



**PLEASE HELP US TO CONTINUE TO HELP THE ANIMALS**  
**SPECIAL APPEAL**

Dear Friend of the Alliance,

We have great news to report to you as the 2015 legislative session comes to a conclusion. The Alliance prevailed in its fight against the onslaught of legislation that would have weakened our existing anti-cruelty laws and undermined the welfare of animals in the state. *Fortunately, the animals triumphed over the puppy mill industry, agricultural interests, and other animal industries that exploit animals solely for monetary gain.*

**What was particularly satisfying was that we were successful in upholding the Canine Cruelty Prevention Act (CCPA).** The commercial dog breeders made numerous attempts to gain the introduction of legislation to roll back the 2016 requirements of the CCPA. These new 2016 requirements will significantly increase living space for dogs confined in puppy mills and will require the elimination of all wire flooring. Despite an all-out effort by the puppy millers to overturn these new standards of care, their efforts failed, and we can expect many more puppy mills to close down in January when these improved standards take effect.

Thanks to your support, we successfully defended our new puppy mill law and defeated a shameful attempt to eliminate the disposition process for abused and neglected animals that would have resulted in abused animals remaining in the hands of their abusers. We also defeated numerous attempts to eliminate or severely weaken regulations on farm animals. **We could not have achieved this success without your help.**

Please help the Alliance continue this important work for the animals. We very much need your financial help to maintain our advocacy efforts.

The agricultural interests have over a dozen high-paid lobbyists working to decimate our animal protection laws to financially benefit not only the puppy mill industry, but large multi-million dollar corporate factory farms.

The animals cannot lobby, they cannot vote and they cannot speak out against the suffering inflicted upon them. **YOU ARE THEIR VOICE!** Your financial contribution today will help the Alliance to continue to speak for those who have no voice. Please help us help the animals!

Thank You,

Bob Baker  
Executive Director

## 2015 End of Session Report

The Alliance was instrumental in defeating these and other bills, thanks to your efforts and support:

**DEFEATED**

**HB 79**

### **Eliminates Disposition Hearings for Abused & Neglected Animals**

This bill would have seriously weakened our current anti-cruelty statutes by eliminating a disposition hearing for animals that have been abused and/or neglected. This would have resulted in abused and neglected animals being left in the hands of their abusers.

**DEFEATED**

**HB 479 & SB 131**

### **Prohibits Public Disclosure on How Animals Are Treated**

This legislation would have eliminated the ability to monitor animal welfare issues at puppy mills and factory farms in the state. This legislation was intended to keep the public in the dark about how animals are treated in Missouri.

**DEFEATED**

**HB 882, HB 999, SB 131 & SB 553**

### **Weaken or Eliminate Protections for Farm Animals**

All of these bills were aimed at eliminating or severely weakening regulations on factory farms. These bills were intended to open up many more factory farms in the state and were initiated and supported by China-owned Smithfield Foods, the world's largest operator of factory farms.

**DEFEATED**

**HB 374**

### **Suppress Free Speech on Farm Animal Issues**

This bill would have held a person liable for voicing concerns about the safety of food from animals raised on factory farms. This bill was intended to quell criticism of unhealthy practices at factory farms.

**DEFEATED**

**HB 1264**

### **Weakens the Large Carnivore Act**

This bill would have exempted "mini circuses" from the requirements of the Large Carnivore Act. It would have allowed large cats and bears to be exhibited and used for entertainment at fairs, picnics, rodeos, carnivals, and roadside shows without any regulations on the care of the animals.

**DEFEATED**

**HB 196**

### **Denies Authority to Prohibit Horse Slaughter**

This bill would have prohibited the Missouri Department of Natural Resources from denying permits to slaughter horses even when there are legitimate environmental concerns.

**DEFEATED**

**HB 543 & HJR 29**

### **Removes the Department of Agriculture from the Authority of the Governor**

This bill was in response to increased enforcement efforts against puppy mills by the Department of Agriculture under Governor Nixon.

**Your Efforts Are Truly Making A Difference for the Animals!**