechanical heating and cooling and maintain indoor temperatures between 55-80 degrees unless otherwise required by veterinarian • not allow dogs to share primary enclosure except dams or foster dams and puppies • Meet space requirements for primary enclosure in federal standards for cats • Dogs and cats kept in groups: must keep female in heat from males, keep vicious or aggressive dispositions separate, keep puppies or kittens 4 months or less away from adults except the dam or foster dam • isolate ones with contagious disease and prevent nose-to-nose contact with healthy ones • have ones with contagious disease examined, treated, and handled by veterinarian 				

CONNECTICUT	HB06607 Public Act 23-143	AN ACT CONCERNING THE NIGHTTIME LIGHTING OF STATE-OWNED BUILDINGS AT CERTAIN TIMES FOR THE PROTECTION OF BIRDS.	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 6/27/23
AFFECTED: State Owned Buildings SPECIES: Birds CLASSIFICATION: Ban - Lighting at Certain Times				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires all state owned buildings to have non-essential lighting (not for safety or functionality) turned off between 11:00 pm and 6:00 am Exempts State Capitol building Requires State Building Inspector and Code and Standards Committee to consider a lighting design change to comply with this law for any State Building Code revision starting 1/1/24 				
CONNECTICUT	HB06714 Public Act 23-129	AN ACT CONCERNING CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.	Effective 10/1/23	Signed into law 6/27/23
AFFECTED: Abusers SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: New Crime				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates crime of sexual assault of an animal with a penalty of a Class A misdemeanor and prohibition for 5 years of harboring, owning, possessing, residing with, adopting, or serving as a foster placement of any animal or being employed by or volunteering for an entity in a position that requires caring for or regular contact with an animal Allow law enforcement or animal control office to seize an assaulted animal, who must immediately take it to a shelter or veterinarian to be examined and preserve evidence Requires veterinarian that suspects an animal has been harmed, neglected, or treated cruelly due to participation in animal fighting to report the owner's address, description of animal, and date and time of discovery to a law enforcement or animal control officer and makes them immune from civil liability except malpractice Prohibits a person convicted of certain animal cruelty from harboring, owning, possessing, residing with, adopting, or serving as a foster placement of any animal or being employed by or volunteering for an entity in a position that requires caring for or regular contact with an animal for 5 years 				
CONNECTICUT	HB06725 Public Act 23-184	AN ACT REVISING CERTAIN FARMING AND AQUACULTURE PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.	Effective Immediately & 10/1/23	Signed into law 6/28/23
AFFECTED: Farmers; Aquaculture Operations SPECIES: Livestock; Shellfish CLASSIFICATION: Ban – Running at Large				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changes name of State Veterinarian from chief livestock health official to state animal health official State Veterinarian may designate a veterinarian to perform their duties in their absence Requires Commissioner of Agriculture to encourage development and expansion of new and existing aquaculture for shellfish Adds livestock to the law prohibiting dogs from running at large 				

CONNECTICUT	HB06726 Public Act 23-187	AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF LIVESTOCK.	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 6/28/23
AFFECTED: Livestock Facilities SPECIES: Livestock CLASSIFICATION: Revises Requirements				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner’s deputy or agents no longer allowed to quarantine animals for disease, import violations, or kept in unsanitary conditions • Quarantine may include banning movement of animals and includes mortalities • Adds that livestock are generally used to produce food or fiber and are considered farm animals • Allows orders to be sent by electronic means to those out of state if they approved it • Allows notice of order or regulation to be sent by email to those who approved it • Changes penalty for violation of regulation or order to \$500 per animal per day up to \$25,000 • Quarantine for livestock or poultry tested for disease or biological or chemical residue is for those known to be in the state AND test chart must be signed by a licensed accredited veterinarian as defined • Commissioner may require TB testing for all livestock instead of just neat cattle and goats – Goats, cattle, bison, and captive cervids must follow USDA Uniform Methods and Rules for Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication, other livestock must follow State Veterinarian requirements, or must follow USDA TB testing standards - state is not liable for damages from such testing – testing must be done by State Veterinarian, veterinarians of federal government, or accredited veterinarian • Replaces provision allowing commissioner to euthanize domestic animal that is positive for TB (bovines after determining value) with allowing the euthanasia of all livestock after determining value – value is only from commissioner, not owner – value must be based on age, sex, grade, and purpose and commissioner can consult with livestock dealers, commission sales stables, and other to determine value – premises must be disinfected during time specified by commissioner (was 15 days) – makes an exception for compensation of animal with no real value or in state less than 3 months if born in the herd or imported according to this law • Removes the appraisal limit of \$2000 for purebred bovine and \$1100 for grade bovine • Replaces tagging of animal that reacted to the TB test with requiring identification of a tag, brand device, or marking approved by the commissioner for condemned livestock – prohibits condemned animal from being moved except under commissioner’s direction • Person aggrieved by order to condemn livestock may appeal to superior court of judicial district of Hartford within 7 days • Replaces provision allowing commissioner to condemn herd of cattle if TB or brucellosis recurs within a 2 year period or if substantially affected WITH allowing the condemnation of any livestock under those circumstances or if substantially affected with any other infectious or contagious to prevent spread or public health • Makes several other changes 				

CONNECTICUT	SB01069 Public Act 23-17	AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO CERTAIN DOMESTIC ANIMAL RELATED STATUTES.	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 6/7/23
AFFECTED: Animal Control; Owners; Veterinarians		SPECIES: Domestic Animals; Animals	CLASSIFICATION: Various Revisions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows animal control officer to get court order to compel an animal owner to provide care in manner court finds necessary • Removes option of surety bond for seized animals – allows posting bond to agency’s counsel of record – increases cash bond from \$500 per animal to \$1000 per animal – increases the per diem rates from \$15 to \$20 per animal per day (from \$25 to 30 for livestock and large animals) • Municipal animal control officers must report their services monthly to the Commissioner of Agriculture and chief administrative officer of the town or region – Commissioner shall prescribe the form for the report – Deletes the payment method • Replaces kennel license with local kennel license – Must get if breed more than 5 litters of dogs per year (was 2) – License fee must go to compensate municipal animal control officers or for their equipment, license certificates, tags, dog pounds, care of impounded animals, animal supplies, and veterinary care – requires annual inspections and upon complaint and lists the requirements and allows suspension or revocation of license with cause and allows issuing orders for any issues – Appeals must be in judicial district of municipality and must be made within 15 days – Decreases penalty for having kennel without a license from Class B to Class D misdemeanor – Changes penalty for failing to get license, not allowing inspections, or not correcting an order of infraction for 1st offense and a Class D misdemeanor for each additional offense – Prohibits person or business entity with controlling interest in an entity from getting license if guilty of animal cruelty involving fighting animals, injury or death to police or search or rescue animal, sale or treatment of horses unable to work, or cruelty to poultry • Allows commissioner to refuse to issue or renew a license or registration if the commercial kennel, animal shelter, pet shop, grooming facility, or training facility fails to comply with commissioner’s orders or regulations or statutes and regulations relating to animals – Prohibits license if guilty of animal cruelty involving fighting animals or injury or death to police or search and rescue animals • Allows pet shop licensee to keep electronic or paper records of veterinary services and includes examinations – Allows consumer to bring action in Superior Court if pet shop fails to reimburse or replace a dog or cat if it becomes ill or becomes ill and dies or has a congenital defect – Removes additional fine for failure to reimburse • Certificate of health for import dog or cat must be from veterinarian accredited by the USDA • Rabies: Allows commissioner or designee to issue order requiring rabies testing or quarantine – replaces destruction with humane euthanasia – for quarantine, replaces with animal control officers, regional animal control officers, and municipal animal control officers – suspected cases must be reported to State Veterinarian – for making decisions about biting animals other than dog, cat, or ferret, requires considering the rabies vaccination status – animal only needs diagnosed as rabid by licensed veterinarian or State Veterinarian (was 2 licensed vets) to be euthanized – euthanized animal must be examined by CT Department of Public Health Laboratory or other approved laboratory and veterinarian must deliver head within 48 hours – quarantined animals found healthy must be claimed within 5 days after the quarantine - suspected rabies cases must be reported to State Veterinarian within 24 hours – Penalty for failing to comply with order is \$250, if owner disobeys a quarantine order, animal may be seized and quarantined with owner liable for all costs • Service animals: replaces guide dog with service animal and replaces blind, deaf, or mobility impaired person with person with disability – deletes requirement that it must wear a harness or orange-colored leash and collar identifying it as a guide dog • Kennels that violate the chapter for which no penalty is listed are given \$250 fine and/or 30-day imprisonment not just related to restraining and destroying dogs and cats – limits prosecution of violations to chief animal control officer and animal control officers • Reimbursement rate for veterinarians under the Animal Population Control Fund is determined biannually 				

DELAWARE	SB 37	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE STATE DOG.	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 5/30/23
AFFECTED: All SPECIES: Rescue Dogs CLASSIFICATION: Official State Animal				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designates rescue dog as official state dog 				
DELAWARE	SB 70	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 10 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ANIMALS IN PROTECTION FROM ABUSE PROCEEDINGS.	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 6/27/23
AFFECTED: Abusers; Owners SPECIES: Companion Animals; Service Animals CLASSIFICATION: Protects Animals from Abuse				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes in the definition of abuse in proceedings: 1) inflicting physical injury on companion or service animal, 2) engaging in course of alarming or distressing conduct regarding such animal, and 3) inflicting or attempting to inflict physical injury on a companion animal, engaging in conduct causing a person to fear the animal will be physically injured, and cruelty to a companion animal to coerce, control, punish, or intimidate person with close bond to it Allows court to grant petitioner for abuse protection order exclusive care, custody, or control of the companion animal owned, possessed, leased, kept, or held by the petitioner, respondent, or a minor child AND order the respondent to stay away from it 				
DELAWARE	SB 71	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO REPORTING SUSPECTED ANIMAL CRUELTY.	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 6/27/23
AFFECTED: Law-Enforcement Officers; Department of Justice; Animal Owners SPECIES: Animals CLASSIFICATION: Requires Reporting Cruelty				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires law-enforcement agencies investigating child abuse or neglect and the Department of Justice implementing a child protection system to report any suspected animal cruelty to the Office of Animal Welfare Allows any person who suspects animal cruelty to report it to the Office of Animal Welfare and makes them immune from liability including judicial proceedings 				
DELAWARE	SB 109	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO IMPOUNDMENT OF ANIMALS.	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 8/24/23
AFFECTED: Owners SPECIES: Impounded Animals CLASSIFICATION: Changes Time to Pay Care Costs				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decreases the time to pay care costs of an impounded animal involved in cruelty or fighting after the monthly bill is received from 30 days to 15 days 				
DELAWARE	SB 117	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE MEDICAL CARE OF POLICE DOGS INJURED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 8/10/23
AFFECTED: Paramedic or EMS Providers; Handlers SPECIES: Police Dogs CLASSIFICATION: Allows EMS Treatment & Transport				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows a paramedic or EMS provider to provide emergency medical services to an injured police dog at the scene of the emergency Allows transporting an injured police dog via EMS to a veterinary facility and treating it during transport if handler is present and treatment is needed for survival Makes such paramedic or EMS provider immune from civil liability for treating it except for causing injury or death through willful, wanton, or recklessness or gross negligence Prohibits providing care if it would interfere with an individual getting services 				

DELAWARE	SB 129	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ANIMAL SHELTERS.	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 8/17/23
AFFECTED: Animal Shelters SPECIES: Dogs; Cats; Other Animals CLASSIFICATION: Revises Requirements				
<p>Updates animal shelter requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires behavioral enrichment protocol AND requires it and the veterinary care protocol to be updated annually • Requires administering the required vaccines for dogs and cats admitted overnight by noon the next day • Requires evaluation of animals at intake for infectious disease or illness or injury requiring emergency care • Requires full examination within 48 hours and before adoption (was 72 hours) • Requires annual veterinary exam for animals held more than a year • Animals directly exposed to highly contagious disease must be quarantined • All dogs and cats of age must have rabies vaccine or exemption before adoption or return to field – those in quarantine for rabies or dangerous dog hold must be vaccinated before release from the shelter • Animals must be fed daily with the proper food listed except when otherwise medically required AND must have fresh, clean water except as otherwise determined by veterinarian - Food and water bowls must be durable and cleaned and sanitized – food preparation and storage areas must be easily sanitized and kept clean – food must be stored properly • Shelters must hold animals at least 3 business days (was 72 hours) to allow owner to reclaim – removes that wild animals may be rehabilitated • If owner is found, shelter must wait 5 business days to reclaim (was 5 days) • Requires animals for adoption to be microchipped • Revises record information – no longer requires euthanasia rate, number of adoptions, number reclaimed, number transferred, number that died, and number of cats returned to field – replaces intake rate with intake and outtake data – number of animals must include beginning and end numbers – spays/neuters must include in shelter and public ones – information must be available upon request by department (was authorities) • Adds new facility, primary enclosure, and sanitation requirements 				

DELAWARE	SB 168	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 24 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO VETERINARY MEDICINE.	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 9/21/23
AFFECTED: Veterinarians; Owners SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Revises Requirements				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes temporary permits Requires veterinarian-client-patient relationship to be established and maintained to practice veterinary medicine, which requires veterinarian to assume responsibilities of medical decisions and client follows instructions, have sufficient knowledge of patient to make general or preliminary diagnosis, readily available for follow-up or have emergency or continuing care, oversees treatment, compliance, and outcome, and has patient records – for facilities with multiple animals, can examine health, production, or laboratory records, consult with owners or staff, and maintain information of local epidemiology of diseases for the species Moves license exemptions to new section AND adds non-resident veterinarian or veterinary technician providing services during emergency or natural disaster if official declaration is made by governor or delegated state official, invitation was given by authority for coordinating animal or agricultural issues during emergencies, and complies with the Board Removes Board authority to censure a veterinarian license but lets them permanently revoke one or issue a penalty of \$2000 per violation Increases penalty for pretending to be licensed veterinarian when not for a 2nd or subsequent offense to \$1000-2000 – removes the complaint and investigation process Removes the grandfathering for current veterinarians Veterinary technicians may obtain temporary license while waiting to pass the examination Removes Board authority to censure a veterinary technician license but lets them permanently revoke one or issue a penalty of \$500 per violation Increases penalty for pretending to be licensed veterinary technician when not to \$500-1000 per offense (was \$200-400) and for a 2nd or subsequent offense to \$1000-2000 – removes the complaint and investigation process 				
DELAWARE	SB 176	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO RETIRED LAW-ENFORCEMENT CANINES.	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 8/10/23
AFFECTED: Owners; Listed Departments SPECIES: Retired Law-Enforcement Canines CLASSIFICATION: Requires Veterinary Reimbursement				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires the Department (Department of Correction, Department of Safety and Homeland Security, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, or State Fire Prevention Commission) that a retired law-enforcement canine assisted to reimburse the owner up to \$1500 annually for veterinary care expenses they paid Department must require documentation of such care Departments must create reimbursement process 				
FLORIDA	HB 719 Ch 2023-208	Practice of Veterinary Medicine	Effective 7/1/23	Signed into law 6/9/23
AFFECTED: Out-of-State Veterinarians; Veterinarians SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: New Exemption				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exempts from the requirements of practicing veterinary medicine any out-of-state veterinarians that perform dog and cat sterilization services or preventative health services during sterilization as unpaid volunteer under the supervision of a veterinarian Licensed veterinarian is responsible for the out-of-state veterinarian Such out-of-state veterinarian is ineligible for a premises permit 				

FLORIDA	HB 959 Ch 2023-185	Dosage Form Animal Health Products	Effective 10/1/23	Signed into law 6/2/23
AFFECTED: Owners; Commercial Feed Entities SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Revises Labeling				
Amends Commercial Feed Law				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adds and defines dosage form animal product – includes oils, tinctures, capsules, tablets, liquids, and chewables – excludes 1) minerals or vitamins, 2) products as primary meal for the animal, 3) treats, 4) dental products, and 5) drugs, biologics, parasiticides, medical devices, or diagnostics to treat or administer to animals under FDA Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, USDA Virus-Serum-Toxin Act, or EPA Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act Requires labeling for feedstuff Exempts from guaranteed analysis any dosage form animal products that is guaranteed Requires labels for dosage form animal products to have accurate statement of net weight, name and address of registrant, brand and product name it is distributed under, manufacture or expiration date if sold at retail, amount of each active ingredient per serving, common or usual name of each inactive ingredient, statement how it supports structure or function of the animal, precautionary statements and warnings to ensure safe and effective use, recommended dose by animal weight, and “Not for human consumption.” 				
FLORIDA	HB 1047 Ch 2023-110	Offenses Against Certain Animals	Effective 10/1/23	Signed into law 5/23/23
AFFECTED: Police; Violators				
SPECIES: Police Canine; Police Horse; Fire Canine; SAR Canine				
CLASSIFICATION: Ban – Violence to Such Animals; Increases Penalties				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under resisting officer with violence law: adds knowingly and willfully resisting, obstructing, or opposing a police dog or horse working with an officer by offering or doing violence to the crime AND creates penalty of felony of third degree Increases penalty for maliciously touching, striking, or causing bodily harm to police canine, fire canine, SAR canine, or police horse from 1st degree misdemeanor to a felony of the 3rd degree Increases penalty for intentionally or knowingly maliciously harassing, teasing, interfering with, or attempting to interfere with such animal above from 2nd degree misdemeanor to 1st degree misdemeanor Adjusts the Criminal Punishment Code to reflect the changes above 				
FLORIDA	SB 942 Ch 2023-253	Authorization of Restrictions Concerning Dogs	Effective 10/1/23	Signed into law 6/16/23
AFFECTED: Public Housing Authorities; Owners SPECIES: Dogs CLASSIFICATION: Allows policies				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revises Dangerous Dog law by allowing public housing authorities to adopt a policy to address attacks on persons or domestic animals, place further restrictions on dogs that bite people or domestic animals, and develop criteria to implement the act if it does not discriminate on breed, weight, or size Removes exemption for local ordinances adopted before 10/1/1990 				

FLORIDA	SR 1732	Path of the Panther Day		Adopted 4/11/23
AFFECTED: All SPECIES: Florida Panther CLASSIFICATION: Official Day				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designates 4/11/23 as Path of the Panther Day to highlight recovery of Florida panther and celebrate Florida Wildlife Corridor 				
GEORGIA	SB 68 Act 91	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"> Includes dogfighting as racketeering activity in relation to racketeer influenced and corrupt organizations 				
HAWAII	HB972 Act 215	RELATING TO THE ANIMAL INDUSTRY SPECIAL FUND.	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 7/5/23
AFFECTED: All SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Allows additional income source				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows revenue from diagnostic, surveillance, and other work fees from Industry Division Veterinary Laboratory and Animal Disease Control Branch as a source of income for the animal industry special fund Allows expending fund for improvements to laboratory capabilities and operations 				
IDAHO	H0095 Chapter 28	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"> 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 				
IDAHO	H0349 Chapter 261	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"> Removes the exemption for herd districts or ordinances on 1/1/1990 from the authority of the county commissioners Corrects every instance of the word inclosed with enclosed 				
ILLINOIS	HB 1049 Public Act 103-0011	DOG BREED INS PROTECTION ACT	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 6/9/23
AFFECTED: Homeowner's and Renter's Insurance Policy Companies; Owners				
SPECIES: Dogs				
CLASSIFICATION: Ban – Breed-Specific Insurance				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibits a homeowner's or renter's insurance policy insurer from refusing to issue or renew, cancelling, charging or imposing increased premium or rate, or excluding, limiting, restricting, or reducing coverage based solely on breed or mixture of breeds May cancel or refuse to issue or renew or increase premium for dangerous or vicious dog under Animal Control Act 				

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ILLINOIS	HB 2500 Public Act 103-0434	ANIMAL ADOPTION-FEE WAIVER	Effective 1/1/24	Signed into law 8/4/23
AFFECTED: Animal Shelter; Animal Control Facilities; Veterans SPECIES: Dogs; Cats CLASSIFICATION: Waives Adoption Fee				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires animal shelter or animal control facility to waive adoption fee for a veteran with a IL driver's license or IL identification card with the word "veteran" on it or an ID card under the Veterans Identification Card Act of 2015 and either an IL driver's license or IL identification card Allows them to limit such fee adoption to one every 2 years 				
ILLINOIS	SB 1499 Public Act 103-0490	COMPANION ANIMAL-FORFEITURE	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 8/4/23
AFFECTED: Owners SPECIES: Companion Animals CLASSIFICATION: Allows Additional Seizure				
Amends Humane Care for Animals Act				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adds to crimes for which an animal can be seized if the owner is convicted: depiction of animal cruelty; teasing, striking or tampering with police animals, service animals, accelerant detection dogs, or search and rescue dogs; injuring or killing police animals, service animals, accelerant detection dogs, or search and rescue dogs; poisoning domestic animals; and attacking a guide, hearing, or support dog Current law allows court to order a person convicted of a listed crime for which an animal can be seized to forfeit the animals that are the basis of the crime – now they can be ordered to forfeit them if placed on supervision – violation of order makes animal subject to immediate forfeiture and civil and criminal contempt of court with a penalty of a \$2500 fine and/or 90 days imprisonment 				
ILLINOIS	SB 1882 Public Act 103-0238	DOG & CAT TESTING RESTRICTIONS	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 6/30/23
AFFECTED: Testing Facilities SPECIES: Dogs; Cats CLASSIFICATION: Ban – Animal Testing				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates Protection of Dogs and Cats from Unnecessary Testing Act Bans canine and feline toxicological experiments by testing facilities except for 1) medical research, 2) comply with federal requirements for a medical device, 3) drug testing required by FDA under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act or Section 351 of the Public Health Service Act which does not allow alternative testing, 4) biologic testing requirement of USDA under Virus-Serum-Toxin Act or related regulations for which no waiver for an alternative exists, 5) pesticide testing requirement of EPA under Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act or relevant regulation, or 6) requirement under Toxic Substances Control Act Attorney General or State's attorney in county may bring action to enforce it and may bring action to restrain such practice through permanent or preliminary injunction If the AG or state attorney wins, they may recover \$5000 per day of violation plus court costs and attorney fees Exempts testing to develop, manufacture, or market a product beneficial to dogs and cats 				

INDIANA	HB 1354 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"> • 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 • Requires public accommodation to make reasonable modifications to policies, practices and procedures to allow miniature horse for individual with disability • 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 • Removes that person who is blind, deaf or has physical or mental disability must be allowed to be accompanied by service animal without charge • 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 • Requires public accommodation to make reasonable modifications to policies, practices and procedures to allow service animal for individual with disability • 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 • Allows public accommodation to charge handler for damages if they normally charge individuals for damages they cause • 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 • Public accommodation is not responsible for care or supervision of the service animal • 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 • 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 				

INDIANA	SB 423 Public Law 52	Animal impoundment.	Effective 7/1/23	Signed into law 4/20/23
AFFECTED: SPECIES: CLASSIFICATION:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defines impound agency and reasonable expenses • 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 • 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 • Makes 10 business day period begin on day of impoundment without court order • Makes animal forfeited to impound agency (was shelter) if bond expires OR is not posted • 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 				
IOWA	HF 317	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"> • 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 • Excludes federal Endangered Species Act species or state endangered species 				
IOWA	SF 315	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"> • 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 • Prohibits home food processing establishment from selling or distributing raw milk • 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 • Prohibits food establishment or farmers market from selling or distributing raw milk or raw milk manufactured product • Requires labeling of raw milk or manufactured raw milk product with specific wording requirements • Regulates distribution of raw milk products 				

IOWA	SF 473	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"> • Adds that livestock health advisory council supports livestock disease research by college of veterinary medicine • Adds Iowa turkey farmer appointed by Iowa turkey federation to membership • Adds members are appointed by member organizations • Adds that members cannot get expenses for doing their duties or compensation • Requires council to make recommendations for expenditures in fund to be made at beginning of fiscal year and requires such recommendation before expending it • Adds that money from livestock disease research fund is for college of veterinary medicine to conduct research on livestock diseases 				
KENTUCKY	HB 39	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"> • Adds definitions for “emergency” and “solely for administrative purposes” • 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 • Limits terms to 3 consecutive • Adds chairperson is non-voting member and vice chair is voting member unless performing chair duties • Vacancies shall be filled same as original appointment • 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 • Replaces executive director with president and makes them responsible for records instead of secretary • Makes other changes 				
KENTUCKY	HB 115 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"> • Adds electronic detection dog and police dog to the definition of service animal 				

KENTUCKY	HB 167 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"> • Allows telehealth for veterinary practice and lists requirements • 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 • Details requirements for renewal of veterinary technician license and animal euthanasia specialist and animal control certificates and requirements if not renewed in time • Requires national and state criminal background check for licenses and certificate holders • Makes other changes 				
LOUISIANA	HB579 Act 94	INSURANCE: Provides relative to pet insurance	Effective 1/1/24	Signed into law 6/6/23
<p>AFFECTED: SPECIES: CLASSIFICATION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defines the following terms: chronic condition, congenital anomaly or disorder, hereditary disorder, orthopedic, pet insurance, preexisting conditions, renewal, veterinarian, veterinary expenses, waiting period, wellness program • Requires any pet insurance policy that uses ones of the terms above to use the definitions provided in the act within the policy and on a link on the main page of the pet insurer’s website or pet insurer’s program administrator’s website • Act does not limit or prohibit types of exclusions • Pet insurers must disclose to customers 1) whether the policy excludes coverage due to preexisting condition, hereditary disorder, congenital anomaly or disorder or chronic condition, 2) if any other exclusions, must include the listed statement, 3) whether coverage is limited due to a waiting or affiliation period, deductible, coinsurance, or annual or lifetime policy limit, 4) where coverage is reduced or premiums increased based on claim history, age of pet, or change in geographic location, and 5) whether underwriting company is different from the brand name • Allows the insured to examine the policy and return it within 15 days of receipt and have premium refunded if not satisfied unless a claim was made • Must include the listed statement on the first page of the policy with return instructions • Requires insurer to disclose a summary of the basis or formula to determine claims before issuing it and have a link on the website • If a benefit schedule is used, insurer must disclose the schedule in the policy and provide all benefit schedules on a link on the website • If usual and customary fees are used, insurer must include the methodology and application in the policy and on the website • If medical exam is required to start coverage, insurer must disclose the aspects of the exam before purchase and that exam may result in preexisting condition exclusion • Insurer must disclose waiting periods and requirements before purchase • Policies must include summary of all disclosures required in “Insurer Disclosure of Important Policy Provisions” and must put on website • Insurer may exclude coverage based on preexisting conditions if disclosed with insurer having burden of proof 				

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insurer may impose waiting periods up to 30 days for illnesses or orthopedic conditions not for an accident (prohibits waiting for accident) – may be waived with medical exam paid for by policyholder – may not require waiting period for renewals • Prohibits requiring veterinary exam to renew a policy • Prescriptive, wellness, or noninsurance benefits if used must be in policy • Prohibits requiring a wellness program to purchase policy • Prohibits pet insurers and producers from marketing wellness program as pet insurance – if they sell a wellness program it must not be a requirement for the insurance, costs and terms and conditions shall be separate, products and coverage must not duplicate insurance, advertising must not be misleading, and must disclose that wellness programs are not insurance, address and customer service number of insurer/broker/producer, department’s address, toll-free number, and website • Insurance producers must be licensed in major line of authority and have the listed training 				
MAINE	HP 160 Chapter 88	An Act to Establish the Pink-edged Sulphur as the State Butterfly	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 5/15/23
AFFECTED: All SPECIES: Pink-edged Sulphur CLASSIFICATION: Official State Animal				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designates pink-edged sulphur as official state butterfly 				
MAINE	HP0261 Chapter 431	An Act to Reclassify Certain Offenses Under the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws and Increase the Efficiency of the Criminal Justice System	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 7/26/23
AFFECTED: Hunters with Dogs SPECIES: Hunting Dogs CLASSIFICATION: Changes Penalties				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adds a penalty for hunting bear with dogs near another’s bait site of Class E crime • Changes penalty for using beagle or rabbit hound outside season from Class E crime to civil violation • Changes penalty for holding field trials without a license from Class E crime to civil violation 				
MAINE	HP 336 Chapter 134	An Act to Add Gray Squirrels to the Species List for the Open Training Season for Hunting Dogs	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 6/8/23
AFFECTED: Trainers SPECIES: Hunting Dogs CLASSIFICATION: Adds Additional Species to Train With				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adds gray and red squirrels to species a person may train dogs for from July 1st to Mar 31st • Adds gray and red squirrels to ban on possessing firearm while training dogs outside open season on certain species 				
MAINE	HP0352 Chapter 172	An Act to Amend the Hunting Laws as They Pertain to the Training of Dogs	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 6/15/23
AFFECTED: Trainers SPECIES: Hunting Dogs CLASSIFICATION: Expands Training Area				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows residents to train up to 6 dogs to hunt bear from July 1st to 4 days before the open season on hunting bear from Washington County and Hancock County south of Route 9 • Must get permission for lands used for wild blueberry production • Exception expires and section is repealed 5/1/25 				

MAINE	HP0375 Chapter 302	An Act to Require a Vehicle Operator to Notify an Owner or Law Enforcement Officer of an Accident Involving a Dog, a Cat or Livestock	Effective Immediately	Became Law w/o Signature 6/25/23
AFFECTED: Vehicle Operators; Owners SPECIES: Dogs; Cats; Livestock CLASSIFICATION: Requires Notification of Accident				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes injury or death to a dog, cat, or livestock to the definition of property damage for which a vehicle operator must notify the owner for Adds that if accident involves injury or death to a dog, cat, or livestock, owner cannot be located, and accident report is not required, the vehicle owner must immediately notify a law enforcement or animal control officer in the municipality or region 				
MAINE	HP0814 Chapter 225	An Act to Amend the Maine Producer Licensing Act to Authorize Licensure as a Pet Insurance Producer	Effective Immediately	Became Law w/o Signature 6/18/23
AFFECTED: Insurance Producers SPECIES: Pets CLASSIFICATION: Allows Selling Pet Insurance				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows anyone licensed in property, accident and health and sickness, or personal line insurance to sell, solicit, and negotiate pet insurance 				
MAINE	SP0263 Chapter 484	An Act to Require Major Substantive Rulemaking for the Companion Animal Sterilization Fund	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 7/31/23
AFFECTED: Owners; Veterinary Providers; Administrator SPECIES: Companion Animals CLASSIFICATION: Creates Sterilization Program				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defines cat as Felis catus Amends Companion Animal Sterilization Fund: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Makes it nonlapsing fund Fund is to be used for the new program (was spaying and neutering companion animals for which the owner meets income limit and all feral cats), for costs of department and a new administrator, and implementing and overseeing program (was managing fund) Administration of fund is done by Administrator (is still an animal welfare organization) Deletes provision that commissioner determines eligibility standards of such subsidiaries and standards for payments Adds that distribution of funds must consider whether there is an overpopulation of cats or dogs and apportion the funds between them, but if one is overpopulated and not the other, the underpopulated one is limited to 10% of funds – if none is overpopulated, it is based on requests with priority given to the geographic areas with most need Creates the Companion Animal Sterilization Program to provide sterilization procedures to reduce stray and unwanted dogs and cats, cat and dog euthanasia rates, dog bites, feral cats, threats to public health and safety from diseases, costs of community and state animal control, and areas without veterinary care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligibility criteria for voucher are: 18+ and not a dependent for taxes; state resident; companion animal owner or stray animal or feral cat keeper; AND EITHER have companion animal or stray animal and have income less than 133% of the federal poverty level (may be 150% if funds available), have companion animal or stray animal and participate in income-based governmental public assistance program, or have a feral cat with any income Requires owner or keeper to submit copayment to administrator or veterinary provider in amount determined by the Department – excludes feral cats – amount determined annually – may be waived for financial hardship Participating veterinary providers must sign annual agreement with department – must agree to sterilization fees established by department and other program requirements – may EITHER get single or multiple prepayments by filing application for sterilizations to be completed within 6 months, and if given multiple ones, must be conditioned of providing 75% of sterilizations OR submit invoice and voucher to get reimbursed 				

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- Voucher reimbursement rate determined by department in consultation with statewide association of veterinarians – includes presterilization exam, sterilization, and rabies vaccination – MAY include feline viral rhinotracheitis, feline calicivirus and feline panleukopenia vaccinations; distemper, hepatitis, parainfluenza and parvovirus vaccinations; flea and tick treatment; pain management; and device to prevent animal from reaching surgical site
- Administrator (animal welfare organization) must have adequate resources and staff or plans for more staff to administer the program – must not have direct or indirect pecuniary interest in or receive any benefit from the program other than administrative costs
- Administrator must: 1) issue unique identifying code to eligible person with type of animal; 2) issue vouchers to veterinary provider to use at spay and neuter events that are good for up to 120 days unless extended, 3) have phone line and voice mail system and return calls within 10 business days; 4) obtain veterinary provider reimbursement agreements; 5) keep list of participating veterinary providers; 6) verify owner or keeper eligibility; 7) establish process for spay and neuter events to ensure owner or keeper eligibility; 8) disburse payments to veterinary providers; 9) collect and review veterinary provider progress statements with specific vouchers redeemed, fund expenditures, money left in fund, changes for additional funding installments, and accounting for copayments; and 10) quarterly reporting to commissioner including funding reconciliation, vouchers issued and redeemed, participating veterinary provider’s progress; number of applications, number and type of sterilizations, geographic distribution of owners and keepers, funds disbursed, and fund balance
- Appropriates funds

MAINE	SP0266 Chapter 376	An Act to Promote Water Conservation and Water Quality and Create Habitat for Wildlife, Including Pollinator Species, by Protecting Low-impact Landscaping	Effective Immediately	Became Law w/o Signature 7/2/23
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AFFECTED: Property Owners SPECIES: Wildlife CLASSIFICATION: Allows Certain Landscaping

- Prohibits unreasonable limitations on low-impact landscaping (conserve water, lower maintenance costs, prevent pollution, and create wildlife habitat) on a condominium or real estate subject to common ownership that is not common ownership and owner has exclusive use
- Excludes reasonable design and aesthetic guidelines including type, number, and location AND restriction on historic property on or eligible for National Register of Historic Places

MARYLAND	HB0102 Chapter 488	Real Property - Actions for Possession - Pet Protections	Effective 6/1/23	Signed into law 5/8/23
AFFECTED: Landlords, Complainants, Pet Owners SPECIES: Domesticated Cats or Dogs CLASSIFICATION: Removal of pets from real property				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • 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 • 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 • Requires Maryland Judiciary to include link to fact sheet with any warrant issued on and after 11/1/23 • 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 • 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 • Prohibits leaving removed pet on public property or a public right-of-way 				
MARYLAND	HB0325 Chapter 588 SB0390 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"> • 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 • Board may reject an application for animal control authority or revoke or suspend a license for failure to comply with regulations • Animal control facility must comply with training requirements and must allow inspections • Moves provision allowing Board to authorize practice of health occupation on animal by health care practitioner from section 304(e) to 305.1 • Requires board to establish expedited process to allow veterinary practitioner licensed to practice in another state or jurisdiction to become licensed in the state • 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 • 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 				

MARYLAND	HB0608 Chapter 211 SB0535 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"> • 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 • 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 • 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 				
MARYLAND	HB0626 Chapter 447 SB0560 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"> • 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 • Fund is administered by Corporation, is nonlapsing, and is separate • 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 • 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 • Requires corporation to contract with independent scientific review board to become Human-Relevant Research Review Board • 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 • 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 • 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 • 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 				

MARYLAND	HB0676 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"> • Adds that interment includes pet remains including those cremated • Preneed burial contract must include name of pet if applicable • 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 • 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 				
MARYLAND	SB0910 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"> • Redefines therapy horse to no longer require Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International member centers to be premier accredited 				
MICHIGAN	HB 4988 of 2023 PA 128'23	Agriculture: animals; livestock licensing fees; modify.	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 9/29/23
AFFECTED: Dealers; Brokers; Agents; Truckers; Auctions; Buying Stations; Collection Points SPECIES: Livestock CLASSIFICATION: Requires License				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires license to be livestock auction, dealer, broker, agent, trucker, buying station, or collection point that must include nature of business, address of applicant, address of business operations, and if they are a livestock yard • Fees are nonrefundable and through 10/1/27 are: \$400 for Class I (auction), \$250 for Class II (buying station), \$50 for Class III (dealer, broker, agent, collection point), and \$25 for Class IV (trucker) • Creates late fee for renewal applications postmarked or received after October 1 of \$10 per business day – late fee for new applications for which the person is operating a business is \$10 per business day – Maximum late fee is \$100 • All administrative and noncriminal fines and license fees must go to agriculture licensing and inspection fees fund • If buying or selling by weight, must employ a weighmaster • Department must issue a license within 60 days of receipt - if application is incomplete, must notify applicant within 30 days of receipt and the 60 days starts after information is received • If not issued within 60 days, department must return fees and provide 15% off the next renewal application – department may not discriminate against such applications in processing them • Applications and any applicable bonding or other security requirements must be submitted by October 1 each year • Livestock auctions and buying stations need surety bond or other security – bond must be state-registered company to indemnify persons from whom livestock is bought and sold – amount must be approved by director and must equal gross dollar volume in average week of prior license year and at least \$1500, except that if gross volume was over \$25,000, it must be increased \$1000 for every \$5000 over – exempt if paid a bond for a federal act in an equivalent amount 				

- Requires records of purchases and sales for the purpose of determining bond that must be available upon request – livestock auctions with no prior activity have bond based on probable sales
- If bond is less than required due to increase in sales or out-of-state claim, department may require additional bond and license may be suspended or revoked if not paid – if bond or security is cancelled, then license is automatically suspended with opportunity for hearing
- Must notify department 60 days before cancelling a bond
- Dealer or broker may conduct business at business site
- Person engaged in business of transporting livestock or negotiating or soliciting such transport but does not buy, sell, resell, exchange, negotiate, or solicit sale, resale or exchange of livestock must be licensed but is exempt from bonding
- Dealer, broker, agent, or trucker must notify director of address change within 5 days
- Change in ownership of livestock auction must be reported in 5 days
- Dealer and broker must file by January 1 a sworn statement of average weekly sales and statement of number and species purchased and sold the prior year
- Fees are waived for honorably discharged veterans

MISSISSIPPI	SB2228	Pet insurance; establish provisions for the sale and renewal of policies.	Effective 7/1/23	Signed into law 3/10/23
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AFFECTED: Pet Insurers, Owners SPECIES: Pets CLASSIFICATION: Adds disclosure and training

- 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
- Allows person licensed in major line of authority and appointed by pet insurer to sell, solicit or negotiate a pet insurance
- Allows commissioner to require training for insurance producers which may be met by training in another state
- Allows commissioner to create rules regarding policy disclosures, policy conditions, sales practices for selling wellness programs, and penalties for violations, among other things

MONTANA	HB 44 Chapter 3	Revise duties of state stock inspectors and deputy stock inspectors	Effective 7/1/23	Signed into law 2/16/23
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AFFECTED: Stock Inspectors SPECIES: Livestock CLASSIFICATION: Removes triplicate permit requirement

- Replaces one copy with a copy in regards to state stock inspectors or deputy stock inspectors
- Removes requirement for market consignment permit or transportation permit to be in triplicate

MONTANA	HB 59 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"> 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 				
MONTANA	HB 66 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"> Revises requirement to complete livestock reporting form from immediately after crossing state lines to March 1 of the following year Changes per capita fee due date from May 31 to March 1 Applies to tax years after 12/31/2023 				
MONTANA	HB 84 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"> Excludes waste products that do not include animal products from the term garbage 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 Removes authority to create rules regarding garbage feeding since it is banned Removes authority to inspect airports for garbage disposal methods Repeals no longer relevant sections 				
MONTANA	HB 100 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"> Requires livestock to be contained for animal disease testing and inspections Allows department to provide chute or alley to complete it 				

MONTANA	HB 153 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"> • for definition of custodial account, replaces “market agency or a satellite video livestock” with “livestock market or livestock video” • 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 • 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 • Replaces satellite video livestock auction market with livestock video auction • Application for a certificate of public convenience no longer requires location of other livestock markets within 200 mile radius NOR anticipated revenue from inspection 				
MONTANA	HB 159 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"> • Repeals the Livestock Crimestoppers Commission • Deletes that department may consider the commission’s recommendations and take action • 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 • Repeals sections related to repealed Livestock Crimestoppers Commission 				
MONTANA	HB 388 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"> • 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 				

MONTANA	HB 703 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"> • 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 • 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 • 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 • Allows landlord to require proof of compliance with state and local licensure and vaccination requirements • Prohibits landlord from requesting information on diagnosis or severity of tenant's disability or medical records • Requires landlord to issue written determination after receiving information • Adds that emotional support registration is not proof of need for such animal • Makes tenant liable for damages to premises or another person on the property caused by the animal • Makes health care provider subject to disciplinary action by licensing board for violation • Excludes service animals from law 				
MONTANA	HB 767 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"> • Allows Department to consider applications for characters and images within a proposed mark or brand not recorded with the department • No longer requires Department to keep records of marks or brands in a book 				
MONTANA	HB 941 Chapter 766	Establish a dog training and socialization program in the state prison	Effective 10/1/23	Signed into law 6/5/23
AFFECTED: Prisoners; Rescues SPECIES: Dogs CLASSIFICATION: Creates prison dog program				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates the dog training and socialization program at the Montana state prison or state-owned or contracted prison facility • Requires partnering with local organizations to get dogs within the state in need of basic obedience training or socialization, developing and following policies and procedures that promote safety of inmates and dogs, and engaging eligible inmates to participate using best practices under a certified professional dog trainer • Inmates must have no animal cruelty record, comply with required treatment, and meet any additional requirements • Dogs must have current rabies and Bordetella vaccines, be in good health, not pose an obvious risk to inmates or other dogs, and meet any additional requirements • Program may be offered to the public, and they may charge a fee • Requires department to develop policies and procedures for the program including other eligibility requirements 				

MONTANA	SB 78 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"> Limits coverage of livestock loss mitigation program from livestock guard animals to livestock guard DOGS Livestock Loss Board must keep names, addresses and personally identifiable information of claimants confidential and not release it 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 				
MONTANA	SB 280 Chapter 668	Revise bird dog training laws	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 5/19/23
AFFECTED: Trainers SPECIES: Bird Dogs; Wild-Caught Game Birds CLASSIFICATION: Requires License				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires a Class D-5 license to train bird hunting dogs with game birds not raised in captivity License fee for those 18 or older or turning 18 during the season is \$5 for residents and \$10 for nonresidents AND may be issued for free to those 12-18 years old Excludes training dogs to hunt captive game birds from license Captive game birds must be tagged or marked before release and must come from game bird farm or other approved source Replaces department may adopt rules to implement with commission shall adopt rules including limiting Class D-5 licenses 				
MONTANA	SB 375 Chapter 679	Remove notice for killing animals running at large	Effective 7/1/23	Signed into law 5/19/23
AFFECTED: Owners; Others SPECIES: Animals Running At Large CLASSIFICATION: Removes Notice Requirement				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notice of animal running at large must be given to owner and department of livestock by written, verbal, or electronic means AND owner has 3 days to restrain it or it may be killed Old law required a specified notice to be signed by one or more taxpayers in the vicinity and posted at nearest post office and 2 most public places near where the animal was seen and to be mailed to the owner or person with control of the animal if known and owner had 10 days of the notice to recapture it 				

MONTANA	SB 561 Chapter 759	Create veterinary retail facility permits	Effective 10/1/23	Signed into law 5/22/23
AFFECTED: Veterinary Dispensing Technicians; Veterinarian Retail Facilities SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: New Permit & Registration				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adds definitions Exempts veterinarians, veterinary technicians, veterinary practices, pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacies Requires annual license from board of pharmacy for each veterinary retail facility owned and any change in location, name, or ownership Veterinary prescription drugs dispensed by veterinary retail facility with a veterinarian prescription must be from licensed veterinary dispensing technician and only for livestock Prohibits veterinary retail facility employees and veterinary dispensing technician from dispensing controlled substances or medication for extralabel use, compounding or repackaging drugs for dispensing prescription (except opening case where individual ones are not opened), or opening, counting, or measuring a drug Requires veterinary dispensing technician to complete academic or certification program approved by board of veterinary medicine Requires veterinary dispensing technician to annually register with the board of veterinary medicine, display license in veterinary retail facility, wear name tag of being a veterinary dispensing technician at facility, and notify board of change of address or employment within 15 days Penalty for violating any of the above is a misdemeanor with a conviction possibly leading to revocation of permit or registration Amends chapter exemptions to provide an exception for the above For chapter temporary exemptions, adds registered veterinary dispensing technician Exempts veterinary dispensing technician from law requiring reporting controlled substances to the department of justice Exempts veterinary dispensing technician from needing license to sell pesticides 				
MONTANA	SR 26	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"> Just states that Senate concurs in, or agrees with, the governor's appointees for the Board of Veterinary Medicine 				
MONTANA	SR 64	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"> Just states that Senate concurs in, or agrees with, the governor's appointees for the Board of Livestock 				
NEBRASKA	LB296	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"> Includes insurance issued to state residents, those sold, solicited, negotiated or offered in the state and those delivered in the state 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 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 				

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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

- 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
- Requires pet insurance policies, certificates and riders to have instructions for completing a return on the first page or attachment with the information listed
- 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
- 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
- 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
- If a medical examination is required, the insurer must disclose aspects of examination before issuance
- 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
- 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

NEVADA	AB159 Chapter 144	Revises provisions governing crimes relating to cruelty to animals.	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 5/31/23
AFFECTED: Animal Abusers SPECIES: Companion Animals; Cats; Dogs CLASSIFICATION: Adds Exclusions				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adds NRS 574.100 subsection 6 (willfully and maliciously torturing or unjustifiably maiming, mutilating, or killing a companion animal or dog or cat) to various laws: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provision stating crimes for which prison credits may NOT be deducted from minimum term or minimum aggregate term of a sentence - Provision for which court may NOT defer judgment for a defendant - Provision making the maximum period of probation or suspension of sentence 60 months - Provision stating crimes for which a person may NOT be early discharged from probation • Makes the provisions applicable only to crimes committed on or after the effective date 				
NEVADA	SB269 Chapter 166	Revises provisions related to animal cruelty.	Effective 10/1/23	Signed into law 6/1/23
AFFECTED: Owners; Rescue Operations SPECIES: Dogs CLASSIFICATION: Revises Exemptions				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduces the time for restraining a dog during a 24-hour period from 14 hours to 10 hours • For exemptions for restraining dogs, 1) removes those being kept in a boarding facility, 2) replaces being kept in a shelter with being processed into a shelter, 3) replaces the temporarily being cared for by rescue operation in conjunction with bona fide nonprofit organization formed for animal welfare purposes WITH temporarily for less than a month either being cared for by a rescue operation in conjunction with an animal rescue organization or camping, and 4) adds being walked by a person on a leash 				
NEVADA	SB342 Chapter 445	Revises provisions relating to the study of veterinary medicine.	Effective Immediately & 7/1/23	Signed into law 6/13/23
AFFECTED: Veterinarians SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Exemption from Repaying Stipend				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current law requires those participants who participated in Nevada Office program who receive stipend (financial assistance to attend in-state college or university) to practice in a health professional shortage area or area with medically underserved population - Those who studied veterinary medicine are now exempt from the requirement • Appropriates \$8 million to Interim Finance Committee for the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education to enter into a contact with the University of Utah to implement a program to provide stipends for the out-of-state tuition of 70 residents earning a doctor of veterinary medicine degree at College of Veterinary Medicine at Utah State University from 7/1/24 to 6/30/34 – Must be a resident a year • Appropriation above must be committed for expenditure by 6/30/25 and must be spent by 9/19/25 or it reverts to the General Fund • Appropriates \$79,719 for fiscal year 2023-24 and \$76,132 for 2024-25 for a Program Officer I to carry out the program above, which must be committed for expenditure by June 30 of the 2nd year listed and must be spent by 9/20/24 or 9/19/24 or it reverts to General Fund 				

NEW HAMPSHIRE	HB249 Chapter 149	AN ACT establishing regulatory standards for the pet insurance industry and allowing restaurant owners to keep their dog on the premises.	Effective 1/1/24	Signed into law 7/28/23
AFFECTED: Pet Insurers; Owners SPECIES: Pets; Dogs CLASSIFICATION: Regulates Pet Insurance; Allows dog in restaurant				
<p>Creates Pet Insurance Section</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires pet insurers that use the terms chronic condition, congenital anomaly or disorder, department, heredity disorder, pet insurance, preexisting condition, renewal, veterinarian, veterinary expenses, waiting period, orthopedic, 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 or pet insurer program administrator's website • Includes insurance issued to state residents, those sold, solicited, negotiated, or offered in the state and those delivered in the state • Law does not prohibit or limit exclusions or require exclusions • 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 • Allows pet insurance applicant to examine and return the policy, certificate, or rider within 30 days if they are unhappy for any reason if they have not filed a claim • Requires pet insurance policies, certificates, and riders to have instructions for completing a return on the first page or attachment with the information listed • 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 or pet insurer program administrator's website • 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 • 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 • If a medical examination is required, the insurer must disclose aspects of examination before issuance • 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 department's address and toll-free toll number and website, insurer/agent/broker's address and customer service number, and statement advising them to contact any agent or broker 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) 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 lists the restrictions of wellness programs

Dog Law:

- Allows restaurant owner to have their properly disciplined companion dog in the restaurant if not in food production or preparation areas and sign is displayed that dog is in restaurant and will be removed from a public area if service dog is present

NEW HAMPSHIRE	SB162 Chapter 0101	relative to exemptions from rabies vaccinations for dogs, cats, and ferrets.	Effective 7/1/23	Signed into law 6/20/23
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AFFECTED: Owners; Veterinarians SPECIES: Dogs; Cats; Ferrets CLASSIFICATION: Renewals of Exemption from Vaccine

- Revises to make exemption good for 1 year (was 1 year from date of last signature)
- Must be annually recertified by a licensed veterinarian

NEW HAMPSHIRE	SB 268 Chapter 0175	AN ACT allowing for pre-hospital treatment and transportation for operational canines.	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 7/28/23
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AFFECTED: Handlers; Emergency Medical Service Providers SPECIES: Operational Canines CLASSIFICATION: Allows Ambulance Transport

- Operational Canine = canine used by law enforcement or fire department – includes police canine, search and rescue canine, scent detection canine, comfort canine, other canine used by law enforcement
- Allows ambulance to transport operational canine to veterinary care facility if ill or injured during official duties if no person needs transport
- EMS may request law enforcement to secure them or accompany them
- Makes EMS immune from personal liability if done in good faith and NO willful, wanton, recklessness, or gross negligence that causes injury
- Makes EMS immune from any veterinary expenses

NEW JERSEY	A1970 Chapter 130	Establishes criminal offenses and civil penalties concerning inhumane confinement of breeding pigs and calves raised for veal.	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 7/26/23
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AFFECTED: State Board of Agriculture; Department of Agriculture; Owners SPECIES: Breeding Pigs & Calves CLASSIFICATION: Requires Regulation

- Requires the State Board of Agriculture and Department of Agriculture to adopt rules within 180 days that 1) prohibit confinement in enclosure that prevents breeding pig or calf raised for veal from laying down, standing up, fully extending limbs, or turning around freely, 2) require calf raised for veal be confined so it can properly groom itself and see other calves, and 3) establish penalties
- Rules may only allow exemption for: 1) medical research, 2) exam, testing, individual treatment, or operation for veterinary purposes if done by or under supervision of veterinarian, 3) transportation; 4) state or county fairs, 4-H, or similar temporary exhibitions, 5) humane slaughter, or 6) confining breeding pig during 14 days before expected birth or while nursing piglets

NEW JERSEY	S981 Chapter 129	Revises law prohibiting cruel tethering and confinement of dogs; establishes procedures for seizure, care, and forfeiture of animals involved in animal cruelty violations.	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 7/26/23
AFFECTED: Owners SPECIES: Dogs; Domestic Companion Animals; Service Animals CLASSIFICATION: Revises Seizure Procedure				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revises so that law enforcement can take custody of dogs, domestic companion animals, and service animals involved in cruelty (was physical custody) Makes various other changes to the seizure and forfeiture law 				
NEW MEXICO	HB 459 Chapter 191	HORSE BREEDER FEE DISTRIBUTIONS	Effective 90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 4/5/23
AFFECTED: Horse Breeders SPECIES: Horses CLASSIFICATION: Increases fee distribution				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	SB 215 Chapter 42	ESTABLISH CRIME OF BESTIALITY	Effective 90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 3/30/23
AFFECTED: Abusers SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: New Crime				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	SB 271 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"> Replaces Horse Shelter Rescue Fund with Equine Shelter Rescue Fund Adds New Mexico Livestock Board to those that may collect security from seized animals 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” 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 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 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 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 				
NEW YORK	A00981 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"> Allows a retail store to receive reasonable rental fee for space used to showcase dogs, cats and rabbits for adoption 				
NEW YORK	A03777 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"> Corrects the name of the Animal Shelter Regulation Fund 				
NEW YORK	A06996 Chapter 153	Relates to information to be provided by a veterinarian initially prescribing or dispensing a drug to a dog, cat, or rabbit	Effective Immediately & 18 Months	Signed into law 6/30/23
AFFECTED: Veterinarians; Owners SPECIES: Dog; Cat; Rabbit CLASSIFICATION: Revises Providing Information				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revises the law requiring veterinarians to provide the owner information before prescribing or dispensing a drug to an animal to limit it to initial prescriptions and only to dogs, cats, and rabbits and only if it is to be used outside the office Notice must be orally or in writing with method listed in patient chart 				

NORTH DAKOTA	HB 1101	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"> 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 				
NORTH DAKOTA	HB 1361	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"> Declares that environmental elements, artificial intelligence, animals, and inanimate objects are NOT included in the definition of person 				
NORTH DAKOTA	HB 1371	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"> Adds several new definitions regarding livestock farms 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 Makes various other changes 				
NORTH DAKOTA	HB 1437	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"> Creates a grant program for regional livestock planning to assist counties and regional planning councils in livestock development planning 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 Grants are limited to \$12,000 per county and \$500 per township Makes identified suitable land locations confidential Appropriates \$1,200,000 to agriculture commissioner for 7/1/23 to 6/30/25 				
NORTH DAKOTA	HB 1506	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"> 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 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 				

NORTH DAKOTA	SB 2373	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"> Requires commissioner to establish livestock-friendly county designations to recognize those that develop, maintain or expand livestock sectors within the county 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 Requires application every 4 years May be revoked if they no longer meet requirements 				
OKLAHOMA	HB2059	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"> Repeals the reporting requirements for the Commercial Pet Breeders and Animal Shelter Licensing Act 				
OKLAHOMA	HB2863	Veterinary medicine; Oklahoma State University Veterinary Medicine Authority (OSUVMA); creation; rev	Effective Immediately	Veto Overridden 5/25/23
AFFECTED: OSUVMA SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: New Agency				
Creates Oklahoma State University Veterinary Medicine Authority Act				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purpose is to provide effective and efficient administration, ensure dependable funding, and effectuate mission and purpose of the OSUVMA Purpose of OSUVMA is to support, to serve as teaching and training facilities for students enrolled in Oklahoma State University College of Veterinary Medicine, to acquire and provide a site for conducting veterinary medical and biological research, to provide care for animal patients at OSUCVM, and provide support or safety of public regarding animal disease and testing Board of Regents of Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges retains power to govern OSUCVM Any hospital or clinic purchased, leased, or constructed by OSUVMA must be animal hospital or clinic with appropriate licenses and accreditations (Secretary of Agriculture may waive standards) – may provide services and receive payments from animal insurance companies and state and federal reimbursement programs – must be available as teaching facility OSUCVM and may be used for other animal patient and educational facilities, and may provide research 				
Creates the Oklahoma State University Veterinary Medicine Authority (OSUVMA) as a new state agency				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consists of member appointed by Governor with Senate approval, 1 appointed by Speaker of the House, 1 appointed by President Pro Tempore of Senate, the Dean of the Oklahoma State University College of Veterinary Medicine, 1 veterinarian appointed by President of OSU, 1 member of Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges, 1 appointed by Chair of the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges, and the non-voting Chief Executive Officer of the OSUVMA Addresses terms, qualifications, removal, compensation, quorum, duties, and more 				

OREGON	HB 2689 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"> Exempts from licensing those who slaughter up to 1000 rabbits for human food (currently only includes poultry) 				
OREGON	HB 2915 Chapter 420	Relating to sales of certain animals by retail pet stores; and prescribing an effective date.	Effective 90 days after adjournment & 9/1/28	Signed into law 7/27/23
AFFECTED: Retail Pet Shops; Buyers SPECIES: Dog; Cat CLASSIFICATION: Ban – Retail Pet Store Sale of Dogs and Cats				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibits retail pet stores from selling or offering for sale dogs or cats Exempts those that sold them on the effective date that sell them at the physical address where it sold them and does not change ownership – Exemption is repealed on 9/1/28 Defines cat as Felis catus Redefines retail pet store as being open to the public either by appointment or during regular business hours that sells or offers to sell pet animals or food, supplies, or accessories for pet animals Penalty is civil penalty up to \$500 per violation which may be recovered by a county district attorney in county circuit court Allows local government to enact stricter ordinances, rules, or resolutions Allows retail pet store to display pet animals of an animal rescue entity if it does NOT have an ownership interest in the animals and does NOT receive compensation for the display 				
OREGON	HB 3213 Chapter 536	Prohibits manufacturer from selling or offering to sell cosmetic developed through use of cosmetic animal test.	Effective 1/1/24	Signed into law 8/1/23
AFFECTED: Cosmetic Manufacturers, Suppliers, and Sellers SPECIES: Animals CLASSIFICATION: Bans – Cosmetic Testing				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibits cosmetic manufacturer from selling or offering to sell cosmetic after 1/1/24 that was developed or manufactured using animal testing Exempts: 1) requirement from state or federal agency if specific human health problem related to ingredient or nonfunctional constituent, need is justified and supported by detailed research protocol, no nonanimal alternative or strategy, and ingredient or nonfunctional constituent is in wide use and cannot be replaced; 2) requirement of federal regulatory authority if not used to substantiate safety; 3) requirement of 21 U.S.C. 351 to 360fff-8; 4) cosmetic ingredient or nonfunctional constituent used for non-cosmetic product required by state, federal, or federal regulatory authority if documented evidence of noncosmetic intent and history of use at least one year prior to reliance to substantiate safety; 5) retaining, reviewing, or assessing evidence from testing; 6) cosmetics developed from animal testing before effective date even if manufactured afterward; and 7) cosmetics with ingredients used in animal testing before effective date even if manufactured afterward City and county may only pass ordinance, rule, or regulation identical to this law Cosmetics that do not meet the requirements may be donated to a food bank, homeless shelter, hospital, animal shelter, corrections facility, or emergency shelter AND may be distributed to those who receive their services 				

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attorney General may execute an investigative demand upon a manufacturer if they believe it has information, documents, or materials that relevant to an investigation of a violation of this law – Demand may require them to appear and testify under oath, answer written interrogatories, or produce written material or evidence Manufacturer has shorter of return date or 20 days after served to petition to extend the return date or to modify or set aside the demand including for privileged material Trade secrets given to Attorney General are confidential Attorney General may bring civil action to impose civil penalty for violations or obtain an injunction – Civil penalties must go to Department of Justice Protection and Education Revolving Account Penalty is civil penalty up to \$5000 for the first day of violation and \$1000 per day after that 				
OREGON	SB 57 Chapter 146	Relating to brucellosis.	Effective 1/1/24	Signed into law 6/6/23
AFFECTED: Sellers SPECIES: Female Cattle Not Vaccinated Against Brucellosis CLASSIFICATION: Removes Ban				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes the ban on selling, maintaining, or controlling female cattle of beef or dairy breed that have not been vaccinated against brucellosis since it is eradicated in the state 				
OREGON	SB 85 Chapter 465	Relating to confined animal feeding operations; and declaring an emergency.	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 7/27/23
AFFECTED: Confined Animal Feeding Operations SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Revises				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revises the law regarding confined animal feeding operations 				
SOUTH CAROLINA	S 449	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"> Repeals the sunset (expiration) clause regarding transporting live swine without identification 				
SOUTH DAKOTA	HB 1025	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"> Increases registration fees for apiaries from \$11 to \$16 per permanent location and from \$30 to \$40 per temporary location 				
SOUTH DAKOTA	SB 18	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"> Revises name from Department of Agriculture to Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources Increase appropriation for livestock and equestrian complex at State Fair from \$20 million to \$29 million Increases general appropriation to Department from \$12 million to \$18 million and another appropriation from \$8 million to \$11 million Declares emergency 				

Updated 11/20/23

SOUTH DAKOTA	SB 150	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"> • Adds that those constructing pipeline to provide water to livestock on land taxed as agricultural land must apply to board of county commissioners • 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 • Allows requiring removal or relocation of livestock pipeline if necessary to improve highway or remove for county purpose • Allows owner or operator of livestock pipeline to request relocation, removal or change to highway superintendent at their own cost • 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 				
TENNESSEE	SB0195 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"> • 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 • 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 • Exempts space under buildings, decks, steps, or open crates or carriers for temporary housing 				

TENNESSEE	SB0451 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"> Limits the definition of dog guide in training and defines "Place of public accommodation, amusement, or recreation" 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 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 Makes place not required to provide food or care to dog 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 				
TEXAS	HB 73	Relating to limitation of certain liability of owners, lessees, and occupants of land in connection with livestock and agricultural land.	Effective 9/1/23	Signed into law 6/9/23
AFFECTED: Landowners; Lessees SPECIES: Livestock CLASSIFICATION: Expands Limitation of Liability				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adds lessees to those not liable for damages from incident or accident from livestock due to act of firefighter or peace officer and includes an act of a trespasser, act of third party that enters without permission and damages a fence or gate, and wildlife or an act of God Adds to the exemption from liability for agricultural land owners, lessees, and occupants from damages or injury to person or property an act of a trespasser, act of third party that enters without permission and damages a fence or gate, and wildlife or an act of God Adds to the exemption from liability for agricultural land owners, lessees, and occupants from damages or injury to person or property caused by an individual who enters or causes another to enter without permission because of a trespasser, third party that enters without permission and damages a fence or gate, and wildlife or an act of God Requires the owner or lessee of an event above to cure the resulting defect in a reasonable time 				
TEXAS	HB 598	Relating to creating the criminal offense of possession of an animal by a person who has been previously convicted of an offense involving animal cruelty.	Effective 9/1/23	Signed into law 5/24/23
AFFECTED: Convicted Animal Abusers SPECIES: CLASSIFICATION: Ban – Person Convicted from Possessing Animals				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates the offense of possessing or exercising control over an animal if previously convicted within last 5 years of an attack on an assistance animal, cruelty to nonlivestock animals, or dog fighting or a similar federal or state penal law Penalty is Class C misdemeanor, Class B misdemeanor if prior offense 				

TEXAS	HB 692	Relating to the authorization for certain land applications and disposal of dairy waste.	Effective 9/1/23	Signed into law 5/24/23
AFFECTED: Concentrated Animal Feeding; Dairy Operations SPECIES: Dairy Animals CLASSIFICATION: Allowed Dairy Waste				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires Commission to adopt rules to authorize land application of dairy waste (milk not usable for human consumption) Rules must minimize risk of water quality impairment and create conditions such as duration, location of unit, maximum quantity or application rate of dairy waste, agronomic application rate, and best management practices Requires commission to adopt rules to allow disposal from a concentrated animal feeding operation into a control or retention facility 				
TEXAS	HB 2026	Relating to the Rural Veterinarian Incentive Program.	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 6/18/23
AFFECTED: Rural Veterinarians SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Expands Coverage				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expands the Rural Veterinarian Incentive Program by changing the definition of rural county from a county with a population of less than 100,000 to one with less than 150,000 For participation in program, requires agreement with Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (was university system) Financial support must go to retire student loan debt or pay tuition and fees to a college (was university system) 				
TEXAS	HB 2063	Relating to informed consent obtained before a dog or cat may be boarded at a kennel and left unattended when employees are not present; creating a criminal offense.	Effective 9/1/23	Became law w/o signature 6/2/23
AFFECTED: Owners; Kennels SPECIES: Dog; Cat CLASSIFICATION: Require Consent to Leave Unattended				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires a kennel boarding or providing services to a dog or cat whose employees will leave the animal unattended to provide a notice to the owner with the hours they will be left unattended and if there is no functioning fire protection sprinkler system AND obtain a signed document of consent Exempts animal shelters and kennels that board up to 3 dogs or cats Violation is civil penalty of \$500 per animal per day Allows attorney general or district or county attorney to bring action to collect it and recover attorney's fees and costs 				

TEXAS	HB 2951	Relating to the establishment of a service dog pilot program for certain veterans.	Effective 9/1/23	Signed into law 6/11/23
AFFECTED: Veterans SPECIES: Service Dogs CLASSIFICATION: Provides service dog to veterans				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires Texas Veterans Commission to establish a pilot program to provide veterans with military service-related post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, or military sexual trauma with service dogs Commission must approve at least 1 nonprofit organization to provide services that has experience working with such veterans, authorized to conduct business in the state, able to provide follow-up services, and follows standards of Assistance Dogs International Such nonprofit must: 1) employ professional staff to train the dogs; 2) provide participating veterans a fully trained service dog; 3) instruct the veteran on the dog's health and training; 4) conduct regular mental health and depression assessments on the veterans; and 5) provide a new service dog if old one is incompatible or dies or unable to complete duties by fourth anniversary of receipt Goods and services provided, including dog, must be at no cost Service dog must complete Assistance Dogs International training program, comply with ADA requirements, and be evaluated by veterinarian to determine fitness Allows commission to receive grants, gifts, and donations for the program Commission must submit report by 10/1/26 to governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the House, and relevant standing committees that includes any recommended actions and evaluation of effectiveness and whether it should continue or be expanded Pilot program expires 9/1/27 				
TEXAS	HB 3257	Relating to the confidentiality of certain biosecurity and other sensitive information shared with the Texas Animal Health Commission.	Effective 9/1/23	Signed into law 6/13/23
AFFECTED: Animal Owner or Caretaker SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Protects Confidentiality of Information				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biosecurity plans, secure food supply plans, emergency preparedness plans, and biosecurity data voluntarily provided by animal owner or caretaker to Texas Animal Health Commission is confidential and not subject to disclosure Commission may release the information to the 1) attorney general's office for law enforcement, 2) USDA secretary for animal health protection, 3) secretary of the Department of Homeland Security for homeland security, 4) Department of State Health Services for protection of public from zoonotic diseases, 5) any person required to by court order, 6) federal, state, county, and municipal county management authority for natural or man-made disasters, and 7) any person the executive director considers appropriate IF livestock may be threatened by disease, agent, or pest and release relates to the commission's duties OR if necessary for emergency management Release of such information does not affect confidentiality of it, is not an offense of distribution or misuse of confidential information, and is not a voluntary disclosure under public information law 				
TEXAS	HB 3361	Relating to the slaughtering of livestock.	Effective 9/1/23	Signed into law 6/11/23
AFFECTED: Slaughterers SPECIES: Livestock CLASSIFICATION: Removes Entity				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes from the definition of slaughterer those who sell livestock for slaughter by the purchaser on the seller's land Repeals the county regulation of slaughterers in incorporated areas of certain counties 				

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TEXAS	HB 3660	Relating to a defense to prosecution for the offense of cruelty to nonlivestock animals under certain circumstances.	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 6/10/23
AFFECTED: TNR; Releasers under wildlife laws SPECIES: Nonlivestock Animals CLASSIFICATION: Exemption				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exempts from the animal abandonment law anyone releasing or returning a stray or feral animal under the Trap-Neuter-Return program if it is not a wild living creature along with anyone releasing or returning a trapped wild creature under the wildlife laws 				
TEXAS	HB 4069	Relating to the required disclosure of prices by a veterinarian before providing emergency treatment to an ill or injured animal.	Effective 9/1/23	Signed into law 6/11/23
AFFECTED: Veterinarians; Owners/Caretakers SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Requires Disclosing Treatment Prices				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to adopt rules by 12/1/23 to require veterinarians providing emergency treatment to give the owner or caretaker the description of the proposed treatment and estimated BEFORE treating the ill or injured animal Rules must allow the veterinarian to assess the animal and come up with treatment options before giving a price AND to adjust the price and treatment options based on the condition of the animal 				
TEXAS	HB 4164	Relating to the improper use and treatment of an assistance animal or service animal; increasing a criminal penalty.	Effective 9/1/23	Signed into law 6/12/23
AFFECTED: Handlers SPECIES: Assistance or Service Animals CLASSIFICATION: Increases penalty				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revises law from prohibiting a “person who uses a service animal with a harness or leash of the type commonly used by persons with disabilities who use trained animals, in order to represent that his or her is a service animal when training has not in fact been provided” with “A person commits an offense if the person intentionally or knowingly represents that an animal is an assistance animal or a service animal when the animal is not specially trained or equipped to help a person with a disability” Increases fine from \$300 to \$1000 Adds service animal to the provision that allows seizure of an assistance animal if the person habitually abuses or neglects to feed or care for their animal 				
TEXAS	HB 4538	Relating to the regulation of beekeeping; imposing fees and authorizing other fees; expanding the applicability of an occupational permit.	Effective 9/1/23	Signed into law 6/13/23
AFFECTED: Beekeepers SPECIES: Bees CLASSIFICATION: Revisions				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adds and revises definitions Makes various revisions to beekeeping law 				
TEXAS	SB 349	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"> 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 				

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TEXAS	SB 691	Relating to an animal share exemption for certain meat and meat food products; providing a civil penalty.	Effective 9/1/23	Signed into law 6/18/23
AFFECTED: Farmer/Rancher, Co-owners SPECIES: Livestock CLASSIFICATION: Creates animal share exemption				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal share is an ownership interest in livestock created by a contract between a farmer or rancher and a prospective co-owner • Animal share must include a bill of sale, provision allowing farmer or rancher to board the livestock and prepare it for slaughter, and a provision allowing co-owner share of the meat or products • Provides exemption from the inspection requirement of livestock before slaughter and preparation of meat for animal share if 1) owned before the slaughter, 2) meat and products are from livestock owned by animal share and are delivered by farmer/rancher to co-owner, 3) provides a written statement or warning statement on the label that the meat was not inspected, 4) label includes "Not for Sale," and 5) farmer/rancher provides standards of care and meat preparation • Bans sale, donation, or commercial redistribution of such meat or products – Violation is civil penalty of \$1000 per violation brought by attorney general to recover penalty and reasonable expenses (court costs, attorney fees, investigative costs, witness fees, disposition expense) • Bans farmer/rancher from publishing statement of department approval or endorsement of meat from animal share • Must follow Federal Meat Inspection Act 				
TEXAS	SB 876	Relating to the licensing and regulation of dog and cat breeders; expanding the applicability of an occupational license.	Effective 9/1/23	Signed into law 5/29/23
AFFECTED: Breeders SPECIES: Dog; Cat CLASSIFICATION: Revises Exemption from License				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revises dog or cat breeder to those who have 5+ intact adult females (was 11) AND removes the minimum yearly sales limit • For exemption for dogs bred for certain purposes: adds breed or confirmation shows AND exempts them for a purpose listed instead of just for personal use • Requires Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation to prescribe forms and procedures to implement it • Breeders with 5-10 adult intact females do NOT need a license UNTIL 1/1/24 				

TEXAS	SB1414	Relating to the regulation of the practice of veterinary medicine by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.	Effective 9/1/23	Signed into law 6/18/23
AFFECTED: State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Creates Temporary Regulations				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abolishes the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (SBVME) on 9/1/27 (was 9/1/29) Gives TX Department of Licensing and Regulation policy-making powers of the Board with all powers and duties granted to the Board also that of the executive director of the department, the department, or the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation Commission or executive director of department may delegate, or withdraw such delegation of, power or duty to the Board Requires the department to review administrative rules by 12/31/26, which must include license holder and public input opportunities Requires department to propose any amendments to rules or repeal of them if no sufficient reason or authority If expert witness is needed for rulemaking or contested case, commission or department may have veterinarian member of board do so Gives executive director of department authority to direct or dismiss the executive director of the Board Makes the executive director of the board responsible for financial services, human resources, and workforce development with these duties: accounts payable and receivable; budgeting, inventory, and asset management; payroll; personnel and labor issues; purchasing; recruitment, evaluation, selection, training, and promotion of personnel; submitted required reports; legal support services; and information technology and support – If department does any of them, board must reimburse them Declares the Board to be an advisory board of the department that provides advice and recommendations on technical matters alongside the equine dental provider advisory committee and any other advisory committee Requires Board to adopt rules on scope of practice or health-related standard of care for practice of veterinary medicine – commission must review them to determine if authorized Makes subchapter expire on 9/1/27 Requires Department of Information Resources to consult with department and board on their database needs and create a plan for a database to achieve them – board shall provide any needed resources to do so Requires department to submit legislative recommendations to improve the board by 12/1/24 to the Sunset Advisory Commission and relevant legislative standing committees 				
TEXAS	SB 1850	Relating to the presiding officer of the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.	Effective 9/1/23	Signed into law 5/27/23
AFFECTED: State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners SPECIES: N/A CLASSIFICATION: Presiding Officer Qualification				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires the presiding officer of the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to be a veterinarian 				
TEXAS	SB 2333	Relating to rules permitting service dogs in the Capitol.	Effective 9/1/23	Signed into law 6/18/23
AFFECTED: Handlers SPECIES: Service Dogs CLASSIFICATION: Expands Exemption				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revises the law allowing seeing eye dogs in the Capitol to allow all service dogs 				

TEXAS	HR 654	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"> Designates 3/23/23 as Texas Humane Legislation Day 				
UTAH	H.B. 184 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"> Creates Veterinarian Education Loan Repayment Program 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 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 Payments must be made directly to the lender and in total equal maximum payment value Up to 2% of funding may be used for administrative costs 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 Adds that appropriations are nonlapsing Appropriates \$2.5 million to the program for fiscal year 7/1/23 to 6/30/24 				
UTAH	H.B. 187 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"> 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 				
UTAH	H.B. 396 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"> Allows city with paleontology museum to retain, curate, and manage paleontological specimens, collections and resources recovered on land owned or controlled by the city 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 Designation requires written consent of owner or trust 				

UTAH	H.B. 418 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"> • Repeals the Canine Body Armor Restricted Account • 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 				
UTAH	S.B. 61 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"> • Requires department to administer the provisions regarding livestock damaged by railroad operations • Requires railroads in the state to provide department with current contact information for communication regarding injury to livestock by the railroad • 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 • 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 • 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 • 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 • 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 • 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 • 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 • 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 • Creates Livestock Damage Board to hear appeals on value of livestock • 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 				

UTAH	S.B. 108 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"> Clarifies that animal does not include livestock 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) 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 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 				
VIRGINIA	HB 1577 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"> 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 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 				
VIRGINIA	HB 1660 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"> Creates Dairy Producer Margin Coverage Premium Assistance Program Fund Adds that Farm Act includes subsequent federal farm program Makes section expire on 7/1/28 				
VIRGINIA	HB 1951 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"> Designates Chincoteague Pony as the official state pony 				
VIRGINIA	HB 2297 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"> Extends the collection of an assessment per head of cattle to 7/1/2028 				

VIRGINIA	HB 2348 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"> 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 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 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 Exempts federal facilities and privately owned veterinarian practices 				
VIRGINIA	SB 795 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"> Extends the collection of an assessment per head of cattle to 7/1/2028 				
VIRGINIA	SB 1271 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"> 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 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 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 Exempts federal facilities and privately owned veterinarian practices 				

WASHINGTON	HB 1020 Chapter 330	Designating the Suciasaurus rex as the official dinosaur of the state of Washington.	Effective 7/23/23	Signed into law 5/4/23
AFFECTED: All SPECIES: Suciasaurus Rex CLASSIFICATION: Official State Animal				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designates Suciasaurus rex as official state dinosaur 				
WASHINGTON	HB 1077 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"> Allows court to exercise discretion in using a courthouse facility dog 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 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 Handler may be required to show identification card from accredited assistance dog organization 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 When court approves such dog, it must include basis for determination 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 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 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 				

WASHINGTON	SB 5319 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"> • 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 • 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 • 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 • Requires pet insurance policies, certificates and endorsements to have instructions for completing a return on the first page or attachment with the information listed • 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 • 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 • 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 • If a medical examination is required, the insurer must disclose aspects of examination before issuance • 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 • 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 • 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 				

WASHINGTON	HB 1234 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"> • 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 1st 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 2nd 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) • 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 • 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 • 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 • 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 • 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 • 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 • 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 • Failure to file petition by 14th 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 • 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 • If bond is posted, court proceedings shall be given priority • If bond expires, owner must post additional bond within 72 hours of expiration or animal is forfeited • If animal is seized from person prohibited from owning or caring for one or an order of animal cruelty in the 1st and 2nd degrees, animal is immediately forfeited and placed with entity without court action • 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 • Custodial agency may have veterinarian or veterinary technician euthanize animal if severely injured, sick, diseased or suffering 				

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	HB 1424 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
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:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	SB 5439 Chapter 44	Concerning livestock identification.	Effective 7/23/23	Signed into law 4/6/23
AFFECTED: Owners; Livestock Identification Advisory Committee SPECIES: Livestock CLASSIFICATION: Revises Duties				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	HB 3524	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"> Issues supplementary appropriation to WV Spay Neuter Assistance Fund for fiscal year ending 6/30/23 				
WEST VIRGINIA	SB 200	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"> 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 Handler must always have physical control of the dogs Tracking a mortally injured animal is hunting subject to hunting laws Requires hunter or handler to have hunting license to track them or be exempt 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 Animal shot becomes part of bag limit of hunter who fired initial shot Dog handler providing tracking for profit must be licensed as outfitter or guide 				
WEST VIRGINIA	SB 361	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"> Includes SB 365, SB 369 and SB 371 Adopts various agency rules including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WV Apiary Rule Inspection of non-traditional domesticated animals Livestock care standards 				
WYOMING	HB0017 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"> 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 Such use is NOT a sublease Defines full management responsibility as all duties, obligations and liabilities as if the lessee owns the livestock 				

WYOMING	HB0180 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"> 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 Allows board to release information related to a non-negative brucellosis test in county where animal is located 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 				
WYOMING	SF0028 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"> 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 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 Adds cattle and bison under Wind River Indian Reservation infected with brucellosis must also only be shipped or transported under direction of state veterinarian Allows governor to enter negotiations with tribes of regions adjacent to WY to preserve its brucellosis-free state 				
WYOMING	SF0029 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"> Gives option to immediately brand livestock reacting to test for brucellosis with B For brucellosis surveillance, replaces area of concern with temporary surveillance area AND replaces livestock herd plan with brucellosis mitigation plan 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) 				