

STATE LEGISLATION ENACTED OR VETOED DURING 2005 SESSIONS

The following list is a compilation of laws and resolutions that were passed by state legislatures in 2005 and then signed into law or vetoed. The list includes legislation that had a positive, negative, or neutral impact on animals. Please e-mail legislation@hsus.org, to obtain a copy of these laws or resolutions or if you have any questions, additions, or corrections to the list.

ALABAMA

None

ALASKA

H.B. 32 (Kohring)- Artic Exploration and Development

Makes a special appropriation for a grant to Arctic Power to promote the opening of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge for oil and gas exploration and development.

Signed into law on 5/17/05; Chapter No. 23

H.B. 75 (Kelly)- Hunting

Makes it the duty of the government to promote sport hunting in the state.

August 5, 2005 – enacted.

H.J.R. 4 (Hawker) and S.J.R. 2 (Resources)- Artic Exploration and Development

Urges the United States Congress to pass legislation to open the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska, to oil and gas exploration, development, and production.

S.J.R. 2 Passed SENATE. 5/17/05: Permanently Filed 5/19 Legis Resolve 2

S.J.R. 16 (Therriault) - Hunting and Fishing

Supports legislation before the United States Congress that reaffirms the right of the states to regulate hunting and fishing.

5/19/05 permanently filed

ARIZONA

H.B. 2295 (Biggs) and S.B. 1333 (Verschoor)- Video of Research Facility

vetoed Makes it illegal to enter an animal research facility with the intent to take pictures/video for the purpose of committing a crime or defaming the facility.

3/3/05 Passed Senate and Passed House on 3/8/05. Vetoed by Governor.

S.B. 1166 (Farnsworth)- Video of Research Facility

Makes a felony to enter an animal facility with three or more persons and the use of a weapon or serious physical injury to an animal terrorism crime.

Signed by Governor on 5/23/05.

ARKANSAS

H.B. 2681 (Representative Jackson)- Private Possession of Large Animals

Prohibits the private possession of tigers, lions, and bears.

Passed House on 3/31/05 and Passed Senate on 4/6/05. Signed into law on 4/13.

AR S.B. 1080 (Sen. Higginbotham)- Hunting

Arkansas Hunting Heritage Act.

Signed by Gov. on 3/30/05.

CALIFORNIA

A.B. 820 (Strickland)- Wild Animal Breeding and Ownership Conditions

Prohibits the issuance of a permit to breed specified wild animals unless the person holds an AZA permit, a research permit, or a single event breeding for exhibitor permit; allows the department to revoke or deny a permit; prohibits an eligible local entity from inspecting a wild animal facility if that entity receives compensation from the wild animal facility, and would require the department to enter into memorandums of understanding with local entities if the department elects not to inspect every wild animal facility; requires the department to establish written policies relating to the housing, possession, importation, and transportation of wild animals, including responding to an escape of a wild animal; requires any person who possesses a wild animal to immediately report the escape or release of the animal, and would make the possessor liable for all expenses associated with efforts to recapture the animal; requires a person claiming a confiscated wild animal to post a security bond or cash with the department in order to reclaim possession of that animal; requires the possessor of a wild animal to be liable for all reasonable costs incurred by the new owner for the relocation and care of the animal, if the animal is confiscated and subsequently transferred to a new owner; expands the civil penalty for violations of certain wild animal provisions; and provides that fees collected pursuant to the provisions relating to wild animals may be used to administer and enforce the wild animal provisions.

On 10/7/05 it was signed into law by the governor.

A.B. 1086 (Lieber) – Prohibiting Entrance to Wilderness Area

Requires that a person who violates a state or federal regulation that prohibits entry of a motor vehicle into all or portions of an area designated as a federal or state wilderness area is guilty of a public offense and shall be punished by certain fines for first and second offenses, and by certain fines or terms of imprisonment, or both, for third or subsequent offenses. Additionally, the court would be authorized to order impoundment of the vehicle used in a third or subsequent offense for

not more than 30 days at the owner's expense, if the person convicted owns the vehicle and the vehicle is subject to registration or subject to identification as an off-road vehicle.

On 10/6/05 it was signed into law by the governor.

A.B. 1426 (Liu)- Euthanasia

Prohibits the use of intracardiac administration of euthanasia on a conscious animal, unless the animal may first be rendered unconscious in a humane manner or unless, in light of all the relevant circumstances, the procedure is justifiable.

On 10/07/05 it was signed into law.

A.C.R. 13 (Wolk)- Spay Day USA 2005

Declares February 22, 2005, to be Spay Day USA 2005, and would request that Californians observe that day by having their dogs or cats spayed or neutered and by contributing to organizations that provide spay and neuter services.

On 2/22/05 it was adopted by the Assembly and Senate.

S.B. 861 (Speier) – Breed-Specific Laws

Authorizes cities and counties to pass breed specific legislation to address public safety and welfare concerns in their communities, provided that no program shall institute a ban specific as to breed. It was amended and now only allows localities to pass breed specific laws on spay/neuter and breeding.

On 10/7/05 it was signed into law by the governor.

S.B. 914 (Kehoe)- Sale of Young Dogs

Makes it an infraction for any person, other than an organization that provides services as a public animal sheltering agency, to sell any dog under 8 weeks of age.

On 10/7/05 it was signed into law by the governor.

S.B. 1028 (Bowen)- Computer-Assisted Hunting

Makes it unlawful for any person subject to the jurisdiction of this state to take birds or mammals, located both in state and out of state, by means of computer-assisted remote hunting. The bill would also make it unlawful to establish or operate a computer-assisted remote hunting site in this state for the purpose of permitting the taking of any bird or mammal. This bill would make it unlawful to possess or confine any bird or mammal in furtherance of an activity prohibited by the bill, and would also make it unlawful to import or export any bird or mammal, or any part thereof, taken by computer-assisted remote hunting, as provided.

On 10/7/05 it was signed into law by the governor.

COLORADO

H.B. 1055 (Ragsdale)- Service Animals

Changes the law regarding service animals. Defining them and ordering restitution to be paid to owner of the service animal including vet care, disposal of the animals and training.

Signed into law on 4/8/05

H.B. 1202 (Borodkin)- Animal Cruelty

Grants immunity from civil and criminal liability to persons who in good faith report animal cruelty incidents to certain authorities. Specifies that immunity is not granted to persons who falsely report animal cruelty. Makes it a class 3 misdemeanor to knowingly make a false report of animal cruelty to certain authorities.

Signed into law on 4/22/05

S.B. 186 (Isgar)- Funding: Species Conservation

Concerns approval of the species conservation eligibility list, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation. Appropriates money from and reverts money to the operating and capital accounts of the species conservation trust fund for programs submitted by the executive director of the department of natural resources that are designed to conserve native species that have been listed as threatened or endangered under state or federal law, or are candidate species or are likely to become candidate species as determined by the United States fish and wildlife service.

Signed into law on 6/1/05

CONNECTICUT

None

DELAWARE

S.B. 46 (Venables)- Deer Hunting

Allows for the use of hand guns for the killing of deer during shotgun season.

Signed into law on 5/25/05.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

None

FLORDIA

S.B. 6 adopted into S.B. 1726(King)- Ballot Measures

Proposes a constitutional amendment requiring that a ballot measure be approved by at least three-fifths of the electors of state voting on a measure rather than by simple majority.

On 6/9/05 Signed by Secretary of State.

H.B. 255 (Russell)- Rabies vaccinations

Requires dogs, cats, and ferrets to be revaccinated for rabies every 12 months.

On 5/26/05 Signed by Gov.

FL S.B. 1020 (Haridopolos)- Service Dogs

Expands the law prohibiting certain offenses against police dogs, fire dogs, SAR dogs, and police horses.

On 6/3/05 Signed by Gov.

S.B. 1390 (Senator Clary)- Save the Manatee Trust Fund

Extends the Save the Manatee Trust Fund to November, 2008.

Signed by Gov. on 4/14/05.

S.R. 2702 (King) & H.B. 9151 (Waters)- "Humane Society Appreciation Week"

A resolution recognizing the week of June 20-25, 2005, as "Humane Society Appreciation Week" in Florida.

Passed Senate on 5/3/05. Adopted.

FL H.B. 1697(Evers) - Spay/Neuter

Removes HSUS as distributor of Florida Animal Friendly Fund, and requires the fund only be used for Spay/Neuter programs.

On 6/8/05 Signed by governor.

GEORGIA

GA S.R. 67 (Johnson)- Hunting and Fishing

Proposes an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the tradition of fishing and hunting and the taking of fish and wildlife shall be preserved for the people.

Signed by Governor on 5/9/05.

H.B. 452 (Maddox)- Spay/Neuter

Provides for donations to the Dog and Cat Sterilization Fund by taxpayers through voluntary contributions on each taxpayer's state income tax return.

Signed into law 5/10/05

S.B. 206 (Williams) - Hunting

Expands hunting in parks and hunting with dogs.

Signed by Governor on 5/2/05.

HAWAII

H.B. 1453 (OShiro)- Pet Trusts

Establishes pet trusts.

On 6/24/05 it was signed by the governor.

S.B. 1680 (Tsutsui)- Board of Agriculture Members

Requires that at least one member of the board of agriculture and the board of land and natural resources have a background, knowledge, and demonstrated experience in the subject area.

On 4/18/05 it was signed by the governor.

IDAHO

H.B. 92 (House Committee on Resources and Conservation)- Shooting Preserves and Grandfather Rights

The purpose of this legislation is to expand the allowable acreage for shooting preserves. This bill would allow an increase from the existing 1600 acre limit to a 4000 acre limit. Grandfather rights would be retained on the original 1600 acres but would not apply to the additional acreage.

Signed into law On 4/13/05, Session Law Chapter 368, effective: 07/01/05

H.B. 132 (Resources and Conservation)- Killing of Wolves

Amends existing law to provide that all methods of killing wolves are authorized in accordance with existing laws or approved management plans, regardless of classification assigned to wolves.

Signed into law on 3/28/05.

H.B. 133 (House Committee on Resources and Conservation)- Killing of Wolves

Killing Wolves: to allow the aerial killing of wolves.

3/28/05 signed into law.

S.B. 1074 (Committee on State Affairs) – Pari-Mutuel and Simulcasts

Amends existing law to authorize simulcasts and pari-mutuel wagering at an alternate facility in the same county as a former dog racing track, if approved by the Idaho Racing Commission.

Signed into law on 4/1/05

S.J.M. 102 Funding for Killing Wolves (Resources and Environment)- Wolves

Stating findings of the Legislature and urging Congress to HSUS Supported broadening the federal regulation to authorize citizens to protect their pet dogs and sporting dogs in the same manner as provided for livestock, including dogs that guard or herd livestock; to HSUS Supported the continued funding through federal grants of Idaho's Wolf Depredation Compensation Plan; and to HSUS Supported the broadening of compensation criteria to provide compensation for wolf-related loss.

Signed into law on 3/14/04

ILLINOIS

H.B. 315 (Burke) & S.B. 2078 (Harmon)- Spay/Neuter and Rabies Vaccinations

Creates the Illinois Public Health and Safety Animal Population Control Act to allow for a program of reimbursements to veterinarians for the sterilization and rabies vaccination of the dogs and cats of low-income owners and feral cat colony caretakers; Establishes a voluntary individual income tax check off to fund the program.

On 8/22/05 H.B. 315 was signed into law by the governor.

H.B. 1486 (Mautino) - Trapping

vetoed

Allows the use of snares to trap fur-bearing mammals on land with written permission from the landowner or tenant of the land.

On 8/12/05 it was vetoed by the governor.

INDIANA

H.B. 1153 (Foley)- Pet Trust

Authorizes the creation of a pet trust for the care of an animal alive during the settler's lifetime.

Signed into law on 5/12/05.

IOWA

None

KANSAS

None

KENTUCKY

None

LOUISIANA

None

MAINE

L.D. 50 (H.P. 46) (Carr)- Computer-Assisted Hunting

Makes it a class E crime for the owner or operator of a commercial shooting area or a commercial large game shooting area to use a website or a service or business via any other means that permits a person to hunt large game, wild animals or game birds that are located in this State through the use of a computer-controlled gun, shooting apparatus or any other remote-control device when the person using the website, service or business is physically removed from the immediate vicinity of the large game, wild animal or game bird.

On 5/10/05 it was signed into law by the governor.

L.D. 53 (H.P. 49) (Fischer)- Service Dogs

Amends the law regarding interference with law enforcement dogs by applying the crime to any person who harms a dog that the person knows or reasonably should have known *is used* for law enforcement purposes. Currently, the prohibition applies only to a person who harms a dog that the person knows or reasonably should have known *is certified by the State* for law enforcement use.

On 5/5/05 it was signed by the governor.

L.D. 67 (H.P. 63) (Moody)- Bow Hunting

Removes the prohibition against using a crossbow or set bow to hunt a wild animal or wild bird. This bill was amended and now allows the use of crossbows to hunt bear and deer during the regular firearms season; establishes a crossbow hunting license and sets the fees; requires a person to hold a valid big game hunting license to be eligible for a crossbow hunting license; requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt rules regulating the use of crossbows for hunting that include a prohibition against the use of pistol-type crossbows or crossbows with a draw weight of less than 100 pounds or more than 200 pounds; requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish a crossbow hunting education course; requires a person to complete both the crossbow and the archery hunting education courses prior to obtaining a crossbow license; and prohibits the possession of a crossbow by a convicted felon until 5 years after the person is discharged from the sentences imposed.

On 6/23/05 it was signed by the governor.

L.D. 178 (H.P. 129) (G. Davis)- Animal Welfare Fund

1. Imposes a surcharge of \$20 for each brand of pet food registered in the State, to be deposited in the Animal Welfare Fund; 2. imposes a surcharge of \$4 for each sample submitted to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources for testing for equine infectious anemia. The surcharge is to be deposited in the animal welfare auxiliary fund and used for investigations and enforcement of the animal welfare laws pertaining to equines; 3. amends the statutory provision for the Animal Welfare Fund to indicate new sources of revenue; 4. amends the statutory provision for the animal welfare auxiliary fund to indicate a new source of revenue; 5. amends the statutory provision for the Companion Animal Sterilization Fund to indicate new sources of revenue; 6. imposes a surcharge on each sale by breeding kennels or pet shops of a dog or a cat that has not been neutered; and 7. corrects an omission of the designation of criminal class for aggravated cruelty to animals. This omission occurred in Public Law 2003, chapter 452, An Act To Implement Recommendations of the MCJUSTIS Policy Board Concerning the Drafting of Crimes and Civil Violations Pursuant to Resolve 1997, Chapter 105, as Amended. This carries out the intent of chapter 452 with regard to the provision for aggravated cruelty to animals, which was to make technical changes only.

On 6/2/05 it was signed by the governor.

L.D. 204 (H.P. 155) (Koffman)- Dog Tethering

Establishes that if tethering is the primary means of confinement for a dog (defined as the method used to confine a dog for periods of time that exceed 12 hours in a 24 hour period), it is required that: 1) the dog be provided with a shelter that is fully enclosed except for a portal. The portal must be of a sufficient size to allow the dog unimpeded passage into and out of the structure. For dogs other than arctic breeds, the portal must be constructed in a manner that keeps wind and precipitation out of the interior. The Shelter must have clean bedding material sufficient to retain the dog's normal body heat; and (2) the chain or tether must be attached to both the dog and the anchor using swivels or similar devices that prevent the chain or tether from becoming entangled or twisted. The chain or tether must be attached to a well-fitted collar or harness on the dog. For dogs other than arctic breeds, the chain or tether must be at least 5 times that length of the dog. For arctic breeds, the chain or tether must be at least 2.5 times the length of the dog. Arctic breeds means Siberian huskies, Alaskan huskies, Alaskan malamutes and other dogs with a double-layered coat and bred to live in an arctic climate.

On 6/8/05 it was signed by the governor.

L.D. 261 (H.P. 200) (Koffman)-Wildlife Habitat

Removes language in the definition of 'significant wildlife habitat' in the natural resources protection laws that require significant vernal pools to be identified in a specific location. Instead, significant vernal pool habitat would be required to meet specific criteria to be considered as 'significant wildlife habitat.' Adds a limitation to the existing exemption for minor alterations in freshwater wetlands by providing that the exemption would not be available if the proposed activity would occur in a wetland containing a natural community that is critically imperiled or imperiled, as defined by the Natural Areas Program, in a significant wildlife habitat or in a wetland area that is inundated with floodwater during a 100-year flood event.

On 5/13/05 it was signed by the governor.

L.D. 268 (S.P. 88) (Plowman)- Hunting

Allows electronic calling devices to hunt any game animal except migratory game birds.

On 5/13/05 it was signed by the governor.

L.D. 1106 (HP 759) (Twomey)- Disaster Response

Establishes the State of Maine Animal Response Team to HSUS Supported a unifying network that protects human and animal health through preparation, response and recovery for animal emergencies in the state. The team must facilitate a prompt, coordinated and effective response to a natural or man-made disaster affecting animals, decrease the health and safety threat to humans and animals during animal emergencies, and minimize the economic and environmental impacts of animal emergencies. It also establishes the State of Maine Animal Response Team Fund.

On 5/20/05 it was signed by the governor.

L.D. 1126 (SP 388) (Cowger)- Antibiotic Use with Livestock

Inserts a policy statement in Maine statutes to discourage the nontherapeutic use of antibiotics in animals raised for food. It requires persons purchasing meat for Maine state institutions and Maine schools to notify brokers or wholesalers of this policy and to give preference in buying to those who can supply meat from animals that have not been given antibiotics for other than therapeutic reasons. Amended by committee and now directs the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources and the Director of the Bureau of Health within the Department of Health and Human Services in consultation with a study group to examine issues pertaining to the use of antibiotics in human medicine and animal agriculture. It requires a report to legislative committees in January 2006 and authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services to report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 122nd Legislature.

On 6/3/05 it was signed by the governor.

L.D. 1313 (HP 911) (Tuttle)- Moose Hunting

Directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish an experimental 2-year moose lottery in Cumberland County and York County and report to the Legislature with an evaluation of the experimental lottery to the First Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

On 6/2/05 it was signed by the governor.

L.D. 1473 (HP 1036) (Piotti)- Rabies Vaccination & Licensing

Establishes a rabies vaccination requirement for dogs independent of the dog licensing law; Establishes a late fee for failure to renew a kennel license within 30 days of license expiration; Prohibits the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources from issuing a license for a breeding kennel to a person convicted or adjudicated of animal cruelty violations; Establishes a late fee for failure to renew an animal facility's license within 30 days of a license expiration; Makes abandonment a Class C crime if the animal dies as a result of abandonment; and Makes it a Class D crime to abandon an animal at a veterinarian's office, boarding kennel, animal grooming facility or animal day-care facility. It establishes a process for notification of an owner and disposition of an abandoned animal.

On 6/23/05 it was signed into law by the governor.

MARYLAND

H.B. 941 (McCommas) & S.B. 347 (Stone)-Increase Compensatory Damages for Injury to a Pet

Establishes that a person who tortuously causes an injury to or death of a pet is liable to the owner of the pet for compensatory damages of not more than \$10,000.

Signed into law on 4/26/05

H.B. 1086 (Weir)- Hunting Land

Requires the Department of Natural Resources to keep land managed by the Department open for hunting unless the Department makes specified findings or except as required by law; requires the Department to manage the land to promote, and enhance hunting opportunities and requires the Department to manage the land to prevent any net loss of acreage available for hunting opportunities on the land.

Signed into law on 4/26/05

MASSACHUSETTES

None

MICHIGAN

H.B. 4465 (Steil) & S.B. 373 (McManus)- Computer-Assisted Hunting

Prohibits Internet hunting.

On 9/21/05 S.B. 373 was signed into law by the governor.

MINNESOTA

H.F. 1 (Smith) - Animal Fighting

Increases penalties for animal fighting and possession of fighting animals. Presumption of training a fighting dog or fighting bird includes: fresh wounds or scars, the person possesses training apparatus, paraphernalia, or drugs used to prepare either animal for fights. An ACO may seize any animals in these conditions and the person assuming care of the animal shall have a lien on it for the actual cost of care. If the owner is not known and does not come forward in 10 days by paying expenses, the animal may be euthanized. Owner may request a hearing, and it must take place in 5 days to determine validity of the impoundment.

Signed into law on 6/3/05

H.F. 42 (Howes) and S.F. 149 (Ruud)- Hunting

Authorizes the use of silencers to muffle discharges of firearms for natural resource wildlife control.

Signed into law on 5/27/05

H.F. 419 (Cox) and S.F. 628 (Neuville,)- Protected Species

Removes great horned owls from the list of unprotected birds.

Signed into law on 5/27/05

H.F. 640 (Nornes) S.F. 551 (Larson) – Funding: Animal Cruelty

Increases the amount a county or city may appropriate for the prevention of cruelty to animal, 1/29/05; H.F. 640 to the House committee on Taxes.

Amended into: [S. F.1683, Art. 4, Sec. 50](#) - and [H.F. 2228](#). Signed into law.

H.F. 847 and S.F. 789 (Rep. Hopp and Hackbarth; Sen. Saxhaug)- Game and Fish Regulations Modified

Regarding: damage-causing animals, license requirements, dog training, trapping provisions, raccoon hunting, and snaring (not of lynx). Allows the Killing of Wildlife in Their Dens; Banned Internet Hunting- The commissioner shall acquire wild animals for breeding or stocking and may dispose of or destroy undesirable predatory wild animals - IN THEIR DENS, NESTS, HOUSES OR DAMS. The bill also allows unlicensed and unlimited chasing of raccoons out of season with dogs. Provision added to the Omnibus Senate and House Game and Fish bill: Sec. 21. (97B.115) (computer-assisted remote hunting prohibition.) No person shall operate, provide, sell, use or offer to operate, provide, sell or use any computer software or service that allows a person, not physically present at the site, to remotely control a weapon that could be used to take any wild animal by remote operation, including, but not limited to, weapons or devices set up to fire through the use of the internet or through a remote control device.

[Signed into Law on 6/3/05](#)

H.F. 2431 (Paulson) and S.F. 2233 (Saxhaug)- Computer-Assisted Hunting

See H.F. 1: no person shall operate, provide, sell, use, or offer to operate, provide, sell, or use any computer software or service that allows a person not physically present at the hunt site to remotely control a weapon that could be used to take a wild animal by remote operation, including, but not limited to, weapons or devices set up to fire through the use of the internet or through a remote control device.

S.F. 1928 (Chaudhary) – Wildlife

In order to provide enhanced roadside habitat for nesting birds and other small wildlife, road authorities may not mow or till the right-of-way of a highway located outside of a home rule charter or statutory city except as allowed in this section and section 160.23. When feasible, road authorities are encouraged to utilize low maintenance, native vegetation that reduces the need to mow, provides wildlife habitat, and maintains public safety. The commissioner of natural resources shall cooperate with the commissioner of transportation to provide enhanced roadside habitat for nesting birds and other small wildlife.

[Amended into S.F. 69, Art. 2, Sec. 3, Sub. 7 and Sec. 137](#)

MISSISSIPPI

H.B. 506 (Ward)- Wild Hog Transportation

Prohibits the transportation of wild hogs within state.

[Signed into law on 3/16/05.](#)

S.B. 2980 (Robinson)- Lure Hunting

Amends wildlife code by allowing the use of a lure for trapping fur-bearing animals, beaver, coyote and fox. Passed out of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

[Signed into law on 3/16/05.](#)

SB 2904 (Posey)- Nutria Hunting

Removes nutria from the fur-bearing list and allows them to be trapped at any time.
Signed into law on 3/16/05.

H.B. 1418 (Robinson)- Crossbow Hunting

Crossbows; allow use for hunting.
Signed by Governor on 4/20/05.

S.B. 2699 (Posey)- Baiting

Allows a person to use bait to trap wild hogs. Referred to Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks
Signed by Governor on 4/21/05.

S.B. 2898 (Posey)- Youth Hunting

Allows persons under the age of 16 to kill certain deer. Referred to Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.
Signed into law on 4/21/05.

MISSOURI

None

MONTANA

H.B. 208 (Kaufmann by request of the Dept. of Fish, Wildlife and Parks)- Hunting

Authorizes the director of the department of fish, wildlife and Parks to grant or acquire "rights of way" without the approval of the fish, wildlife and parks commission.
Signed into law on 4/28/05.

H.B. 225 (Maedje)- Hunting

Clarifies constitutional right to hunt.
Signed into law on 4/7/05.

H.B. 514 (Gutsche) - Bear Hunting

Illegal taking of a grizzly bear – fines decreased.
Signed into law on 4/15/05.

H.B. 668 (Noonan)- Exotic Wildlife

Increases flexibility in regulating exotic wildlife.
Signed into law on 4/19/05.

H.J.R. 22 (Peterson) – Yellowstone Bison and Elk

Urges the federal government to expeditiously eliminate brucellosis from Yellowstone National Park bison and elk herds and to name the U.S. Department of Agriculture as the lead agency in the elimination plan. HJ22, the "put the USDA in charge of Yellowstone bison" resolution
Passed the senate on 3/10/05 by a vote of 50-0

H.J.R. 29 (Rice) - Wolf "Management"

Revise wolf management plan and predator control laws.

3/17/05: Passed, filed with the secretary of state.

S.B. 178 (Barkus)- Aircraft Use

Changes “animals” to only furbearing and birds, and allows the use of helicopters for harassing. An act authorizing the department of fish, wildlife, and parks to issue permits and adopt rules for the use of aircraft by landowners to protect their property by driving, herding, or hazing game animals; amending section 87-3-126, mca; and providing an immediate effective date.

Signed into law on 3/24/05

S.B. 186 (Balyate)- Contests

S. 186 eliminates the law on contests based on size for contests where the award is over \$50.

Signed into law on 4/26/05

S.B. 320 (Bales) – Confined Animal Feeding Operations

Confined Animal Feeding Operations facilitates establishment of confined animal feeding operations.

Signed into law on 4/29/05

S.B. 410 (Gallus) - Hunting

Revises law on urban wildlife – allows urban deer hunts. "An act expanding the power of cities and towns to control, remove, and restrict game animals under plans approved by the department of fish, wildlife, and parks; amending sections 7-3-1105, 7-3-1222, 7-31-4110, and 87-3-305, mca; and providing an immediate effective date." It adds: (b) The plan may allow the hunting of game animals and provide restrictions on the feeding of game animals” second part of equation was the prohibition on feeding wildlife "game animals"... was targeted at deer but also inclusive of wild duck populations.

Signed into law on 4/15/05

S.B. 461 (Donald J Steinbeisser)- Wolf Collaring

Mandates wolf collaring near livestock or population center.

Signed into law on 5/2/05

NEBRASKA

None

NEVADA

A.B. 15 (Assembly Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture and Mining)- Funding: Wildlife Heritage Trust Account

Expands the purposes for which the money in the Wildlife Heritage Trust Account must be used to include expenditures for the management and control of predatory wildlife in this State; authorizing the expenditure of certain annual deposits in the Account; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

On 5/31/05 it was signed by the governor.

S.B. 36 (Senate Committee on Human Resources and Education)- Service Animals

Prohibits a person from unlawfully allowing any animal he controls to interfere with the use of a service animal or service animal in training and prohibits a person from beating or killing a service animal in training. This bill makes a person civilly liable for certain violations against a service animal or service animal in training and requires a court to order that certain restitution be made to the victim in addition to criminal penalties.

On 5/31/05 it was signed by the governor.

S.B. 192 (Senate Committee on Natural Resources)- Animal Disease

Prohibits entry of live wildlife species known to carry Chronic Wasting Disease into State. **On 5/10/05 it was signed by the governor.**

S.C.R. 3 (Senate Committee on Human Resources and Education) – Service Animal Recognition Day

Designates the second Wednesday in April as Service Animal Recognition Day.

On 4/7/05 it passed the Senate. On 5/4/05 it was amended and passed the Assembly.

On 5/6/05 it was enrolled and sent to the secretary of state.

S.C.R. 15 (Senate Committee on Natural Resources)- Threatened/ Endangered Species

Commends participants in effort to prevent listing of sage grouse as threatened or endangered species and encourages continued conservation efforts.

On 4/13/05 it passed the Senate. On 5/2/05 it passed the Assembly.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

H.B. 107 (L'Heureux) - Hunting

Extends the hours that a person may use artificial light to locate or view a moose in Coos County.

On 5/3/05 it was signed by the governor.

H.B. 440 (Parkhurst)- Service Dogs

Requires a person interfering with a service dog to make full restitution for all damages. The bill also requests the governor to proclaim a day to recognize the value of services animals and to promote public awareness of the value of such animals. The bill was amended and now states that any person who willfully tortures, beats, kicks, strikes, mutilates, injures, disables, or otherwise mistreats a service dog shall be guilty of a class B felony. The bill was amended in the Senate and actually decreases penalties for cruelty to service animals to a class A misdemeanor.

On 6/17/05 it was signed by the governor.

S.B. 91 (Roberge) – Animal Population Control

Raises the co-payment for a person to participate in the Animal Population Control program from \$ 30 to \$ 40 for adopted animals and \$ 15 to \$ 25 for animals owned by people on government HSUS Supported programs.

On 7/7/05 it was signed by the governor.

S.B. 105 (D'Allesandro)- Hunting

Allows the executive director of fish and game to promote hunting, trapping, and fishing, by programs including marketing actions, private sector cooperation, or reductions of fish and game license fees. **On 2/10/05 it passed the Senate.**

On 6/21/05 it was signed by the governor.

S.B. 179 (Roberge)- Hunting

Requires hunters to render aid and to report the death or injury of domestic animals.

On 7/22/05 it was signed by the governor.

NEW JERSEY

A. 1583 (Burzichelli) & S. 84 (Sharpe)- Animal Cruelty

Clarifies that cruelty to animals includes use of an animal to injure another animal, and provides for criminal and civil penalties for violations thereof.

Signed into law on 6/29/05

A. 2233 (Caraballo) and S. 1739 (Turner) – Alternatives in Education

Provides that public school pupils may choose not to participate in certain experiments involving animals (such as dissection) and requires schools to provide alternative education projects.

Signed into law on 1/5/06

A. 3345 (McKeon) and S. 1863 (Sen. Bob Smith) – Funding: Wildlife

Requires that the state provide matching funds for certain federal grants to benefit wildlife and wildlife habitat and appropriates \$ 381,715 thereof for current year.

S.B. 1863 signed into law on 8/29/05

S. 801 (Allen)- Service Dogs

Creates penalties for injuring or killing search and rescue dogs.

Signed into law on 1/26/05

NEW MEXICO

S.B. 432 (Grubestic). – Dangerous Dogs

Non- Breed Specific Dangerous Dog Act. Aims to reduce the number of irresponsible dog owners by implementing certain requirements for dangerous and potentially dangerous dogs.

Signed by Governor on 3/3/05.

H.B. 1043 (Rep. Patricia Lundstrom)- Horse Rescue Facility

Requires a horse rescue or retirement facility to be registered with the state and inspected.

Signed by Governor on 4/6/05.

NM S.B. 497 (Senator Gerald Ortiz y Peno)- Anti-Freeze Bittering Agent

Requires a bittering agent in Antifreeze.

3/31/05 signed into law

NEW YORK

A.1011a (Paulin) and S. 2826 (Flanagan)- Animal Cruelty

Increases penalty for torturing, killing or failing to provide sustenance to any animal to a class A misdemeanor. Requires a person found guilty of such crime shall be fingerprinted.

A 1011a signed into law on 8/16/05. Chapter No. 523

A.6873 (Magee)- Spay/ Neuter

Increases fees for differential licensing. Two dollars and fifty cents for each spayed or neutered dog and 7.50 for unaltered for up to one year. From 7.50 for unaltered to 15.00, and 5\$ if altered for two years. And from 7.50 for altered and 22.50 for unaltered for three year license.

Signed into law on 7/19/05

A.7032a (Glick) and S. 2822 (Marcellino)- Computer-Assisted Hunting

Internet Hunting; prohibits the shooting or spearing of targets or animals from a remote location over the internet.

On 9/16/05 A.7032a and S. 2822 were signed into law

A.7644 (Grannis) and S. 4560 (Maltese)- Spay/ Neuter

Relates to eligibility under the animal population control program; amends fees for the low-cost spay/neuter program; provides eligibility for such program based upon participation in certain government programs.

Signed into law on 8/16/05

NORTH CAROLINA

H. 685 (Gibson) & S. 529 (Clodfelter) (H. 320) - Euthanasia

Requires the Board of Agriculture to establish rules on the methods of euthanasia as well as training of euthanasia technicians; requires the use of only commercially compressed carbon monoxide gas to be administered in chambers

On 8/24/05 the language of H. 985 and S. 529 was amended into the budget bill, H. 320. On 8/31/05 H. 320 was signed into law by the governor.

H. 772 (Williams)- Computer-Assisted Hunting

Makes it a class 1 misdemeanor for a person to engage in computer-assisted remote hunting or provide or operate a facility that allows others to engage in computer-assisted remote hunting if the wild animal or wild bird being hunted or shot is located within the state.

On 5/26/05 it was signed into law by the governor.

H. 820 (Wilkins) – Fox-Trapping

Lengthens the fox trapping season in Person County from January 2 through January 31 to September 1 through September 30 and from December 1 through February 20 of each year and eliminates bag limits for that season.

On 8/11/05 it was chaptered.

H. 888 (Allred)- Cockfighting

Increases the penalty for cockfighting from a class 2 misdemeanor to a class I felony.

Signed into law on 9/27/05

H. 1085 (Insko)- Dog Fighting

Requires a defendant arrested for using dogs for fighting to post a deposit to the animal shelter to pay for the dog's keep during the period prior to adjudication of the charges.

Signed into law on 9/13/05

H. 1206 (Williams)- Bird Use in Dog Training

Allows the use of domestically propagated waterfowl and game birds in dog training.

Signed into law on 6/7/05

H. 1395 (Faison)- Bear Hunting

Current law states that bears may not be taken with the use or aid of bait until the expiration of 10 days after the bait has been consumed or otherwise removed. H.B. 1395 specifies that upon finding that the placement of bait in areas frequented by black bears is detrimental to the health of individual bears or is attracting and holding bears in an area to the extent that the natural pattern of movement and distribution of black bears is disrupted and bears' vulnerability to mortality factors, including hunting, is increased to a level that causes concern for the population, the Wildlife Resources Commission may adopt rules to regulate, restrict, or prohibit the placement of bait and prescribe time limits during which hunting is prohibited in areas where those products have been placed.

Signed into law on 8/22/05

S. 268 (Purcell)- Animal Exhibitions

Requires the state Commissioner of Agriculture to adopt rules concerning the operation of and permits for animal exhibitions. The rules include requirements for: education and signs to inform the public of health and safety issues; animal areas; animal care and management; transition and non-animal areas; hand-washing facilities; other requirements necessary for the protection of the public health and safety.

Signed into law on 7/15/05

S. 1058 (Dalton)- Service Animals

Amends the law related to protection of law enforcement and service animals by making it a class I felony to cause any injury, illness or other physiological impairment or behavioral impairment that requires retraining or retirement of the law enforcement or assistance animal. Also requires a person convicted of causing harm or serious harm to pay restitution.

On 7/12/05 it was signed into law by the governor.

NORTH DAKOTA

H.B. 1094 (House Committee on Agriculture)- Funding: Livestock

Changes who receives the proceeds from the sale of furs, skins or specimens that are killed by hunters and trappers from the general state fund to USDA Wildlife Services. This will fund a program that benefits the states livestock producers.

Signed into law on 4/8/05

H.B. 1102 (Natural Resources Committee, requested by game and fish)- Depredating Fur-Bearing Animals

Amends and reenacts section 20.1-07-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the destruction and disposition of depredating fur-bearing animals. This allows people to sell pelts of animals that are killed for depredation, when they are killed during an open season. Black bears can only be killed with permission, and the body of a black bear or mountain lion must be turned over to the department.

Signed into law on 3/7/05

H.B. 1326 (Sitte)- Dangerous Reptile Possession

Regulates the possession of dangerous venomous reptiles.

Signed into law on 4/12/05

H.B. 1366 (Hunskor)- Hunting

Prohibits a person who illegally kills a moose, elk or big horn sheep from obtaining a hunting license for elk, moose or big horn sheep hunting.

Signed into law on 3/16/05

H.C.R. 3002 (Porter)- Hunting

Urges Congress and the US Fish and Wildlife Service to repeal the regulations restricting the hunting of migratory waterfowl on agricultural crops that have not been harvested and subsequently manipulated.

Filed with the Secretary of State on 4/11/05

OHIO

None

OKLAHOMA

H.B. 1524 (Lindley)- Service Dogs

Relates to harming, mistreating, or killing service dogs; expands crime to include service animals; defines term; provides an effective date.

Signed by Governor on 5/10/05

OREGON

H.B. 2881 (Jenson)- Threatened/ Endangered Species

Removes Aleutian Canada goose from state threatened species and endangered species lists.

Signed into law on 6/29/05

H.B. 3067(Boone) - Animal Control

Adds animal control to services counties may provide by service districts.

Signed into law on 5/25/05

S.B. 275 (Courtney)- Pet Trust

Pet trust uniform trust code section 408 (1) a trust may be created to provide for the care of one or more animals that are alive during the settler's lifetime. The trust terminates upon the death of the animal or, if the trust was created to provide for the care of more than one animal, upon the death of the last surviving animal. An oral or written declaration shall be liberally construed in favor of finding the creation of a trust under this section. There is a presumption against merely precatory or honorary disposition on behalf of an animal.

Signed by the Governor, 7-11 Chapter 348, 2005 Laws, Effective date, January 1, 2006

S.B. 383 (Deckert)- Dissection Choice

Would give students a choice on dissection in Oregon based on religious, ethical and moral beliefs and would protect K-12 students who are uncomfortable with dissection by requiring teachers to notify students that they have a choice and to provide a comparable alternative. This bill only affects K-12 students and does not impact higher education courses.

Signed into law on 7/7/05

S.B. 641 (Deckert) – Dog Fighting

Relating to dogfighting paraphernalia; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 167.360.

Signed into law on 7/7/05

S.B. 844 (Deckert)- Dangerous Dogs

Increases penalty for dog keeper who maintains public nuisance by keeping dog that bites person; makes first offense punishable by 30 days' imprisonment, \$ 1,250 fine, or both; makes subsequent offense punishable by one year's imprisonment, \$ 6,250 fine, or both; makes punishment for maintaining public nuisance by keeping dog that bites person applicable throughout state, regardless of local law; increases penalty for dog keeper who maintains public nuisance by keeping dog that chases or menaces person.

Signed into law on 9/2/06.

PENNSYLVANIA

H.B. 1435 (Gergley) – Computer-Assisted Hunting

Amends the Crimes and Offenses Code to make computer assisted hunting a crime.

Signed into law on 11/1/05

H.B. 1646 (Art Hershey Chester co)- Farming Manure Management

Known as the "ACRE Initiative," Sets standards for the management of manure on farming operations, Bars municipalities from adopting ordinances which prohibit or limit a "normal agricultural operation." State attorney general's office can review disputes over local farming ordinances and place new restrictions on livestock operations. "ACRE" stands for Agriculture, Communities and Rural Environment - is aimed at helping farmers and communities avoid protracted litigation over large-scale "factory farms."

Signed into law 12/22/05

H.B. 1690 (Smith B)- Hunting

Provides an exemption from unlawful devices and methods of hunting for: any employee, agent or designee of the commission using bait to attract wildlife for research or management purposes.

Signed into law 12/22/05

S.B. 895 (Tomlinson and Conti)- Service Animals

Adds animals working for a metropolitan transportation authority, county port authority police, and the capitol police under the definition of police animals.

Signed into law 12/22/05

RHODE ISLAND

H.B. 5724 (Lewiss)- Spay/ Neuter

Specifies that monies collected due to fines from violations of the spay and neuter law by individuals or releasing agencies may only be spent to HSUS Supported programs for spay and neuter.

On 7/8/05 it became law without the governor's signature.

H.B. 6371 (Coderre) & S.B. 1040 (Doyle)- Dog Licensing

Permits the city of Pawtucket to charge an annual license fee of fifteen dollars (\$ 15.00) for all dogs, and to impose an additional ten dollars (\$ 10.00) for unspayed females and unneutered males. For residents age 65 and older, the city of Pawtucket would be permitted to charge an annual license fee of five dollars (\$ 5.00) for all dogs, and to impose an additional five dollars (\$ 5.00) for unspayed females and unneutered males.

On 7/7/05 SB 1040 became law without the governor's signature.

On 7/8/05 HB 6371 became law without the governor's signature.

H.B. 5318 (Shanley)- Vicious Dogs

Amends vicious dog statute to delete the provision that allows an owner or keeper to leave a dog under

vetoed the care and control of someone over the age of 16 and the provision that prohibits an owner or keeper from selling or giving away a dog declared vicious. If an owner

wishes to sell or give away a vicious dog, both parties must sign an affidavit stating that the new owner will follow the requirements for keeping a dog declared vicious; removes owner's ability to petition the court to not destroy the vicious dog.

On 7/15/05 it was vetoed by the governor.

S.B. 384 (Perry)- Spay/ Neuter

Requires that the forms submitted by shelters to the Dept. of Environmental Management, which tracks the number and disposition of dogs and cats in these facilities, include a column on the spay/neuter deposit that shelters are supposed to be collecting from adopters. I imagine the purpose of this bill may be to establish compliance levels or to ensure that unreturned deposits are being used for the proper purpose (e.g. s/n programs).

On 7/1/05 it became law without the governor's signature.

S.B. 508 (Alves) - Pet Trusts

Establishes a trust for the care of animals.

On 7/19/05 SB 508 became law without the governor's signature.

SOUTH CAROLINA

SC S 212 (McGill)- Hunting

Makes it unlawful to take or attempt to take a wild turkey from a watercraft on the waters of the state.
5/23/05 signed into law.

SOUTH DAKOTA

H.B. 1252(Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)- Prairie Dog “Management”

Approves the state prairie dog management plan.
Signed into law on 3/15/05.

S.B. 216 (Lintz)- Prairie Dogs

Requires neighbors to complain (in compliance with the state plan) but still forces poisoning within 1 mile of all lands where neighbors complain. No alternatives that allow prairie dogs to remain within 1 mile.
Signed into law on 3/1/05

TENNESSEE

H.B. 796 (Matheny) and S.B. 732 (Tracy)- Hunting

Increases criminal penalty for hunting or shooting from a public road or shooting firearm across or on any public road from Class C misdemeanor to Class A misdemeanor.
On 5/4/05 S.B. 7632 was signed by the governor.

H.B. 1268 (Tidwell) and S.B. 1505 (Jackson)- Computer-Assisted Hunting

Makes it a class A misdemeanor for a person to engage in computer-assisted remote hunting or to provide or operate facilities for computer-assisted remote hunting if the wildlife being hunted is located in the state.
On 4/22/05 S.B. 1505 was signed into law.

H.B. 1873 (McCord) & S.B. 1937 (Jackson)- Class 1 Animals

Redefines zoological institution by equating the term zoo and broadening the definition to include permitted permanent and temporary exhibitors for purposes of 70-4-403 so that such exhibitors may possess Class I animals that are inherently dangerous to humans. The purpose of this legislation is to ensure that sanctuaries such as the The Elephant Sanctuary and Tiger Haven (both located in Tennessee) are able to care for Class I animals.
On 4/19/05 H.B. 1873 was signed into law by the governor.

H.J.R. 144 (Bone)- Livestock Predation

Urges the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to develop and implement a simple and effective process that provides livestock producers with the ability to dispatch Black Vultures harming or harassing

livestock. *From Bette: The USFWS may need to make their process smoother so they can more quickly decide *whether or not* to issue a depredation (kill) permit, but we do not want it to turn into a process that *automatically* results in the approval of depredation permits.*

On 5/4/05 it was signed by the governor.

TEXAS

H.B. 2026 (Smith) – Computer-Assisted Hunting

Prohibits the use of computer assisted equipment for the hunting of birds or mammals from remote locations. Referred to committee on Culture, Recreation, and Tourism on 2/3/05

Signed into law on 5/31/05

H.B. 1190 (Hartnett)- Animal Trust

Creates an Animal Care Trust to provide for the care of an animal alive during the settler's lifetime to the Texas Trust Act

Signed into law on 5/24/05.

TX H.B. 825 (Talton)- Animal Control Officer

Makes it a crime to disrupt or interfere with the duties of an animal control officer.

6/18/05 Signed by Governor.

UTAH

None

VERMONT

H. 526 (House Committee on Agriculture)- Animal Disease

Proposes to direct the secretary of agriculture, food and markets to adopt rules for the purpose of controlling contagious diseases in members of the deer family.

Signed into law on 5/2/05

S. 66 (Campbell)- Pet Merchant

Originally, this bill amended the definition of "pet merchant" to mean any person who sells, exchanges, donates, or offers to sell, exchange, or donate animals. The bill was amended and now establishes a committee to study the sale, exchange, and donation of animals by pet merchants. The committee shall determine the best approach to long-term regulation of the sale, exchange, and donation of animals by pet merchants in the state. The committee shall study: administration of the licensing or registration of pet merchants, including whether Vermont should follow the regulatory framework of New Hampshire; enforcement of any licensing or registration of pet merchants and any prohibition on the unlicensed sale, exchange, or donation of animals, including whether to require proof of licensing prior to advertising the sale exchange, or donation of animals; finding available funding for the enforcement of pet merchant licensing or registration requirements; and delegation of

some or all enforcement duties to humane societies, sheriff's departments, or other local or municipal entities.

Signed into law on 6/13/05

S. 166 (Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs)- Computer-Assisted Hunting

Prohibits taking a wild animal or captive animal using a remote-control hunting device regardless of the location of the animal taken; establishing or operating a remote-control hunting site in Vermont; importing, exporting, or possessing a wild animal or captive animal, or part thereof, taken by a remote-control hunting device. Allows a person who is physically impaired to the degree that he or she cannot operate a device allowed for taking of game under Vermont law may obtain a permit to take game in Vermont with a device which is in the immediate vicinity of the permittee and which the permittee operates using remote-control technology other than the internet.

Signed into law on 6/7/05

VIRGINIA

H.B. 2273 (Oder) & S.B. 1083 (Ticer)- Computer-Assisted Hunting

Prohibits anyone from engaging in computer-assisted remote hunting, or provide or operate a facility that allows a person to engage in such "hunting." Violations are Class 1 misdemeanors and will result in revocation of any hunting license for between three and five years.

Signed into law on 3/20/05

H.J.R. 768 (Ward)- Spay/ Neuter

Encourages local governments to encourage the spaying and neutering of companion animals by providing incentives to citizens.

On 2/25/05 the House concurred with Senate amendments and the resolution was adopted.

S.B. 891 (Mims)- Pet Trusts

Allows for the establishment of trusts for the care of animals.

4/6/05 the governor's amendments were agreed to by the House and Senate.

S.B. 1054 (Wagner)- Off-Shore Natural Gas Exploration

Directs the Virginia Liaison Office to work with members of the State Congressional Delegation and executive agencies to develop and enact legislation or executive action that would provide an exemption to the existing moratorium on off-shore natural gas exploratory activity. The Office is required to report annually to the Governor and the chairs of the Senate and House Commerce and Labor Committees.

On 3/29/05 it was vetoed by the governor.

WASHINGTON

H.B. 1216 (Lovick)- Wildlife

Provides funding for "watchable" wildlife activities by creating the Wild On Washington license plates.

Signed into law on 4/28/05

H.B. 1304 (Rep. Lynn Kessler (D, 24) and S.B. 5352 (Senator Luke Esser (R, 48)- Animal Cruelty

Elevates crimes on cruelty to animals and includes additional provisions in the animal fighting law. Makes it a crime of animal cruelty in the first degree if a person with criminal negligence starves, dehydrates or suffocates an animal to a point where the animal suffers unnecessary or unjustifiable physical pain or death as a result. A person is guilty of animal cruelty in the first degree when, except as authorized by law, he or she, with criminal negligence, starves, dehydrates, or suffocates an animal and the animal suffers unnecessary or unjustifiable physical pain or death as a result. Animal cruelty in the first degree is a class C felony.

Signed into law on 5/16/05 (H.B. 1304)

H.B. 2091 (Patricia Lantz D, 26) and S.B. 5977 (Oke)- Spay/Neuter

Authorizes the "We love our pets" license plate. Pet Friendly Plates "we love our pets" special license plate to fund the "We Love Our Pets" account will fund and promote spay/neuter surgery of Washington state pets, in order to reduce pet overpopulation.

Signed into law on 4/18/05

WEST VIRGINIA

H.B. 2078 (Delegate Caputo)- Spay/ Neuter

Requires dogs or cats adopted from humane shelters or county animal shelters to be spayed or neutered.

Signed into law on 4/14/05

H.B. 2890 (Delegate DeLong)- Computer-Assisted Hunting

Makes it unlawful to hunt or conduct hunts for a fee where the hunter is not in the same physical location as the wildlife.

Signed into law on 5/2/05

S.B. 588 (Senator Unger) & H.B. 3111 (Delegate Hunt)- Tethering/ Cruelty

Prohibits the chaining of an animal when the animal does not have access to food, water, shade, and dry shelter. The bill also strengthens penalties and fines for persons convicted of animal cruelty and includes a provision that allows a court to impose a requirement that a perpetrator of animal cruelty complete a program of anger management intervention. Amended in House with tethering language removed due to cockfighters concerns about tethering their birds.

Signed by Gov.

WISCONSIN

A.B. 93 (Gunderson)- Hunting

Allows a person to use a flashlight at the point of kill while hunting coyotes on foot.

Signed into law on 12/16/05

A.B. 179 (Gunderson) & S.B. 207 (Kedzie)- Computer-Assisted Hunting

Prohibits any hunter from shooting at a wild animal on a deer or game farm without being physically in possession of the weapon.

Signed into law on 8/15/05

WYOMING

H.B. 41 (House Committee on Agriculture, Public Lands and Water Resources)- Animal Disease List

Provides for the establishment of a reportable animal disease list

Signed into law on 2/17/05

H.B. 55 (Illoway)- Service Dogs

Provides for penalties for harming service dogs. Currently the only law for dogs is cruelty to animals which makes it a felony to cause death, injury or undue suffering, cruelly beat, torture, torment or injure or mutilate an animal resulting in death or required euthanasia - and there is a fine of up to 2 yrs. in jail and a fine of up to 5,000. However, this bill will make it a misdemeanor (jail of up to 6 months, and a fine of up to \$750 if a person inflict serious bodily harm, permanently disables or kills a service animal. The bill also includes restitution for medical bills and replacement costs.

Signed into law on 2/18/05 and goes into effect on 7/1/05

H.B. 121 (Childers)- Grizzly Bear Hunting

Decreases the fee for a license to kill a grizzly bear.

Signed into law on 2/18/05, takes effect on 7/1/05

H.B. 156- Pari-Mutuel Wagering

vetoed Relates to pari mutuel wagering; distinguishes between live and simulacast racing in definitions; redefines simulating

Vetoed on 2/25/05.

U.S. TERRITORIES

Virgin Islands

No. 26-004 (Donastorg)

Makes certain acts of animal cruelty a felony and improves the seizure and search allowance for animals in distress.

VETO OVERRIDE – 5/4/05.
