

STATE LEGISLATION ENACTED OR VETOED DURING 2008 SESSIONS

The following list is a compilation of laws and resolutions that were passed by state legislatures in 2008 and then signed into law or vetoed. The list includes legislation that had a positive, negative, or neutral impact on animals. Please email legislation@hsus.org to obtain a copy of the full text of laws or resolutions or if you have any questions, additions, or corrections to the list.

ALABAMA

H.B. 381 – Dangerous Dogs

Creates a dangerous dog law for Mobile County, Alabama.

Signed into law: 4/10/08

ALASKA

S.B. 306 – Hunting

Authorizes the Board of Game to regulate the “public asset of game.”

Signed into law: 5/13/08

H.B. 307 – Animal Cruelty

Domestic violence bill which included felony penalties for animal cruelty and increased penalties for spectators of animal fights; prohibits knowingly killing or injuring an animal to terrorize or intimidate another person; makes a third offense of animal cruelty within 10 years a class C felony.

Signed into law: 6/16/08

H.J.R. 31 - Hunting

Resolution opposing the federal bill prohibiting aerial hunting.

Filed: 7/24/08

ARIZONA

H.B. 2485 – Sale of Animals

Prohibits the public sale of animals on highways, streets and parks and establishes it a class 2 misdemeanor.

Signed into law: 7/7/08

H.B. 2701 – Kennel Permits

Requires counties to deny kennel permits to those convicted of animal cruelty.

Signed into law: 7/7/08

S.B. 1373 – Factory Farming

Gives the Department of Agriculture sole authority over poultry husbandry practices in Arizona. Restricts voters or lawmakers from mandating animal welfare improvements.

Signed into law: 4/14/08

CALIFORNIA

A.B. 815 – Hunting

Prohibits any city or county from enacting a local ordinance that affects hunting or fishing unless it endangers human life; could inhibit Boards of Supervisors from prohibiting antlerless deer hunts.

Vetoed: 9/27/08

A.B. 2098 – Downed Animals

Prohibits a slaughterhouse, stockyard, or auction from selling meat or products of nonambulatory animals for consumption. Prohibits transporting downed animals for slaughter for consumption.

Signed into law: 7/22/08

A.B. 2233 – Animal Cruelty

Prohibits driving a vehicle with an animal on your lap.

Vetoed: 9/27/08

A.B. 2291 – Spay/Neuter

Creates a low cost spay/neuter contribution on tax return.

Signed into law: 9/26/08

A.B. 2296 - Animal Enterprise Protection Act

Prohibits posting home addresses, phone numbers and images of someone involved in using animals for education and research with the intent to threaten or cause harm.

Signed into law: 9/29/08

A.B. 2949 – Foreclosure

Requires notification of animal control when animals are left in cases of foreclosure.

Signed into law: 8/4/08

S.B. 685 – Pet Trust

Strengthens California's Pet Trust Law.

Signed into law: 7/22/08

S.B. 986 – Pet Store

Revises definition of pet store to exclude selling animals for farming purposes.

Vetoed: 9/26/08

COLORADO

H.B. 1042 – Veterinary Practice

Exempts from the "Colorado Veterinary Practice Act" people who perform massage on animals, as long as they have earned a degree or certificate in animal massage from an accredited school and do not prescribe drugs, perform surgery, or diagnose medical conditions.

Signed into law: 4/3/08

H.B. 1185 - Spay/Neuter

Specifies that dogs and cats cannot be adopted out of a shelter or rescue unless the animal is spayed/neutered or the owner leaves a deposit and signs and agreement to have the animal spayed/neutered within 60 days.

Signed into law: 3/26/08

H.B. 1200 – Hunting

Bans internet hunting and internet hunting facilities.

Signed into law: 4/3/08

H.B. 1308 – Animal Cruelty

Allows veterinarians to exempt animals from the rabies vaccination requirement.

Signed into law: 5/29/08

S.B. 201 – Factory Farming

Requires that veal calves and breeding pigs be given enough room to stand up, lie down and turn around.

Signed into law: 5/14/08

CONNECTICUT

H.B. 5855 – Hunting

Sets fines for illegal taking of moose and bear.

Signed into law: 6/5/08

H.B. 5830 – Livestock

To replace existing cattle and swine dealer licenses with broader livestock dealer licenses, to define the terms livestock and livestock producer, to enable a licensed accredited veterinarian to conduct authorized tests for livestock diseases and to authorize the Commissioner of Agriculture to issue quarantine orders.

Signed into law: 4/24/08

DELAWARE

H.B. 216 – Fur Labeling

Requires that all garments made wholly or partially of fur to be labeled, regardless of the amount or value of fur or the price of the garment.

Signed into law: 7/3/08

H.B. 276 – Animal Fighting

Makes it a Class G felony to attend an animal fight and a Class F felony to gamble on animal fights; extends the statute of limitations from 1 year to 5 years.

Signed into law: 6/26/08

H.B. 389 – Hunting

Allows the hunting and trapping of red fox in accordance with regulations to be promulgated by the DNR; allows the hides of red fox harvested legally to be sold in Delaware and other states.

Signed into law: 7/3/08

H.B. 515 – Veterinary Practice

Eliminates the veterinarian services tax credit; allows veterinarians participating in the Animal Population and Control Program and Spay/Neuter Fund to collect monthly reimbursements for services rendered thereby eliminating the need for the tax credit; makes technical corrections and clarifies eligibility requirements for participation in the Spay/Neuter Program.

Signed into law: 7/1/08

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

L.B. 89 – Animal Cruelty

Allow courts to order counseling, treatment, community service, or forfeiture of the right to possess animals in cases of animal cruelty; requires reporting of animal cruelty by law enforcement officers; makes it a felony to be a spectator at an animal fight; mandatory spay/neuter of dogs and cats over 6 months; requires permits for breeding; defines dangerous dog, sets out procedure for determining that a dog is a “dangerous dog,” and sets out requirements for owners of dangerous dogs; requires licensing of veterinarians; establishes economic and noneconomic damages for vet malpractice; requires cross reporting by humane officers and law enforcement officers; prohibits pound seizure; requires immunization of guard dogs; prohibits debarking; requires owners of guard dogs to have liability insurance; sets out humane standards for guard dogs; sets standards for kennels and catteries; sets standards for animals kept in classrooms; allows nonprofits to sue to enjoin animal cruelty; establishes liability for economic and noneconomic damages for the death of a companion animal; requires the inclusion of domestic animals in a disaster plan.

Adopted into Law: 12/5/08

FLORIDA

H.R. 9113 & S.R. 2920 – Humane Resolution

Humane Society Appreciation Week.

Adopted: 4/23/08

GEORGIA

H.B. 301 – Animal Fighting

Makes it a felony to own, possess, sell, buy, train, or breed dogs for the purpose of fighting as well as promoting, advertising, or serving as a stakeholder at a dogfight; prohibits being a spectator at a dogfight and bringing a minor to a dogfight.

Signed into law: 5/6/08

HAWAII

S.B. 2895 – Animal Cruelty

Adds horses to the list of “pet animals” covered by the felony animal cruelty provision.

Signed into law: 5/27/08

S.B. 3203 – Animal Cruelty

Makes it a misdemeanor to hoard 20 or more dogs/cats without providing necessary sustenance for them, and with disregard for the deleterious impact the conditions have on the animals’ and the owner’s health and well-being.

Signed into law: 5/30/08

S.C.R. 84 – Humane Resolution

Requesting the Department of Education and the Hawaii public school food service to develop nutritionally-sound public school menu plans that include vegetarian and vegan meals.

Adopted: 4/16/08

IDAHO

S.B. 1260 – Animal Fighting

Makes dogfighting and possessing dogs for fighting a felony; makes being a spectator at a dogfight a misdemeanor.

Signed into law: 2/25/08

S.B. 1269 – Hunting

Allows 10 or 11 year olds to hunt all “hunnable furbearers.”

Signed into law: 3/14/08

S.B. 1273 – Animal Cruelty

Technical change to cruelty law, clarifying that a person does not have to own an animal in order to be charged with cruelty.

Signed into law: 2/27/08

S.B. 1374 - Hunting

Allows owners of domestic animals or livestock to kill wolves who are molesting or attacking the domestic animals or livestock without a permit.

Signed into law: 3/28/08

ILLINOIS

H.B. 5076 – Veterinary Practice

Provides that any person, including a veterinarian, who in good faith provides emergency care or treatment without fee to an injured animal or an animal separated from its owner due to an emergency or a disaster is not liable for civil damages as a result of his or her acts or omissions in providing or arranging further care or treatment, except for willful or wanton misconduct.

Signed into law: 8/20/08

INDIANA

H.B. 1046 – Hunting

Establishes an apprentice hunting license that allows an individual to hunt when accompanied by a hunter who is at least 18 years of

age. Provides that an apprentice hunter is not required to take the hunter education course and may not obtain more than three apprentice licenses in the individual's lifetime.

Signed into law: 3/14/08

IOWA

H.F. 2381 & S.F. 2203 – Animal Fighting

Makes being a spectator at an animal fight a second offense felony.

Signed into law: 5/6/08

KENTUCKY

H.B. 145 & S.B. 58 – Animal Cruelty

Relating to torture of a dog or cat to increase the penalty for a first offense to a Class D felony.

Signed into law: 4/24/08

H.R. 237 – Humane Resolution

Request the Interim Joint Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources to study the impacts of cloned meat, dairy, and poultry on agriculture and the food supply system.

Adopted: 3/26/08

LOUISIANA

H.B. 286 – Animal Fighting

Makes being a spectator at an animal fight a felony.

Signed into law: 5/29/08

H.B. 752 – Animal Cruelty

Amends criminal penalties for the crime of injuring or killing of a police animal.

Signed into law: 6/12/08

H.B. 1193 – Puppy Mills

Increases dog and cat license fees, requires commercial breeders to pay a license fee, and sets a limit on the number of dogs a breeder can keep.

[Signed into law: 7/9/08](#)

S.B. 264 – Animal Cruelty

Allows a judge to grant the petitioner temporary restraining order sole custody and care of a pet.

[Signed into law: 6/21/08](#)

MAINE

L.D. 2010 – Humane Resolution

Ethical dog breeding.

[Signed into law: 4/15/08](#)

L.D. 2171 – Animal Cruelty

Provides for a temporary animal shelter, imposes a requirement that breeding kennels display kennel license numbers when advertising, adds neglect to the crime of cruelty to animals and strengthens the requirement for proper shelter. The bill also establishes new crimes related to unattended animals in motor vehicles and domestic violence against animals. Exempts farm animals from cruelty code.

[Signed into law: 4/25/08](#)

MARYLAND

H.B. 113 – Animal Cruelty

Allows the county commissioner of Somerset County to impose civil or criminal penalties for violations of certain regulations regarding dogs and cats. 1/16/08, introduced and referred to Environmental Matters.

[Signed into law: 4/8/08](#)

H.B. 227 – Livestock Auctions

Expands the authority of the Department of Agriculture to impose administrative penalties of up to \$10,000 for violations at livestock auctions, cattle/swine importation regulations, registration and licensing requirements for poultry markets, and horse transport requirements.

[Signed into law: 4/8/08](#)

H.B. 840 – Hunting

Allows deer hunting with bow and arrow on Sundays in Washington County.

[Signed into law: 4/8/08](#)

H.B. 1481 – Humane Euthanasia

Allows the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to issue licenses to allow humane societies and county animal shelters to administer the drugs needed to sedate and euthanize animals; sets an annual license fee of \$100; requires the Board to adopt regulations in consultation with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; imposes criminal liability on shelters or humane societies that distribute or administer these drugs for uses other than sedation or euthanasia of animals.

[Signed into law: 5/22/08](#)

H.B. 1482 – Hunting

Removes Harford County from the list of counties in which deer hunting on private property on certain Sundays is prohibited.

[Signed into law: 4/24/08](#)

S.B. 44 & H.B. 719 – Animal Fighting

Increased penalties for spectators at animal fights.

[Signed into law: 5/13/08](#)

MASSACHUSETTS

H.B. 1527 – Animal Fighting

Increases the penalties for being a spectator and aiding or being present at an exhibition of fighting animals to \$1,000 or 5 years or imprisonment.

[Signed into law: 10/2/08](#)

H.B. 5006 – Pet Rental

Bans the renting of pets.

Signed into law: 8/5/08

MICHIGAN

S.B. 346 & H.B. 4065 – Animal Cruelty

Prohibits fleeing the scene of dog or wolf-dog cross bite incident or failing to provide assistance to bitten individual.

Signed into law: 7/17/08

H.B. 4552 – Animal Cruelty

Allows for consecutive sentencing for each animal in an animal cruelty conviction.

Signed into law: 12/23/08

H.B. 5331 – Hunting

Eliminates participation license for bear and bobcat hunting.

Signed into law: 12/23/08

S.B. 1077 & S.B. 1084 - Hunting

Authorizes the removal, capture, or lethal control of a gray wolf that is killing, wounding, or biting a dog under certain circumstances.

Signed into law: 12/18/08

MINNESOTA

H.F. 3132 & S.F. 3360 – Animal Fighting

Animal fighting spectator and paraphernalia penalty.

Signed into law: 5/23/08

H.F. 2906 & S.F. 2876 – Dangerous Dogs

Modifies dangerous dog provisions.

Signed into law: 5/20/08

MISSISSIPPI

H.B. 947 – Animal Fighting

Hog Dog repeals of the sunset provision

Signed into law: 3/31/08

NEBRASKA

L.B. 690 – Hunting

Provides for apprentice hunter education exemptions

Signed into law: 2/7/08

L.B. 764 – Animal Cruelty

Prohibits certain treatment of bovines and equines (Mexican rodeo bill).

Signed into law: 4/16/08

L.B. 1055 – Animal Cruelty

Requires dangerous dogs to be spayed or neutered and microchipped; broadens provisions related to animal cruelty and prevents future ownership

Signed into law: 4/24/08

L.B. 806 – Animal Cruelty

Changes provisions relating to service dogs to include service animals.

Signed into law: 4/17/08

L.B. 865 – Hunting

Eliminates restrictions on trapping raptors on county road right of ways.

Signed into law: 4/16/08

NEW HAMPSHIRE

H.B. 666 – Spay/Neuter

Establishes a fee for processing a license for the sale of animal vaccines; the fee is then deposited in the Companion Animal Neutering Fund.

Signed into law: 5/29/08

H.B. 1143 – Animal Cruelty

Creates penalties for failure to provide outdoor dogs with necessary shelter.

Signed into law: 6/24/08

H.B. 1232 – Hunting

Regulation by the fish and game department of baiting of game birds.

Signed into law: 5/29/08

H.B. 1301 – Animal Cruelty

Defines service dogs.

Signed into law: 6/24/08

H.B. 1430 – Animal Cruelty

Application of animal cruelty laws to horse and dog race tracks.

Signed into law: 6/27/08

H.B. 1569 – Wildlife

Prohibits the use of drugs on wildlife under the jurisdiction of the fish and game department and establishes criminal penalties.

Signed into law: 5/29/08

S.B. 375 – Veterinary Practice

Allowing veterinarians to inform town and city clerks about dogs that have been euthanized.

Signed into law: 5/14/08

S.B. 513 – Animal Fighting

Relative to fighting animals.

Signed into law: 7/11/08

NEW JERSEY

A. 2260 – Wildlife

Imposes moratorium on harvest and possession of horseshoe crabs.

Signed into law: 3/25/08

NEW MEXICO

S.B. 471, S.B. 165, H.B. 2 - Animal Shelters

Provides funding for certain animal shelters and animal protection projects.

Signed into law: 2/13/08

NEW YORK

A. 9419 – Fur

Tweaks anal electrocution bill. Clarifies that stunning to facilitate the killing of a fur bearing animal with an electrical current is illegal (original bill just prohibiting “stunning” with electrical current).

Signed into law: 3/4/08

A. 3689 & S. 8409 - Downers

Makes it unlawful for any person to sell a nonambulatory animal or the meat of any such non-ambulatory animal at public auction.

Signed into law: 7/8/08

A. 6900, 3878, 733, 1354, 1154, 1155, 11033/S. 8228 - Hunting

Youth hunting.

Signed into law: 7/21/08

A. 10092 & S. 6466 - Animal Fighting

Removes requirement to pay admission or gamble to be charged as a spectator. Amended to leave in section on admission/gambling, but adds new section to make it illegal to be a spectator at an animal fight, with \$500 fine.

[Signed into law: 7/21/08](#)

[A. 6601 & S. 1645 – Puppy Mills](#)

Provides that a pet dealer must give notice to a person who purchases a dog that a dog residing in the state must be licensed.

[Signed into law: 9/25/08](#)

[A. 7402 & S. 3528 – Animal Testing](#)

Prohibits animal testing by manufacturers and contract testing facilities when there is a valid and recommended alternative method approved by the relevant federal agency.

[Signed into law: 7/8/08](#)

[A. 246 & S. 5920 – Live Bird Markets](#)

Prohibits the licensing of new establishments that slaughter animals within 25 feet of a residential dwelling in a city with a population of one million or more.

[Signed into law: 8/5/08](#)

[A. 1990 & S. 1282 & A. 10343 – Animal Cruelty](#)

Prohibits the confinement of companion animals in extreme temperatures.

[Signed into law: 9/26/08](#)

[A. 3520 - Livestock](#)

Provides for the mandatory revocation of licenses of operators of slaughterhouses upon the failure of three consecutive inspections; further requires licensee to post a copy of its most recent sanitary inspection.

[Signed into law: 9/5/08](#)

[A. 9715 & S. 7184 – Disaster Planning](#)

Establishes animal response teams for use in emergencies and disasters affecting animals in New York state

[Signed into law: 7/8/08](#)

[A. 8855 & S. 4541 – Animal Cruelty](#)

Authorizes protection orders may prohibit the unjustified killing or injuring of the companion animal of the person protected by such

order or of any minor child residing with such protected person.

Signed into law: 9/5/08

A. 11632 & S. 7226 - Exotics

Haley's Act; prohibits direct contact between big cats and the public.

Vetoed: 9/25/08

NORTH CAROLINA

H.B. 2121 – Hunting

Prohibit the discharge of a firearm from, on, or across the right-of-way of an improved state-maintained road or highway in Jackson county, with one exception.

Signed into law: 6/26/08

H.B. 2123 & S.B. 1706 - Hunting

Establishes a season for the trapping of foxes and coyotes in Alamance County.

Signed into law: 7/3/08

H.B. 2234 & H.B. 2591 & S.B. 1856 & S.B. 1989 – Hunting

Establishes a season for the trapping of foxes in Craven County.

Signed into law: 6/24/08

H.B. 2760 – Hunting

Establishes a season for taking foxes with weapons and by trapping in stokes county.

Signed into law: 7/14/08

S.B. 845 – Animal Cruelty

Authorizes the board of agriculture to adopt rules governing euthanasia of animals.

Signed into law: 8/8/08

OHIO

H.B. 71 – Animal Fighting

Applies impoundment provisions in the companion animal statutes to the confiscation of dogs under the statute prohibiting dog fighting.

Signed into law: 6/27/08

H.B. 352 – Livestock

Includes alpacas in certain statutory definitions of "agricultural animal" and "livestock."

Signed into law: 5/7/08

OKLAHOMA

S.J.R. 38 – Hunting

Right to hunt.

Adopted: 5/8/08

S.B. 1463 – Hunting

Prohibits Internet hunting.

Signed into law: 5/5/08

OREGON

S.B. 1072 – Animal Fighting

Makes being a spectator at a dogfight, advertising dogfighting equipment, and possession of dogfighting paraphernalia felony offenses.

Signed into law: 3/11/08

PENNSYLVANIA

H.B. 69 – Hunting

Permits the sale of mounted specimens of game or wildlife not killed in a wild state in Pennsylvania; permits the sale of mounted specimens by auctioneers (allows illegal wildlife to be auctioned off without requiring paperwork).

[Signed into law: 7/9/08](#)

H.B. 2525 – Puppy Mills

Defines "commercial kennels" as any facility that sells dogs to a dealer or pet shop or sells more than 60 dogs per year; establishes additional protections for the dogs raised in commercial kennels, including requirements about food and water, shelter, vet care, and housing; establishes stronger protections for breeding dogs over the age of 12 weeks, prohibiting stacking of wire cages and requiring increased space and vet care.

[Signed into law: 10/9/08](#)

RHODE ISLAND

S.B. 2566 & H.B. 8425 – Horse Transport

Provides that no person may transfer any horses in a vehicle or trailer containing two (2) or more levels of horses, or penalties shall be incurred for doing so.

[Effective without Governor's signature: 7/5/08](#)

H.R. 339 – Humane Resolution

Creating a special commission to study the relationship between interpersonal violence and animal cruelty.

[Adopted: 6/19/08](#)

SOUTH CAROLINA

H.B. 4921 – Animal Cruelty

Exempts from the cruelty code activities licensed by DNR and dog training activities where there is not repeated contact between the dog and another animal.

[Effective without Governor's signature: 6/5/08](#)

H.B. 4952 – Wildlife

Prohibits the use of immuno-contraception in wildlife without a permit from the department; requires that preference be given to hunting as the primary management method before permits can be issued.

Effective without Governor's signature: 5/22/08

S.B. 452 – Hunting

Allows for the hunting and removal of alligators.

Signed into law: 2/19/08

SOUTH DAKOTA

H.C.R. 1007 – Horse Slaughter

Supports the need for USDA inspected horse slaughter plants in South Dakota.

Adopted: 2/22/08

H.B. 1263 – Hunting

Allows kids between the ages of 10-16 to hunt without a hunting license if accompanied by a “hunting mentor.”

Signed into law: 3/17/08

TENNESSEE

S.B. 2697 – Animal Cruelty

Changes offense of killing animal of another to require only that the defendant knowingly and unlawfully kills animal of another without the owner's effective consent.

Signed into law: 7/2/08

H.B. 2629 & S.B. 3138 – Animal Control

Subject to local approval, repeals Maury county animal control board.

Signed into law: 2/21/08

H.B. 3131 & S.B. 3340 – Hunting

Removes the present prohibition on the use of cable snare traps, regardless of the diameter, in any county located in the eastern grand

division and the corresponding exceptions for certain counties; retains authority for Dyer County to prohibit the use of snare traps.
[Signed into law: 4/1/08](#)

H.B. 2912 & S.B. 3149 – Animal Control

Requires 3 day holding period before animals in shelters can be euthanized.
[Signed into law: 3/18/08](#)

H.B. 2808 & S.B. 2399 – Antifreeze

Requires all antifreeze containing at least 10 percent ethylene glycol to contain, and be labeled with, a bittering agent.
[Signed into law: 6/13/08](#)

UTAH

H.B. 325 – Animal Cruelty

Includes animal cruelty in a definition of “hazing.”
[Signed into law: 3/17/08](#)

S.B. 66 – Disaster Planning

Enacts provisions governing licensed practitioners from outside of the state who come to Utah to provide health and veterinary services in response to declared emergencies in Utah.
[Signed into law: 3/17/08](#)

S.B. 164 – Hunting

Bans internet hunting.
[Signed into law: 3/13/08](#)

S.B. 297 – Animal Cruelty

Makes torture of a dog or cat a third degree felony on the first offense.
[Signed into law: 3/17/08](#)

VERMONT

H. 711 – Dissection Choice

Allows students an instructional alternative to dissection, incubation, capturing, or otherwise harming an animal.

Signed into law: 5/20/08

VIRGINIA

H.B. 5 – Animal Cruelty

Prohibits the use of gas chambers.

Signed into law: 2/22/08

H.B. 115 – Hunting

Authorizes the Director of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to allow licensed trappers to visit completely submerged, conibear-style, body-gripping traps every 72 hours, instead of every 24 hours.

Signed into law: 3/3/08

H.B. 207 – Animal Shelter

Clarifies that a pound may operate in a designated portion of another facility, such as a shelter. The change would allow inspectors to tailor the separate inspection and regulatory standards for shelters and pounds to the respective portion of the facility designated for each purpose.

Signed into law: 2/22/08

H.B. 538 – Puppy Mills

Defines commercial breeders as persons who maintain 20 or more unsterilized adult females for commercial breeding purposes; requires that breeders maintain no more than 50 adult dogs at one time.

Signed into law: 4/23/08

H.B. 655 – Dangerous Dog

Provides a court with the authority not to declare a dog to be a dangerous dog for good cause, based on the evidence before it.

Signed into law: 3/5/08

H.B. 656 & S.B. 592 – Animal Fighting

Broadens the Class 6 felony applicable to the crime of dogfighting to the fighting of any animals, including cocks, and the possession of any materials intended to enhance the ability of animals to fight. Attending an exhibition of animal fighting or permitting a minor to become involved in animal fighting is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

[Signed into law: 3/11/08](#)

H.B. 673 – Animal Cruelty

Clarifies several standards of animal welfare.

[Signed into law: 3/2/08](#)

H.B. 886 – Hunting

Allows the training of dogs to hunt bears at night. Currently, the training of dogs to hunt bears is limited to one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

[Signed into law: 2/27/08](#)

H.B. 999 – Animal Cruelty

Provides that unless he is determined by the court to be unable to post bond or that the posting of bond would present a substantial financial hardship, the owner of any animal held by a humane investigator or animal control officer for more than 15 days shall post a bond with the locality for the amount of the cost of boarding the animal.

[Signed into law: 3/8/08](#)

H.B. 1175 & S.B. 617 – Hunting

Authorizes the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to issue an apprentice hunting license. This license would be issued in lieu of the current state resident or nonresident basic hunting license. It is a one-time license that expires one year from the date of purchase and does not require the licensee to complete a hunter education course. The fee for obtaining the license would be \$10 for residents and \$20 for nonresidents.

[Signed into law: 2/25/08](#)

S.B. 26 – Animal Fighting

Adds organized dogfighting as a qualifying offense under the Virginia Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act.

[Signed into law: 4/14/08](#)

S.B. 637 – Animal Cruelty

Adds animal control officers to the list of persons with the duty to report suspected child abuse. Animal control officers already

receive training in the recognition of child abuse and neglect and information on how complaints are filed.

[Signed into law: 2/27/08](#)

S.B. 663 – Animal Control

Removes the cap that localities may charge for the burial or cremation of animals; increases the license fee cap for cats and dogs from \$10 to \$25; and authorizes localities to charge additional fees for the repeated impoundment of the same animal.

[Signed into law: 3/4/08](#)

H.B. 114 – Hunting

Permits hunters to attach an identification number issued by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to traps.

[Signed into law: 3/6/08](#)

H.B. 1016 – Hunting

Allows the Director of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to allow the killing of deer over bait in counties with a special late antlerless season when specifically requested by the governing body of the locality.

[Signed into law: 2/22/08](#)

WASHINGTON

H.B. 2438 – Hunting

Makes the pilot program on hound hunting of cougars permanent.

[Signed into law: 3/11/08](#)

H.B. 2713 & S.B. 6488 – Animal Cruelty

Requires the collection of DNA samples from people convicted of felony animal cruelty.

[Signed into law: 3/20/08](#)

H.B. 2996 – Antifreeze

Requires the addition of a bittering agent to any antifreeze containing 10% or more of ethylene glycol that is manufactured or sold in Washington.

[Signed into law: 3/19/08](#)

WEST VIRGINIA

H.B. 4344 – Animal Cruelty

Clarifies shelter and tethering requirements; requires that shelter provided to animals outside protect from the elements of weather; prohibits “cruelly tethering.”

Signed into law: 3/27/08

S.B. 9 – Hunting

Authorizes hunter safety education classes as a part of physical education courses in public schools.

Signed into law: 4/1/08

WYOMING

S.B. 7 – Wildlife

Repeals the sunset provision for the animal damage management program.

Signed into law: 3/5/08

H.B. 46 – Animal Fighting

Makes a subsequent offense of animal fighting or possessing animals with the intent to fight a felony offense.

Signed into law: 3/3/08