

UAPPEAL

GENERAL ANIMAL LEGISLATION THAT BECAME LAW IN 2020

CALIFORNIA	AB-1974 Chapter 251	Horse racing: safety and welfare of racehorses and jockeys.	Effective 1/1/2021	Signed into law 9/29/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires adopting rules protecting and advancing the “health, safety, welfare, and aftercare of racehorses” • Requires adopting whistleblower system to report concerns about health or safety of humans and horses • Prohibits trainer from administering medication to a horse that is training or racing at an approved racetrack unless prescribed for that horse and given under board rules • Prohibits trainer from giving horse topical pain medication on racing day • Modifies law regarding unsound or lame horses including AND prohibits a quarter or thoroughbred horse that is 4+ years old that has not raced in last 365 days from racing unless it gets exam and bloodwork within 30 days of race AND requires horse that has raced between 120 and 365 days ago to have exam within 14 days of entry • Requires veterinary monitoring during morning training including viewing it run in a circle • Creates Horse and Jockey Safety and Welfare Account and requires penalties and fines to go to such account 				
CALIFORNIA	SB-800 Chapter 252	Horse racing: safety.	Effective 1/1/2021	Signed into law 9/29/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revises veterinary client privilege exceptions for racehorses to include care for horse that raced prior year and limits exception to those involved in direct medical care of the horse • Replaces reporting all equine fatalities by Board to racehorse fatalities relating to racing or training • Revises sample confidentiality 				

COLORADO	HB20-1343	Egg-laying Hen Confinement Standards	Effective 90 Days	Signed into law 7/1/2020
<p>Creates new egg-laying hen confinement standards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires 1 square foot enclosure by 1/1/23 • Requires either cage-free enclosures by 1/1/25 or 1 square foot of usable floor space per hen if vertical space or 1.5 square feet if no vertical space • Bans sale of eggs or products by hens in enclosures that do not meet requirements <p>Exempt from caging: medical research, veterinary purposes, transport, state or county fair or 4-H or similar, slaughter, temporary animal husbandry up to 6 hours/day and 24 hours/30 days</p> <p>Exempt from sale:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. production, sale or transport by farm owner with 3000 or less egg-laying hens annually 2. sale or transport to in-state business location if <u>each</u> location sells less than 25 cases of 30 dozen eggs per week AND <u>all</u> locations sell less than 100 cases of 30 dozens eggs per week AND business owner does NOT own or operate a farm 				
COLORADO	SB20-078 Chapter 66	Dogs On Restaurant Patios	Effective 8/5/2020	Signed into law 3/23/2020
<p>Allows dogs in outdoor dining area of food establishment if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • it elects to allow them, • there is a separate entrance for the dog to enter/exit, • dogs are not allowed on any furniture, • area is not used for food or drink preparation except drink refills, • dog is on leash or in carrier and under control • local ordinances are followed regarding sidewalks, public nuisances and sanitation • county or district public health agency control measures are followed <p>Cities and counties may prohibit dogs in outdoor areas. Restaurants are not required to allow them.</p>				
COLORADO	SB20-104	Powers Of Bureau Of Animal Protection Agents	Effective 8/5/2020	Signed into law 6/29/2020
<p>Grants additional authority to bureau of animal protection agents including conducting investigations and seized and impounding animals believed to be involved in cruelty</p>				

DELAWARE	HB 214	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 3 AND 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO RABIES AND OTHER VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS, AND LICENSING.	Effective 10/21/20	Signed into law 7/23/2020
Adds exemption for vaccinating dogs and cats and ferrets against rabies if veterinarian determines it would be dangerous due to the dog's age, infirmity, disability, illness, or other considerations IF titer test done instead AND requires certificate of exemption which must be renewed annually BUT declares such animals to be unvaccinated in case of possible rabies exposure				
DELAWARE	SB 139	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 AND TITLE 11 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CRUELTY TO DOGS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR HUMANE HANDLING, CARE AND TREATMENT OF DOGS.	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 3/11/2020
Revises the law for outdoor housing facilities for dogs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prohibits dogs from being outside and unattended with conditions that pose serious adverse risk to health and safety (exposed to elements for 15 minutes not in range of owner) except for livestock and farm dogs • Requires shelter to be moisture proof and windproof with raised floor and made of durable materials with entrance windbreaker Nov 1–Mar 1 • Bans metal doghouses • Must be provided access to food and water • Prohibits tethers from being attached to choke, pinch, prong, or martingale collar AND prevents tethering more than 2 hours when owner is not on property • Bans wire only floors • Considers tethering more than 9 hours a day to be cruelty except for farms • Civil penalties of \$100 + costs for 1st violation, \$250 + cost for 2nd, and \$500 + costs per additional Requires dogs to be leashed when outside except while on owner's property, private property with permission or inside a vehicle except for working dogs and at off-leash dog parks				
FLORIDA	SB 1084 Chapter 2020-76	Emotional Support Animals	Effective 7/1/2020	Signed into law 6/23/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prohibits discriminating in providing housing against people with a disability who need an emotional support animal to the extent required by federal law and charging extra for the animal • Allows housing provider to deny request for animal if it is a direct threat to health and safety of others or damage to property if it cannot be eliminated by another reasonable accommodation AND require them to verify disability if not apparent including with determination of disability from agency, receipt of disability benefits, proof of eligibility of housing assistance due to disability, information from health care provider or telehealth provider, or other source allowed under Fair Housing Act AND verify need for animal if not apparent with information that identifies use of animal from health care provider or telehealth provider or other reliable source • Prohibits requiring disclosure of specific disability, severity of it or medical records • Allows housing provider to have method for analyzing requests but not require a specific form or deny someone for failing to follow method • Emotional support registration card not sufficient for determining need for support animal • Person with animal is liable for damage to person or property 				

FLORIDA	HB 705 Ch. 2020-132	Emergency Sheltering of Persons with Pets	Effective 7/1/2020	Signed into law 6/29/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires counties that designate emergency shelters to designate one for people with pets that is in compliance with relevant FEMA regulations Adds Department of Education to those that help with strategies for evacuating people with pets 				
FLORIDA	HB 1135 Ch. 2020-181	License Plates	Effective 10/1/20	Signed into law 9/18/2020
creates the Florida State Beekeepers Association license plate, American Eagle License Plate, K9s United License Plate AND makes revisions to special license plates				
FLORIDA	HB 7075 Ch. 2020-171	OGSR/Animal Medical Records	Effective 10/1/20	Signed into law 9/4/2020
Removes repeal of exemption of state college of veterinary medicine accredited by AVMA pertaining to animal record confidentiality				
GEORGIA	SB 346 Act 514	State Board of Veterinary Medicine; membership; increase; registered veterinary technician member; authorize	Effective 1/1/21	Signed into law 7/29/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adds a 7th member to the State Board of Veterinary Medicine to include a vet technician that actively practiced during last 5 years for a term of 5 years Creates professional health program to monitor and rehabilitate impaired veterinarians (ones unable to practice due to illness or drug or alcohol use) 				
GEORGIA	SB 362 Act 515	Livestock Running at Large or Straying; impounding animals and disposing of impounded animals; change the fees	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 7/29/2020
<p>Regarding livestock running at large:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impounding animal and serving a notice is now actual cost instead of \$10 each Feed and care increase from \$5/day/animal to the actual cost up to \$25/day/animal Sales or disposition and reporting sales is now actual cost 				
IDAHO	H0356 Chapter 66	Cattle, nutrient plans	Effective 7/1/2020	Signed into law 3/9/2020
Use of web-based nutrient management planner requires consent of plan to be filed with state department of Agriculture, which will be considered trade secrets and kept confidential				

IDAHO	S1286 Chapter 135	Trespassing hogs	Effective 7/1/2020	Signed into law 3/15/2020
Repeals sections related to hogs running at large within towns				
IOWA	HF 2310	A bill for an act removing the requirement to obtain a permit for vehicles or combinations of vehicles of excessive size transporting divisible loads of hay, straw, stover, or bagged livestock bedding that meet certain width, height, and length requirements.		Signed into law 6/17/2020
Revises requirements for vehicles transporting hay, straw, stover or bagged livestock bedding				
IOWA	SF 2176 SF 2398	A bill for an act establishing a rural veterinarian loan repayment program for veterinary students and certain licensed veterinarians and a rural veterinary care trust fund, and making appropriations.		Signed into law 6/17/2020
Establishes rural veterinarian loan repayment program for those in their final year and become licensed within 5 years that practice in rural service commitment areas or veterinary shortage areas in Iowa for 4 years AND who are not in a federal program				
KENTUCKY	SB 21 Chapter 117	AN ACT relating to veterinarians.	Effective 90 Days	Signed into law 4/24/2020
Allows veterinarians that finds an animal is abused that they have a veterinarian-client-patient relationship with to report it to Office of State Veterinarian for those with on-farm poultry or livestock standards or to law enforcement for all others AND allows them to release information concerning care in such cases				
LOUISIANA	HB754 Act 159	AGRICULTURE: Expands the powers and authority of livestock brand inspectors	Effective 8/1/2020	Signed into law 6/9/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expands powers of livestock brand inspectors to granting them regular law enforcement duties while on special assignment during riot, insurrection, declared disaster or while protecting property, assets and resources of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry Expands duties to preventing and detecting crime, apprehending criminals, enforcing criminal and traffic laws, keeping peace and order and any other duties upon request of law enforcement of state 				
MARYLAND	HB0171 Chapter 93	Crimes Against Animals - Interference With Equines	Effective 10/1/2020	Enacted 5/8/2020
Extends ban on interfering with horses to include equines (horse, donkey, mule and pony) and adds those used for any other lawful activity AND revises penalty to misdemeanor with fine up to \$1000 and/or 1 year imprisonment (was felony with imprisonment of 1-3 years)				

MARYLAND	HB 311 Chapter 161 SB0101 Chapter 162	Courts - Court Dog and Child Witness Program - Established	Effective 10/1/2020	Enacted 5/8/2020
Creates court dog and child witness program in each county that adopts it to provide court dog or therapy dog to any child witness in circuit court proceeding including an in-camera review or interaction with judge or meeting with an attorney or custody evaluator				
MARYLAND	HB0545 Chapter 243 SB0189 Chapter 244	State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners - Practicing Veterinary Medicine Without a License - Cease and Desist Order and Civil Penalty	Effective 10/1/2020	Enacted 5/8/2020
Creates cease and desist order for veterinarians for violations of the law or that poses serious risk to health, safety or welfare of animal patient or imposing a civil penalty up to \$5000 for 1 st offense and \$10,000 per additional which is based on seriousness and harm caused – violators get notice, option for hearing and review				
MARYLAND	HB0547 Chapter 247 SB0455 Chapter 248	Health - Maryland Children's Service Animal Program - Establishment	Effective 10/1/2020	Enacted 5/8/2020
Creates Maryland Children's Service Animal Program				
MARYLAND	HB0549 Chapter 249	State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners - Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation	Effective 10/1/2020	Enacted 5/8/2020
Extends State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to 2031 AND requires annual reporting to the Governor the disciplinary activities for the previous fiscal year				
MARYLAND	HB0897 Chapter 357 SB0353 Chapter 358	Black Bear Damage Reimbursement Fund - Pets	Effective 10/1/2020	Enacted 5/8/2020
Adds those who sustained damage to pets from black bear to reasons for which person can be reimbursed under the Black Bear Damage Reimbursement Fund				
MICHIGAN	HB 5085 of 2019 PA 280'20	Health occupations; veterinarians; consulting with animal owner on the use of marihuana and CBD oil; allow under certain circumstances		Signed into law 12/29/2020
Allows veterinarian to consult with animal owner on use of marihuana or CBD oil				

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MISSISSIPPI	HB 576	Livestock on highways; delete burden on owner of livestock to prove lack of negligence when damages from.	Effective Immediately	Enacted 7/8/2020
For livestock on highways, deletes that the burden shall be on the owner to prove lack of negligence when it causes wrecks, injuries or deaths				
MISSISSIPPI	SB2658	Domesticated dogs and cats; revise offense of abuse of.	Effective 7/1/2020	Enacted 7/8/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarifies that the Mississippi Dog and Cat Protection Law of 2011 applies to domesticated dogs and cage • Adds that each dog or cat is a separate offense • Revises aggravated cruelty to amend that it is for starving to death not just starving AND adds crushing, drowning, suffocating or impaling • increases aggravated penalty for 1st offense to felony up to \$5000 fine and/or department of corrections for 3 years (was misdemeanor of \$2500 and/or 6 months imprisonment) • Increases penalty of \$10,000 and DOC for 1 to 10 years (was \$5000) • Requires no domestic cats/dogs for 5 years and 15 years for more than 4 counts with \$1000 fine for illegally possessed animals 				
MISSOURI	SB 644	Modifies law regarding service animals	Effective 8/21/2020	Signed into law 7/14/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replaces visual, aural or other disability with just disability and instead lists physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability under service dog • Adds definition for "Mental health service dog" or "psychiatric service dog" • Bans mispresenting dog as service dog for ADA or assistance animal for fair housing act benefits including false documents, fitting a non-service/assistance dog of vest, collar, harness or sign for service/assistance dog, or representing as service/assistance animal if not trained AND creates Class C misdemeanor and civil penalty and Class B misdemeanor for subsequent offense • Requires creating placard for businesses and a brochure of acceptable questions and a landlord brochure 				
NEW MEXICO	SB 57 Chapter 69	PET FOOD FEE FOR NEUTERING & SHELTERING	Effective 7/1/20	Signed into law 3/6/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limits spaying and neutering assistance to those with a household income below 200% of federal poverty level • Allows up to 5% of total fees sent to statewide spay and neuter subaccount to be used for Animal Sheltering Act • For reports, requires total dogs and cats spayed/neutered and costs per surgery paid from the subaccount • Adds additional spay and neuter program fee to be collected from commercial food registrations of \$50 in 2021, \$75 in 2022, and \$100 after that except for prescription diet foods and pet food manufacturers with gross revenue of less than \$3 million – split by having 96% for subaccount and 4% for New Mexico Commercial Feed Act • Repeals law in 2026 				

NEW YORK	A 4077 Chapter 170	Relates to the removal of species from the endangered and threatened species list	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 9/21/2020
Includes any species designated by Secretary of the Interior even if later removed				
NEW YORK	A07331 Chapter 137	Relates to clarifying that reasonable accommodation to enable a person with a disability to use and enjoy a dwelling includes the use of an animal to alleviate the symptoms or effects of a disability	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 8/11/2020
Adds that reasonable accommodation for a dwelling includes using an animal to alleviate the symptoms or effects of a disability				
NEW YORK	S06252 Chapter 135	Relates to licensing of establishments where animals or fowls are slaughtered; extender	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 8/10/2020
Extends repeal of slaughter establishment licensing to 2024				
NEW YORK	S 6966 Chapter 67	Relates to the use of pesticides to protect livestock and farm property against Asian longhorned ticks	Effective when related law is	Signed into law 4/17/2020
Allows use of pesticides to protect from Asian longhorned ticks not just as a last resort				
NORTH CAROLINA	HB 1062 Ch. SL 2020-10	Beaufort County/Animal Services Records.	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 6/10/2020
Adds Beaufort County to counties where animal adopters and surrenderers and rescuers records are confidential				
RHODE ISLAND	SB 2246	AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOG ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES -- FOSTER	Effective Immediately	Became law w/o Signature 6/27/2020
Allows Foster Town Council to enact ordinances allowing dog officer to issue citations for dog ordinance violations with a fine of up to \$20 for 1 st offense during the year, \$30 for a 2 nd , and \$50 per additional				
RHODE ISLAND	SB 2247	AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- IMPOUNDMENT AND DISPOSITION OF UNCOLLARED DOGS -- FOSTER	Effective Immediately	Became law w/o Signature 6/27/2020
Allows Foster Town Council to enact ordinances to create an impoundment fee of up to \$15/day per impounded animal to be paid before releasing animal				
SOUTH DAKOTA	HB 1227	make an appropriation for the rural veterinary medical education program and to declare an emergency	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 3/16/2020
Appropriates \$550,000 for rural veterinary medical education program at South Dakota State University to be used by 6/20/2022				

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TENNESSEE	SB1747 Chapter 570	As enacted, provides for restrictions or a ban on ownership of a companion animal by certain person convicted of certain offenses against animals.	Effective 7/1/2020	Signed into law 3/19/2020
Automatically prohibits those convicted of aggravated cruelty to animals, felony animal fighting, or sexual activity with an animal from having companion animal for 2 years AND allows lifetime ban AND requires lifetime ban for subsequent offense				
UTAH	H.B. 228	Livestock Predators Removal Amendments		Signed into law 3/24/2020
Specifies provisions allowing the owner, family member or employee of livestock that is harassed, chased, disturbed, harmed, attacked, or killed by a predator to take such predator				
UTAH	H.B. 358	Poultry Amendments		Signed into law 3/24/2020
Creates less stringent rules for those that slaughter less than 20,000 poultry per year and 1000 poultry per year				
UTAH	H.J.R. 4	Joint Resolution Establishing K9 Veterans Day		Signed into law 3/23/2020
Designates March 13 each year as K9 Veterans Day				
VERMONT	H.99	An act relating to trade in covered animal parts or products	Effective 1/1/2022	Signed into law 10/8/2020
Bans purchase, sale and possession for sale of a covered animal (cheetah, elephant, giraffe, hippo, jaguar, leopard, lion, mammoth, mastodon, pangolin, endangered ray, rhino, sea turtle, endangered shark, tiger, whale, gorilla, bonobo, orangutan, gibbon, chimpanzee) part or product EXCEPT federal or state government agent, as allowed by federal law, part of a 100+ year old antique which is only 200 g, part of firearm, knife or musical instrument if less than 200g, or for allowed scientific or educational use – penalty of \$400-\$1000 (\$2000-4000 per additional offense)				

VERMONT	H.254	An act relating to adequate shelter for livestock	Effective 7/1/2020	Signed into law 6/23/2020
<p>Regarding livestock:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Necessary medical attention includes surgical treatment but not for illness or malformed or overgrown hooves but now includes dehydration, malnutrition, pain or impaired locomotive function • Capitalizes family names • Husbandry practices may only be recommended by fully accredited agricultural colleges or USDA • Adequate food must be sufficient nutritional content instead of just quality and quantity • Deletes adequate shelter definition AND replaces with definitions for adequate constructed shelter and adequate natural shelter • Adds definition of adequate ventilation • Replaces current shelter requirements with requirement that enclosed animals have adequate ventilation and exercise • Requires periodic exercise for equines without paddock, turn out, or exercise area that continually enclosed • Adds that leash, ropes or chains must be attached to prevent tangling or injury and not restrict access to shelter, food and water except when in transit or immediate control 				
VERMONT	H. 656	An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects	Effective Immediately & 7/1/2020	Signed into law 7/1/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bans commercial feed products listed for bait or for white-tailed deer • Requires livestock dealers, transporters and packers records of purchases, sales, repossessions and loans, name and addressed obtained and delivered, ID, and the equine records listed • CWD testing cost is for persons operating captive deer operation • Allows exemption of USDA ID for transport within state • Adds changes to apiary, feral swine and other regulations 				
VIRGINIA	HB 764 Chapter 453	Domesticated animal premises; liability for transmission of domesticated animal pathogen.	Effective 7/1/20	Signed into law 3/25/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes owner of domesticated animal premise (petting zoo, fair or agricultural exhibition where domestic animal is kept for 3 hours or more) immune from liability for damages caused to visitors by domesticated animal pathogen • Excludes gross negligence, willful and wanton misconduct or intentional acts of owner • Owner must post listed warning sign about immunity from liability and have a hand-washing station with soap, water and drying method 				
VIRGINIA	HB 1074 Chapter 315	Disturbing animals; certain species	Effective 7/1/20	Signed into law 3/12/2020
Replaces molest with harass in regarding to disturbing wild animals				

VIRGINIA	HB 1237 Chapter 407	Beehive distribution program.	Effective 7/1/20	Signed into law 3/23/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limits beehive units to 3 per household Limits application submission time to 15 days and makes department select applicants at random and to notify those not selected 				
VIRGINIA	HB 1552 Chapter 954	Tethering animals; adequate shelter and space.	Effective 7/1/20	Signed into law 4/9/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animals tethered outdoors must be 1) protected from predators and be suited to tolerate such an environment, 2) not be out during hurricane or tropical storm warning, and 3) must not be out during a local or state heat advisory, when temperature is above 85 or less than 32 or during a severe weather warning unless animal control officer determines it to be safe Tethers must be 15' long or 4x length of animal except when attached to lead line unless animal control officer determines that a tether between 10-15' is safer 				
VIRGINIA	HB 1573 Chapter 1183	Rabid animals.	Effective 7/1/20	Signed into law 4/11/2020
Creates Class A misdemeanor for allowing dog or cat to leave premises if local health department, law-enforcement agency or animal control agency suspects it of having rabies				
VIRGINIA	SB 114 Chapter 412	Comprehensive animal care; enforceable under Virginia Consumer Protection Act.	Effective 7/1/20	Signed into law 3/23/2020
Makes violating provision requiring pet shops to post information about dogs to be considered a prohibited practice under the law regarding mispresenting goods and services and enforceable under that act except for making records available to State vet				
VIRGINIA	SB 272 Chapter 955	Tethering animals; adequate shelter and space.	Effective 7/1/20	Signed into law 4/9/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animals tethered outdoors must be 1) protected from predators and be suited to tolerate such an environment, 2) not be out during hurricane or tropical storm warning, and 3) must not be out during a local or state heat advisory, when temperature is above 85 or less than 32 or during a severe weather warning unless animal control officer determines it to be safe Tethers must be 15' long or 4x length of animal except when attached to lead line unless animal control officers determines that a tether between 10-15' is safer 				
VIRGINIA	SB 303 Chapter 569	Import and sale of dogs from certain breeders; penalty.	Effective 7/1/20	Signed into law 3/31/2020
Prohibits commercial dog breeder to import for sale, sell or offer for sale dogs that come from a person with USDA direct or critical violation or citations for 3+ indirect or noncritical violations in last 2 years or two consecutive citations for no access – Penalty is Class 1 misdemeanor per dog				

VIRGINIA	SB 742 Chapter 630	Rental or lease of dog or cat prohibited; civil penalty.	Effective 1/1/21	Signed into law 4/2/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibits rental or leasing of dog or cat Prohibits covered person (pet shop, commercial dog breeder, pet dealer, firm, or other pet selling business) from offering agreement where dog or cat can be repossessed Prohibits financial institutions from offering loan for rental, lease or sale of dog or cat subject to repossession Violations are considered a prohibited practice regarding misrepresenting goods or services and covered by that act AND business, retail or pet shop permit may be revoked after a hearing Exempts purebred dog under breeding contract, dogs or cats in spectator events, shows, exhibitions, motion pictures, or other entertainment and service, guide or leader, security, police or law-enforcement, military, and certified facility dogs 				
VIRGINIA	SB 786 Chapter 1109	Animal shelters; housing conditions.	Effective 7/1/20	Signed into law 4/10/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calls animal shelter holds for strays a stray hold period and requires their enclosures to have durable, nonporous, moisture impervious materials able to be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected and to provide the animal with adequate care and access to outdoor areas For animals not in stray hold period, requires 1) enclosure with adequate separation of animals of different species, sexes, ages, and temperaments with both an outdoor area not detrimental to the animal's health and an indoor area with a solid floor, and 2) adequate water, food and resting platform 				
VIRGINIA	SB 891 Chapter 1284	Animal welfare regulations; keeping of dogs, cats, and rabbits; Animal Welfare Inspector.	Effective 7/1/20	Signed into law 5/21/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires hiring two state animal welfare inspectors which are comprised of 2 licensed veterinary technicians who shall carry out the task assigned related to animal welfare regulations Deletes requirement that commercial dog breeders are those who sell as companion animals AND excludes research animals Adds definition for inspector Requires Board to create regulations governing pet shops by 7/1/2022 excluding agricultural animals that requires including ban on selling to research facilities, care and handling and shelter standards Requires guidance for complying with requirements and deadline to comply Requires annual registrations by pet shops and fee of \$250 for private for-profit entity Requires annual unannounced inspection by state animal welfare inspector AND board to create remedies for each finding during inspection 				
VIRGINIA	SB 1024 Chapter 535	Detector canines and detector canine handlers; training and database.	Effective 7/1/20	Signed into law 3/31/2020
Requires compulsory minimum training standards for detector canine handlers employed by the Department of Corrections				

WASHINGTON	SB 6300 Chapter 158	Concerning animal welfare.	Effective 6/11/20	Signed into law 3/25/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes provision making those entering dog in dog fight guilty of Class C felony Creates misdemeanor for devocalizing a dog or cropping its ear or tail except for veterinarian using accepted surgical procedures including for cutting off more than ½ ear of various livestock Adds exposing animal to excessive heat or cold to 1st degree animal cruelty, requires factoring in animal's breed, age, health and medical conditions to determine if it constitutes cruelty, and exempts unforeseen and unpreventable accidents and acts of nature Adds that those convicted of cruelty are also banned from caring for any animals Adds that knowingly and recklessly abandoning an animal used in fights does not have to cause bodily harm to the animal to be 2nd degree animal cruelty Allows person finding abandoned animal to take to animal care and control or rescue facility 				
WEST VIRGINIA	HB 4514	Permitting the tracking of wounded or injured deer or bear with leashed dogs	Effective 6/4/20	Signed into law 3/25/2020 -
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows using leash dogs to track mortally wounded or injured deer or bear AND requires dog handlers providing tracking services for profit to be licensed as outfitter Bans using dogs to hunt or chase deer with dog returned to owner, if known, or to a county humane officer 				
WEST VIRGINIA	SB 490	Relating to the protection of animal and crop facilities	Effective 6/4/20	Signed into law 3/25/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trespassing on animal or crop facility with the intent to commit larceny, destroy property, or disrupt the operation of the facility is willful trespass – penalty is misdemeanor of \$500-1000 fine and/or up to 30 days jail for 1st offense and felony of \$5000-10000 fine and/or 1-5 years state correctional imprisonment Those who conspire with them are guilty of conspiracy to commit willful trespass – penalty is felony of \$5000-10000 fine and/or 1-5 years state correctional imprisonment If damage is caused, person is liable for twice the amount of damage Allows owner to bring injunctive relief against person in circuit court of county where occurred, and court may grant appropriate relief to prevent conduct even without security for issuance 				
WISCONSIN	SB 139 2019 Act 162	Relating to: sexual contact with an animal and providing a penalty.	Effective 3/4/20	Signed into law 3/3/20
Creates Class H felony for sexual contact with animals, Class F felony to force or encourage a child under 13 to do so or to have sexual contact with animals in their presence, and a Class G felony if the child is 13-17 AND increases penalties for subsequent violations				

WISCONSIN	SB 737 2019 Act 178	Relating to: creating a voluntary individual animal identification program and granting rule-making authority	Effective 3/4/20	Signed into law 3/3/20
Requires department to create voluntary individual animal identification program where livestock premises registrants may obtain RFID tags for bovines, goats, sheep, swine, or farm-raised deer AND requires an Internet site that lists retailers				
WYOMING	HB0088 Chapter 91	Livestock board investigators.	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 3/13/2020
Increases animal remedies registration fee from \$20 to \$40 with half for general fund and half for livestock board investigators and authorizes paying such investigators				
WYOMING	HB0099 Chapter 94	Animal reimbursement program-amendments.	Effective 7/1/2020	Signed into law 3/13/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows owners of animal quarantined for brucellosis to submit claim for reimbursement during quarantine or within 30 days after • State vet paying reimbursement shall make sure there is sufficient funds, use any federal funds first, and must limit it to \$25,000 per quarantine effort and stop payments after unfunded balance is less than \$100,000 and may resume when balance is over \$100,000 				
WYOMING	HB0155 Chapter 119	Animal shares.	Effective 7/1/2020	Signed into law 3/17/2020
Revises requirements regarding sale of meat under animal shares				
WYOMING	SF0081 Chapter 76	Livestock brand administration.	Effective Immediately	Signed into law 3/12/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows board to determine when livestock brands have to be rerecorded and limits rerecording period in 10 year increments up to 100 years • Makes fee not less than \$300 per 10-year period, which is decreased to \$100 per 10-year period if renewal is for more than 50 years 				