

UAPPEAL

GENERAL ANIMAL LEGISLATION THAT BECAME LAW IN 2019

ARKANSAS	HB 1045 Act 29	An Act for the Veterinary Medical Examining Board Appropriation for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year	7/1/19	Became law 1/31/19
Establishes maximum number of regular and part-time employees and grants appropriation				
ARKANSAS	HB 1124 Act 169	To Amend the Laws Concerning Veterinary Medicine; And to Establish a Veterinary Technologist Certification and a Veterinary Technician Specialist Certification	90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 2/18/19
Veterinary Technologists and veterinary technician specialists now require certification from the Veterinary Medical Examining Board				
ARKANSAS	HB 1137 Act 49	An Act for the Office of the Treasurer of State – Animal Rescue Shelters Appropriation for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year.	7/1/19	Signed into law 1/31/19
Grants \$25,000 for county animal rescue shelters and \$25,000 for city animal rescue shelters				
ARKANSAS	HB 1146 Act 286	Concerning Equine Massage; And to Require Licensure or Certification for Equine Massage.	90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 3/1/19
Equine massage and animal massage are now exempt from needing licensure by the Veterinary Medical Examining Board				
ARKANSAS	HB 1264 Act 139	To Amend the Exemption to Licensure by the Veterinary Medical Examining Board for Chiropractors Performing Chiropractic Upon Animals.	90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 2/13/19
Animal chiropractors are no longer required to perform under the immediate supervision of an Arkansas licensed veterinarian				
ARKANSAS	SB388 Act 650	Concerning Bicycle Safety: To Allow Bicyclists to Yield at Stop Signs and Red Lights Under Certain Circumstances; And to Amend the Law Concerning the Use of Bicycles, Electric Bicycles, and Animals on Public Roads.	90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 4/2/19
Those riding an animal or driving an animal drawing a vehicle have the same rights and duties applicable to a driver of a vehicle				

ARKANSAS	SB637 Act 892	To Amend the Law Regarding Greyhound Racing; And to Authorize the Use of Payable Winning Agreements.	90 days after adjournment	Became law 4/11/19
RELATED TO GAMBLING ONLY - Allows payable winning agreements for greyhound racing				
ARKANSAS	SB654 Act 1002	To Amend the Law Regarding Service Animals; And to Authorize a Civil Penalty for Misrepresenting an Animal as a Service Animal.	90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 4/17/19
Misrepresenting an animal as a service animal or service animal-in-training to those operating a public accommodation is a violation subject to a civil penalty of up to \$250 per violation				
ARIZONA	HB 2421 Chapter 32	animal cruelty; working animal; harassment	90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 3/22/19
Intentionally or knowingly harassing a working animal in a law enforcement vehicle or trailer that impedes it from its duties without legal privilege or owner consent is now animal cruelty and is a Class 1 misdemeanor				
COLORADO	HB 1092	Animal Ban For Cruelty To Animals Conviction	8/2/19	Signed into law 5/1/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates Punky's Law Court may now order an animal cruelty offender, including juveniles, to have a mental health treatment program For felony offenses of torturing, needlessly mutilating, or needlessly killing an animal OR cruelty toward service animal or certified police working dog OR where a Class 6 felony is imposed, a comprehensive evaluation to determine the cause shall be conducted Those with a felony are now banned from owning, possessing or caring for a pet animal for 3-5 years (indefinite for juvenile) unless the treatment provider recommends against it 				
COLORADO	HB 1180	Correcting The Definition Of Police Working Horse	Immediately	Signed into law 4/4/19
Technical correction to remove certification of police working horses since there is no certification and just requires them to meet standards of law enforcement team				
COLORADO	HB 1220	Court Facility Dog During Witness Testimony	Immediately	Signed into law 5/1/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parties or the court may now order a court facility dog to be present during witness testimony for a criminal proceeding if it would reduce witness's anxiety and provide fuller and more accurate testimony if arranging for the dog does not interfere with the criminal proceedings and no prejudice would result Parties must file their written motion to the court at least 14 days before the proceeding The court may instruct the jury of the role of the dog, and judges may terminate the use of court facility dog at any time The law does not affect service animals 				

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FLORIDA	SB 96 Chapter 2019-9	Police, Fire, and Search and Rescue Dogs	10/1/19	Signed into law 4/26/19
The penalty for knowingly and intentionally causing great bodily harm, permanent disability or death or using a deadly weapon upon a police canine (was dog), fire canine, search and rescue canine or police horse without lawful cause increased to a 2 nd degree felony				
GEORGIA	HB 35 Act 34	Sales and use tax; certain poultry diagnostic and disease monitoring services; create exemption	7/1/19	Signed into law 4/18/19
Sales to or by any 501(c)(5) nonprofit that primarily provides poultry diagnostic and disease monitoring are exempt from the sales and use tax				
IDAHO	H 137 Chapter 300	Dangerous dogs	7/1/19	Signed into law 4/4/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owning, possessing or harboring an at-risk dog or dangerous dog is now a misdemeanor penalty unless the court allows the owner to keep it with restrictions instead of allowing petitions to the court to declare a dog dangerous • Restrictions now allows a tattoo instead of just microchip and requires maintaining ID by local enforcement agency instead of just court • Court may grant victim restitution including medical, property damage, and property repair and replacement • Serious injury now means bruising, laceration or other injury that would cause prudent person to seek medical treatment (previously piercing the skin, tearing the muscles/veins/arteries or disfiguring lacerations) • Court may now order restitution to law enforcement, animal control agency or animal shelter for impoundment costs, medical and veterinary expenses, and care or keeping costs 				
IOWA	SF 341 Act	A bill for an act relating to assistance animals and service animals in housing, service animals and service-animals-in-training in public accommodations, and misrepresentation of an animal as a service animal or a service-animal-in-training, providing penalties, and including effective date and applicability provisions.	Upon Rule Adoption (Disability in Housing – Immediately)	Signed into law 5/2/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landlords must now waive the lease restrictions and additional payments normally required for pets for service animals and assistance animals (simians, etc.) or face simple misdemeanor, but renter is liable for any damages it causes • A physician, physician assistant, nurse, psychologist, social worker or behavior scientist requested to determine that an assistance animal or service animal is a reasonable accommodation in housing shall make a written finding of the disability and a separate written finding of the need for such animal after meeting with the client in-person or by telemedicine and being sufficiently familiar with their case • Only service animals (dog, mini horse) or those in training are now given special privileges to be in public places • Intentionally misrepresenting a service animal or one in training for which a previous written or verbal warning for misrepresenting one was given is guilty of a simple misdemeanor • Owners of public places are not liable for service animals if owner has reason to believe it was service animal and was not negligent, reckless or doing willful misconduct 				

INDIANA	HB 1196 Public Law 168	Indiana horse racing commission	7/1/19	Signed into law 5/1/19
Changes the laws regarding race horses				
INDIANA	HB 1295 Public Law 12	Veterinary prescriptions.	7/1/19	Signed into law 4/3/19
When prescribing opioids for an animal for the first time, veterinarians may now only prescribe a 7-day supply and may obtain information about the animal owner or person dispensing the opioid from the database				
INDIANA	HB 1615 Public Law 141	Death or injury to animals.	7/1/19	Signed into law 4/29/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expands domestic and family violence from beating to include all animal abuse inflicted to threaten a family member (Level 6 felony) • Abuse is beating, tormenting, injuring or harming an animal and includes a humane society, animal control agency and government agency running a shelter that destroys animals other than by humane euthanasia • Torture now includes destroying an animal by electrocution and intentionally heating or freezing an animal to death 				
INDIANA	SB 529 Public Law 193	Beekeeping. Agricultural Matters	7/1/19	Signed into law 5/2/19
Units may not have ordinances, rules, regulations or resolutions that ban beekeeping on one's own property but may regulate how many hives a person can have and their location on the property that conforms to Apiary Inspectors of America standards				
INDIANA	SB 533 Public Act 39	Importation of domestic animals from abroad.	7/1/19	Signed into law 4/18/19
Foreign importers of a domestic dog or cat into Indiana must provide the recipient with a certificate of veterinary inspection or health certificate who must send a copy (may be electronic) to the Board within 30 days of receipt				
KENTUCKY	SB 67 Chapter 184	AN ACT relating to sexual crimes against animals	90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 3/26/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sex crimes against an animal is now a Class D felony, including sexual contact, advertising or offering or obtaining an animal for such purpose, and aiding and abetting another person to engage in sexual contact with exceptions for veterinary practices, artificial insemination, accepted husbandry practices and breed confirmation • Violators must 1) relinquish all animals or return the animal to the owner (may not be spayed/neutered), 2) not harbor, possess, own, work at a place with unsupervised access to animals or reside where animals live for 5 years after finishing the sentence, 3) attend a treatment program or psychiatric or psychological counseling, and 4) reimburse agency for care expenses during proceeding 				

MAINE	HP 258 Chapter 95	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Dangerous Dogs and Nuisance Dogs To Allow for Flexibility in Protection Dog Training	90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 5/8/19
Repeals prohibition of training dogs not directly involved with specific protection dog training to be aggressive or attack another person or animal				
MARYLAND	HB 135 Chapter 61	Criminal Law - Cruelty to Animals - Seizure and Removal	10/1/19	Signed into law 4/18/19
Repeals the criminal code regarding animals and replaces it with amendments including making an owner of a confiscated animal to pay for costs for removal, housing, treatment or euthanasia				
MARYLAND	SB 56 Chapter 128	Secretary of Agriculture – Regulation of Poultry to Protect Animal Health and Control Avian Influenza	10/1/19	Signed into law 4/18/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expands authority of Secretary of Agriculture to regulate live poultry market from just slaughter to any location where poultry is offered for sale or transferred and to determine when a permit is needed for such purposes • Excludes hatchling eggs from authority • Expands poultry dealers to those buying, selling, exchanging or transferring poultry to a market 				
MARYLAND	SB 105 Chapter 465	Maryland Veterans Service Animal Program - Therapy Horses	6/1/19	Signed into law 5/13/19
Entities that use therapy horses are now included as a nonprofit training entity for the Maryland Veterans Service Animal Program, and veterans that receive care from US Department of Veteran Affairs or Department of Defense facility may participate instead of just those from a VA hospital				
MARYLAND	SB 152 Chapter 62	Criminal Law - Cruelty to Animals - Seizure and Removal	10/1/19	Signed into law 4/18/19
Repeals the criminal code regarding animals and replaces it with amendments including making an owner of a confiscated animal to pay for costs for removal, housing, treatment or euthanasia				
MINNESOTA	H.F. 1733 SF 483/SF 1695 Chapter 38	Omnibus agriculture policy bill.	8/1/19	Signed into law 5/17/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revises laws regarding saltwater aquatic life • Revises open air swine basins 				

MONTANA	HB 29 Chapter 103	Revise bird hunting dog laws	Immediately	Signed into law 4/1/19
Allows a person to train bird hunting dogs and conduct field trials				
MONTANA	HB 101 Chapter 15	Revise deadline for applying for refund of livestock per capita fee	7/1/19	Signed into law 2/19/19
Extends deadline for applying for a refund of livestock per capita fee to March 31 and requires applicant to provide a statement showing when livestock were moved into the state instead of just out along with documenting transfers				
MONTANA	HB 112 Chapter 145	Revise importation requirements	10/1/19	Signed into law 4/11/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exempts all infected livestock heading to slaughter from the ban on import instead of just cattle • Allows department to require permit to import animals, semen, or biologics AND to waive requirement for documentation but adds that there must be no danger to animal health • Repeals old artificial insemination law 				
MONTANA	HB 439 Chapter 361	Revise laws related to misrepresented service animals	10/1/19	Signed into law 5/7/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limits service animal to dogs and miniature horses and specifically excludes emotional support animals • Requires horse to wear leash, collar, harness, cape or backpack identifying it as service animal • For animals taken in public, the animal must be under control and the representative of the location place may ask if the animal is a service animal required because of a disability and its tasks performed • Allows service animal not under control or not housebroken to be removed and allow handler to participate without it • Requires all posted notices banning animals from premises to include service animal exemption • Allows person who knowingly and willfully misrepresents a service animal by fitting it with a mentioned item or to state such verbally or in writing to be removed and law enforcement called and to file a written complaint so long as there is public notice that such action will be taken and as long as other animals are not allowed • Law enforcement that respond to complaint must file written result • A person is guilty of misdemeanor if they had a prior written warning that it was illegal to misrepresent an animal as a service animal and continued to do so punishable of \$50 for 1st offense, \$75-200 for 2nd offense, and \$100-1000 per additional along with possible community service for organization that advocates for the disabled 				

MONTANA	HB 443 Chapter 379	Revise requirements for hobbyist apiaries	7/1/19	Signed into law 5/8/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limits annual hobbyist apiary registration or re-registration fee AND new hobbyist apiary application fees to \$19 between 7/1/19 and 6/30/21 Requires mandatory registrations of hobbyist apiary sites 				
MONTANA	HB 520 Chapter 201	Revise funding for livestock loss board	7/1/19	Signed into law 4/26/19
Increases funding to \$300,000 for livestock loss board				
MONTANA	HB 607 Chapter 365	Allow for the manufacture and sale of pet treats	7/1/19	Signed into law 5/7/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classifies pet treats as a type of pet food that requires registration and commercial feed license Manufacturers with annual sales up to \$25,000 for pet treats that don't contain drugs, meat, fish, poultry or byproducts are exempt from needing a commercial feed license Makes pet treat registration fee of \$25 per set of 20 individual pet treat products and allows department to add an additional \$10 				
MONTANA	SB 56 Chapter 86	Repeal meat and poultry inspection appeals process	Immediately	Signed into law 3/21/19
Inspections of slaughter facilities may no longer be suspended for failing to meet environmental standards				
MONTANA	SB 133 Chapter 306	Revise eligibility for livestock loss payments	10/1/19	Signed into law 5/7/19
Requires payment of delinquent per capita fees before reimbursing for livestock loss except for tribal member or entity				
MONTANA	SB 183 Chapter 232	Authorize the board of horseracing to conduct historical horseracing.	Immediately until 6/30/21	Signed into law 5/1/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorizes Board of Horseracing to conduct hearings and rulings regarding historical horseracing to develop proposals for the 2021 legislature Defines historical horseracing as a horserace previously conducted by licensed pari-mutuel that concluded with official results and no scratches, disqualification or dead-heat finishes 				

MONTANA	SB 320 Chapter 328	Clarify laws regarding cost of care for animals seized	10/1/19	Signed into law 5/7/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replaces animal welfare hearing for seizures with a cost of care hearing • Seizures can be made for animal fighting as well • Arrests no longer have to be made in order for animals to be seized • Prosecutor petition must contain authority, purpose, time, place and circumstances of seizure along with a description of the animal and its current condition, name and address of respondent or seizure address if unknown, and veterinarian evaluation of animal's condition with a copy of the petition given to respondent or on property • Court must set hearing within 10 days and give notice to respondent within 5 days before • Requires determination within 5 days of hearing where animal may be returned if not guilty or kept until disposition decision is made • If found guilty, allows bond or lien on real property to cover costs of care for 30 days which owner must pay every 30 days unless the owner requests hearing not more than 5 days before expiration • If owner does not pay within 5 days of due date, animal will be forfeited • Unused funds are returned to owner • If owner is found not guilty, animal must be immediately returned or given FMV of animal if forfeited due to failure to pay care costs • Allows seized animals to be immediately euthanized if veterinarian determines they are unlikely to recover and payment of FMV to owner if found not guilty 				
NORTH DAKOTA	HB 1085	relating to the drought disaster livestock water assistance program.	Immediately	Signed into law 3/8/19
Updates drought livestock water assistance program to remove limit of up to 50% of cost and \$3500 per project for up 3 projects and that they are eligible for funding consideration and not necessarily for funding				
NORTH DAKOTA	HB 1209	relating to the use of dogs in the recovery of big game.	8/1/19	Signed into law 3/26/19
Allows using dogs for recovery of big game animals if leashed and under control with the hunter and handler who may use artificial light if they do not carry a firearm or archery equipment, notify the district game warden beforehand and leave immediate area if big game is found alive				
NORTH DAKOTA	SB 2177	relating to due process and accounting for animals to be seized	8/1/19	Signed into law 3/6/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For petitions for seizures, notices of seizures and dispositions rulings of bovines, horses or mules, law enforcement must provide a copy of the petition or notice to the chief brand inspector, who shall conduct an ownership inspection • Requires law enforcement to make reasonable inquiry to find owner of seized animal • Allows owner to request hearing before final disposition determination 				

NORTH DAKOTA	SB 2239	relating to animal identification program records	Immediately	Signed into law 4/8/19
Requires board to maintain confidentiality of information in animal identification database, and it may not be disclosed or face civil action unless all parties involved provide written consent, disclosure is authorized by federal law, it is needed for federal or state agencies to assist in animal disease control, attorney general or law enforcement during criminal investigation, order by court of competent jurisdiction, or for the ND Stockman's Association				
NORTH DAKOTA	SB 2345	relating to animal feeding operations and zoning regulations	8/1/19	Signed into law 5/1/19
Replaces concentrated feeding operation with animal feeding operation as a lot or facility other than cattle or aquatic life wintering operations where non-aquatic animals are stabled or confined and fed at least 45 days during the year and crops and vegetation are not sustained during growing season at facility AND makes various other changes				
NEW JERSEY	S 1923 P.L.2019, c.82	Revises criteria for determining whether a dog is vicious or potentially dangerous	Immediately	Signed into law 5/7/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dogs are no longer declared vicious if engaged in dog fighting • Allows vicious dog owners to comply with restrictions instead of immediate euthanasia • Includes dogs that cause serious bodily injury to another domestic animal as potentially dangerous dogs but exempts dogs that cause bodily injury to 1) a person committing or attempting to commit a crime against the owner or trespasses on the property, 2) person or domestic animal abusing, assaulting or physical threatening dog or offspring, 3) person intervening in a dog fight or aggressively acting dogs 				
NEW JERSEY	S 2674 P.L.2019, c.83	Revises standard for warrantless seizure of animal at risk due to violation of law concerning necessary care and tethering of animals.	Immediately	Signed into law 5/7/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For animal seizures, a warrant is now required instead of a court order • For immediate seizures, law enforcement must have reasonable basis to believe that immediate assistance is required to preserve the animal's life or prevent injury 				
NEW MEXICO	HB 503 Chapter 142	HORSE RACING BREEDER MERIT & INCENTIVE AWARDS	90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 4/2/19
Makes changes				
NEW MEXICO	SB 121 Chapter 155	DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION LIVESTOCK FENCING	90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 4/2/19
Department of Transportation, as its budget permits, must construct, maintain and repair all fences along highways and provide cattle underpasses, water pipelines and cattle guards as necessary, except no fences are required if cattle can't access it and signs are posted every 2 miles near where livestock are located warning motorists of livestock				

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NEW MEXICO	SB 545 Chapter 257	VETERINARY CLINIC STUDENT INTERNS	90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 4/4/19
The Department of Agriculture may enter into agreements with schools of veterinary medicine in other states to allow students to intern at in-state veterinary clinics as part of their degree program AND shall encourage veterinarians to participate				
OKLAHOMA	HB 2155	Agriculture; repealing permit process for feeding garbage to swine; effective date.	11/1/19	Signed into law 4/22/19
Feeding garbage to swine is now banned except for households and institutions that feed their own garbage to their own swine				
OKLAHOMA	SB 545	Livestock diseases; declaring Oklahoma brucellosis free. Effective date.	11/1/19	Signed into law 4/16/19
Oklahoma is now declared brucellosis free, but a program of eradication may be reinstated upon the advice of the state veterinarian and USDA				
OKLAHOMA	SB 547	Livestock diseases; updating testing method for equine infectious anemia. Effective date	11/1/19	Signed into law 4/16/19
Eliminates the requirement for an AGID test for equine infectious anemia to allow other testing methods				
OKLAHOMA	SB 556	Agriculture; livestock diseases; modifying livestock identification requirement. Effective date.	11/1/19	Signed into law 4/16/19
For livestock blood samples, other methods of identification other than an ear tag is allowed for livestock being tested				
OKLAHOMA	SB 558	Agriculture; livestock diseases; prohibiting removal of official identification. Effective date.	11/1/19	Signed into law 4/16/19
For ban on removing animal identification, replaces metal ear tag with identification				
OKLAHOMA	SB 559	Agricultural code; adding definition of official identification. Effective date	11/1/19	Signed into law 4/25/19
Defines official identification as any method approved by USDA or state veterinarian other than backtags except for immediate slaughter and allows approved identification for specific species to be listed in rules				

PENNSYLVANIA	SB 9 Act 3	An Act designating the Eastern hellbender (<i>Cryptobranchus alleganiensis alleganiensis</i>) as the official amphibian of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.	Immediately	Signed into law 4/23/19
The Eastern hellbender is now the official amphibian of Pennsylvania				
SOUTH CAROLINA	S 281 R 64	RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF GUIDE DOGS	Immediately	Signed into law 5/16/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adds misrepresenting a service animal to the uniform traffic ticket offenses • For service animal law, redefines service animal to include those in training, state that it is not a pet and is only a dog or horse, and that it does work or performs task for a person with a disability including sensory, physical, psychiatric, intellectual or mental disability and gives examples of tasks • Allows landlord to ask tenant with service animal whether they have a physical or mental impairment that limits one or more life activities and a disability-related need for the animal and to request documentation of such 				
SOUTH DAKOTA	SB 43	redirect funding to a collaborative program in rural veterinary medical education and to provide tax revenue for the support of veterinary students.	90 days after adjournment	Signed into law 3/11/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For veterinary medical education, allows contractual agreements with University of Minnesota or future accredited institution to reserve spaces for students finishing up a degree • Requires at least 75% of veterinary institution grants to go to residents and requires at least 6 students a year to complete the graduate program and become a veterinarian within a year that lasts at least 4 years 				
TEXAS	SB 2100 Act	Relating to the transfer of a retired county or municipal law enforcement animal.	Immediately	Signed into law 5/14/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows state agency or political subdivision to enter contract to transfer law enforcement dog, horse or other animal if determined to be suitable for transfer by veterinarian, handler and caretakers and is surplus due to being at the end of its working life or circumstances making it available earlier (death of or injuries to handler in line of duty or dog injured in line of duty) • Such animals may be transferred to a person capable of providing humane care and selected by agency head in the following order: 1) injured handler, 2) spouse, child, sibling or parent of deceased handler, 3) another former handler, 4) peace officer, county jailor or telecommunicator • If more than one person in a category requests it, the head of law enforcement or designee shall determine who is best • Contracts 1) may provide for free transfer, 2) must require humane care for the animal, complying with all relevant state and local laws, and notifying the state agency or political subdivision if no longer able to care for it, 3) must require agency or political subdivision to take back animal if transferee is unable to care for it or it determines that they can no longer care for it • Makes state agency or political subdivision immune from civil liability for damages caused by the animal and for veterinary expenses • Animals are NOT required to be transferred, the state agency or political subdivision still has authority to care for retired law enforcement animals, it does not waive sovereign or governmental liability due to transfer, and other surplus laws do not apply 				

TEXAS	SJR 32	Proposing a constitutional amendment to allow the transfer of a dog used for county law enforcement purposes to the dog's handler on the dog's retirement.	~	Passed Senate 4/16 - Adopted by House 4/25
Creates constitutional amendment for the 11/5/19 election that allows the legislature to authorize state agency, municipality, county, or other political subdivision to transfer a law enforcement dog, horse or other animal to the handler or other caretaker upon its retirement or when transfer is in animal's best interest				
UTAH	HB 144	State Reptile	60 days after adjournment	Signed into law 3/27/19
The Gila monster is now Utah's state reptile				
UTAH	S.B. 182	Injuries by Dogs Amendments	60 days after adjournment	Signed into law 3/21/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Damages for an injury by a dog shall be determined by the comparative negligence law and includes metro townships to those not liable for injury caused by law enforcement or similar dog 				
UTAH	S.B. 191	Equine Dentistry Amendments	60 days after adjournment	Signed into law 3/22/19
Exempts from needing a veterinarian license an individual performing equine teeth floating with International Association of Equine Dentistry or similar approved certification that only administers sedative under direct supervision of veterinarian				
VIRGINIA	HB 1625 Chapter 532	Animal care; adequate shelter, exposure to heat or cold	7/1/19	Signed into law 3/18/19
Revises adequate shelter to require it to be properly shaded and not readily conduct heat during hot weather and have a windbreak at the entrance and bedding such as straw, cedar shavings or equivalent sufficient to protect against cold and promote body heat retention				
VIRGINIA	HB 1626 Chapter 345	Animal fighting; presumption where fowl tethered	7/1/19	Signed into law 3/18/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows animal control to confiscate tethered cock determined to be for fighting Any person convicted of animal fighting may be banned from owning all fowl not just cocks Specifies that criminal charges are for all forms of listed animal fighting not just in combination with a list of other items 				

VIRGINIA	HB 1874 Chapter 346	relating to cruelty to animals; aggravated cruelty; penalty.	7/1/19	Signed into law 3/12/19
Moves torture, willfully inflicting inhumane injury or pain (not bona fide scientific or medical experimentation), beating, maiming, mutilating, and killing an animal to its own subdivision (ii), and if it results in serious bodily injury as defined, makes it a Class 6 felony				
VIRGINIA	HB 2256 Chapter 267	Animal remedies containing Cannabis plant; exemption.	7/1/19	Signed into law 3/8/19
Exempts animal remedies made from Cannabis plant from the animal remedy registration requirement and restrictions				
VIRGINIA	HB 2689 Chapter 258	Livestock definition; alpaca.	7/1/19	Signed into law 3/8/19
Alpacas and vicunas are now considered livestock				
VIRGINIA	HB 2745 Chapter 190	Dangerous dog; deferral of proceedings; removal of finding.	7/1/19	Signed into law 3/5/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows a court after hearing the evidence to defer further proceedings without entering an adjudication that it is a dangerous dog if it places specific conditions upon the dog's owner • If owner violates the conditions, the court may enter an adjudication that the animal is a dangerous dog and proceed; if the owner fulfills the conditions, the court shall dismiss proceedings without adjudication 				
VIRGINIA	SB 1025 Chapter 848	Tethering of animals; adequate shelter and space	7/1/19	Signed into law 4/29/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revises adequate shelter to require it to be properly shaded and not readily conduct heat during hot weather and have a windbreak at the entrance and bedding such as straw, cedar shavings or equivalent sufficient to protect against cold and promote body heat retention • Revises adequate space so that a tether must now be the greater of 10' long or three times (3x) the length of the animal, not cause injury or pain due to its characteristics, not weigh more than 1/10 of the animal's body weight and not have heavy objects or weights attached • Excludes walking an animal on a leash and agriculture from the tether law 				
VIRGINIA	SB 1367 Chapter 562	Dogs running at large in packs; local ordinance; civil penalty	7/1/19	Signed into law 3/18/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prohibits a locality from banning hunting dogs running at large • Localities must pass ordinance in order to ban dogs running at large • Owners of dogs found running at large in packs (running with at least one other dog) are subject to civil penalty up to \$100 per dog which shall be deposited to treasury of locality 				

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VIRGINIA	SB 1462 Chapter 566	Comprehensive animal care; enforceable under Virginia Consumer Protection Act.	7/1/19	Signed into law 3/18/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pet dealers misrepresenting an animal's condition at its transfer is considered an unlawful practice under the Virginia Consumer Protection Act • Pet dealers must now keep animal history certificates for 2 years 				
VIRGINIA	SB 1604 Chapter 537	Cruelty to animals; aggravated cruelty; penalty.	7/1/19	Signed into law 3/18/19
Same as HB 1874 - Moves torture, willfully inflicting inhumane injury or pain (not bona fide scientific or medical experimentation), beating, maiming, mutilating, and killing an animal to its own subdivision (ii), and if it results in serious bodily injury as defined, makes it a Class 6 felony				
WASHINGTON	HB 1026 Chapter 199	Concerning breed-based dog regulations	1/1/20	Signed into law 4/30/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A city or county may not prohibit the possession of, impose requirements specific to the possession of, or declare a dog dangerous or potentially dangerous based on its breed unless it has established and maintains a process for exempting a dog for passing the AKC canine good citizen or similar test permitted by the county/city • Dogs that pass are exempt for 2 years and must retest after that to maintain their exemption • Dog that fail are given a reasonable period of time to retest • Documenting a dog's breed and/or appearance for identification while declaring a dog dangerous or potentially dangerous is allowed • Specifies that dog only includes pure domestic dogs and not hybrids 				
WASHINGTON	HB 1516 Chapter 226	Establishing a department of fish and wildlife directed nonlethal program for the purpose of training dogs.	7/28/19	Signed into law 4/30/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission must adopt a process and criteria to select those who can be agents of the state to use dogs to hunt or pursue black bear, cougar or bobcat to protect livestock, domestic animals, private property or public safety and administer a program to train them • Removes ban on hunting lynx with dogs • Commission no longer required to post cougar interactions with humans, pets and livestock on their website 				
WASHINGTON	HB 1919 Chapter 174	Preventing and responding to animal abuse.	7/28/19	Signed into law 4/29/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stealing an animal or being involved with animal fighting paraphernalia for animal fighting is now considered committing the offense of animal fighting • Intentionally mutilating an animal for animal fighting is now a Class B felony • Taking and then abandoning an animal involved in fighting that results in bodily harm or imminent risk of harm is now animal cruelty in the 2nd degree 				

WASHINGTON	SB 5000 Chapter 140	Concerning online access to health care resources for veterinarians and veterinary technicians	7/28/19	Signed into law 4/26/19
Up to an additional \$25 fee may be collected for veterinarian and veterinary technician licensees for them to gain online access to health care resources of the University of Washington				
WASHINGTON	SB 5004 Chapter 142	Allowing animal care and control agencies and nonprofit humane societies to provide additional veterinary services to low-income households.	7/28/19	Signed into law 4/26/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal care and control agencies and 501(c)(3) nonprofit humane societies may now provide unlimited veterinary services to low-income households (was previously only for electronic ID, surgical sterilization and vaccinations), emergency care for unexpected, serious situation that requires prompt action to prevent death or permanent injury (previously subject to local ordinance time limits), and sick animal care for 30 days • Requires their veterinary medicine clerks to be licensed and meet the veterinary board of governors' rules • Requires veterinary board of governors to create annual reporting rules to ensure that only low-income households are being served 				
WASHINGTON	SB 5212 Chapter 184	Concerning the adoption of dogs and cats used for science or research purposes.	7/28/19	Signed into law 4/29/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Homes for Animal Heroes Act" • Higher education facilities that receive public money or tax-exempt status and facilities collaborating with them using dogs or cats for research that are no longer needed must have veterinarian access their suitability for adoption and offer it for adoption through their own adoption program or through an animal care and control agency or rescue group • Such animal care and control agencies and rescues groups are not required to accept an animal, and the higher education facility is not required to offer an animal for adoption before the research is complete • Higher education facility is immune from civil liability for such adoptions except for wanton and willful misconduct 				
WASHINGTON	SB 5959 Chapter 92	Revising livestock identification law.	7/28/19	Signed into law 4/19/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revises livestock advisory committee membership and adds meeting periods, quorum, and removal process • Increases livestock brand application fee (establishes new requirements), livestock inspection fees, and certified feed lot license • Requires list of field livestock inspectors and requires training and adds process for revocation certifications along with veterinarians inspecting livestock 				

WEST VIRGINIA	HB 3021 Chapter 131	Relating to the disposition of permit fees, registration fees and civil penalties imposed against thoroughbred horse racing licensees	6/3/19	Signed into law 4/11/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Makes civil penalties against thoroughbred horse racing licenses be put into a fund for postmortem exams of euthanized thoroughbreds that suffered breakdowns on the track, in training or during competition or that expire while in the track stables, and at the end of year, makes any balance over \$10,000 minus obligations to be equally divided toward: 1) rescue, retraining, rehabilitation and aftercare of retired thoroughbred racehorses and 2) hospitalization, medical care and funeral expenses due to injuries or death of thoroughbred racing permit holder (previously was only for #2) Makes civil penalties against greyhound racing permit holders to go toward greyhound adoption 				
WEST VIRGINIA	SB 187 Chapter 163	Racing Commission rule relating to thoroughbred racing	3/26/19	Signed into law 3/26/19
Adopts Racing Commission legislative rule				
WEST VIRGINIA	SB 199 Chapter 164	Authorizing certain miscellaneous agencies and boards promulgate legislative rules	3/8/19	Signed into law 3/22/19
Adopts Commissioner of Agriculture rules regarding animal diseases and captive cervid farming				
WYOMING	HB 73 Chapter 62	Use of dogs-recovery of killed or wounded big game.	7/1/19	Signed into law 2/21/19
Allows one up to 50' leashed blood-trailing dog to track a wounded or killed big game animal within 72 hours of shooting it if person is wearing fluorescent orange or pink, and allows the killing of the animal by any lawful means if coupon is attached (dog handler is exempt from licensing)				
WYOMING	HB 134 Chapter 148	Livestock brands-amendments.	7/1/19	Signed into law 2/27/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Livestock brands may now be permanently recorded under the process listed instead of every 10 years For the rest, rerecording notices may be sent electronically Livestock brands may not be considered abandoned until after 2 years (was 1) and only after a notice to the brand address at least 6 months before which allows the party to rerecord all brands under a prorated fee Rerecording period is now limited to 10 years and allows fee to be prorated for early rerecording Delinquent brands may be paid in full at time of brand inspection 				

WYOMING	HB 235 Chapter 181	Care of animals.	7/1/19	Signed into law 3/8/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Misdemeanor cruelty to animals no longer requires an intent to cause death, injury or undue suffering • Felony animal cruelty no longer requires the death or euthanasia of an animal • Aggravated animal cruelty now only applies if it led to death or euthanasia of animal • Use of animals other than livestock in agriculture is exempt along with rodeos at fairs and agricultural exhibitions and killing predatory or other wildlife in accordance with law • If court issues a protection order, it can grant sole possession of a household pet owned by the petitioner, respondent or minor child to the petitioner during the order to protect the pet including prohibiting respondent from having contact with the pet 				
WYOMING	SF 50 Chapter 58	State amphibian.	Immediately	Signed into law 2/21/19
The blotched tiger salamander is now the state amphibian of Wyoming				
WYOMING	SF 66 Chapter 182	Livestock enforcement-reimbursement	7/1/19 (rules immediately)	Signed into law 3/8/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is now a livestock law enforcement account administered by the livestock board to reimburse county sheriffs for in-state and out-of-state livestock investigations and train law enforcement on livestock enforcement • Appropriates \$250,000 for account • Requires report to joint agriculture, public lands and water resources interim committee and the joint appropriations committee by 10/1/19 				