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- Every state (except Georgia, Hawaii, Iowa, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Oklahoma) has a Consolidated Cruelty Statute.
- Twenty-one states have laws concerning humane slaughter.
- Initiatives or referendums are allowed in 24 of 50 states.
- Measures highlighted in **yellow** are currently active.

Alabama

Law	Title	Animals	Content	Status
SB 104		All animals	Amends existing statutes for unlicensed vet students	Signed into law on 4/21/10
HB 561		Livestock	Prohibits local governments from adopting rules and laws regarding livestock on private property	Signed into law on 4-27-10

Arizona

Law	Title	Animals	Content	Status
A.R.S. 13-2910	<i>Consolidated Cruelty Statutes</i>	All animals	Cruelty to animals is considered as a felony, exclusions: hunting, agriculture	Last amended: 1999
A.R.S. 3-312	<i>Transporting equine in a cruel manner; violation,</i>	Horses	A vehicle used to transport equine for slaughter may have no more than one tier	Statute revised: 2002

	<i>classification, definition</i>			
Proposition 204	<i>Cruel and Inhumane Confinement of Animals</i>	Pigs during pregnancy, calves	Prohibits confinement (lying down and fully extending his or her limbs, turning around freely)	Passed: 11/7/2006
S.C.M. 1001	<i>Equine Resources, opposing federal legislation</i>	Horses	Urges U.S. Congress to oppose federal legislation to ban the slaughter of horses and transport of horses for slaughter	First read: 1/29/2009 Second: 6/8/2009 Last amended: 2/16/2010
HB 2612	<i>Veterinarian Regulations</i>	All animals	Makes changes to veterinary practice act. Vet must report abuse and vet records shall be provided to local law enforcement on request	Signed into law on 4-27-10
HB 2499	<i>Prescriptions, Electronic Submission by Patient</i>	All Animals	Prescription orders can be placed by e-mail, and fax	Signed into law on 4-19-10
SB 1266	<i>Juveniles; Communication Devices; Sexual Material</i>	All animals	In domestic orders of protection, a court may grant the petitioner the exclusive care, custody or control of any animal that is owned, possessed, leased, kept or held by the petitioner, the respondent or a minor child residing in the residence or household of the petitioner or the respondent. The court may order the respondent to stay away from the animal and forbid the respondent from taking, transferring, encumbering, concealing, committing an act of cruelty or neglect, or otherwise disposing of the animal.	Signed into law on 5-7-10
		Pregnant Sows	Ballot campaign banning sow gestation stalls	

Arkansas

Law	Title	Animals	Content	Status
AR H.C.R. 1004	<i>Request for Arizona congressional delegation to support horse processing facilities</i>	Horses	Statement that urges the U.S. Congress to support new horse processing facilities	On governor's desk: 4/2009, Pending

California

Law	Title	Animals	Content	Status
CA PENAL 597a	<i>Cruelty to animals; transportation</i>	All animals	Considered as a misdemeanor to carry or cause a domestic animal to be carried in a vehicle in a cruel or inhumane manner, or authorizes or permits it to be subjected to unnecessary torture, suffering, or cruelty	Passed: 1905
CA PENAL 597t	<i>Confined animals;</i>	All animals	An animal kept in an enclosed	Adopted: 1970

	<i>punishments</i>		area be provided with an adequate exercise area, if the animal is restricted by a leash, rope, or chain, the leash, rope, or chain shall be affixed in such a manner that it will prevent the animal from becoming entangled or injured and permit the animal's access to adequate shelter, food, and water	Amended: 1971
	<i>Animal Cruelty Act Consolidated Cruelty Statutes</i>	All animals, cattle included	Cruelty to animals is considered as a felony	Passed: 1983
CA PENAL 599f	<i>Nonambulatory animals</i>	Cattle, swine, sheep, goats	Prohibits a slaughterhouse, stockyard, or auction to buy, sell, or receive a non-ambulatory animal. No slaughterhouse shall sell meat from non-ambulatory animals for human consumption	Adopted: 1994 Amended: 2008
California Admin. Code 1245. 1-16	<i>California Poultry Slaughter Administrative Regulations</i>	All poultry, exceptions: spent hens, small game birds	Humane slaughter regulations-transport, handling	Adopted: 1994 Amended: 1998 Amended: 2003
Proposition 6	<i>Prohibition of Horse Slaughter and Sale of Horsemeat for Human Consumption Act</i>	Horses	Prohibits any person from possessing, transferring, receiving or holding and horse, pony, burro or mule with intent to kill or have killed for human consumption	Passed: 1998
California Health and Safety Code, Sections 25980-25984	<i>Foie Gras regulations</i>	Ducks, geese	Prohibits the force feeding of a bird the purpose of enlarging the bird's liver beyond normal size	Enacted: 2004 Effective: 2012
CA PENAL 597.7	<i>Animal confinement in unattended motor vehicle penalties</i>	All animals	No person shall leave or confine an animal in any unattended motor vehicle under conditions that endanger the health or well-being of an animal	Adopted: 2006
Proposition 2	<i>The Prevention of Farm Animal Cruelty Act</i>	Veal calves, egg-laying hens, pregnant pigs	Animals must be confined only in ways that allow them to lie down, stand up, fully extend their limbs and turn around freely. Exceptions are made for transportation, rodeos, fairs, 4-H programs, lawful slaughter, research and veterinary purposes.	Passed: 2008 Effective: 1/1/2015
CA S.B. 135	<i>Ban on Tail Docking</i>	Cattle	Prohibits tail docking tails on cattle	Introduced: 2/10/2009 Last Amended: 9/1/2009 Currently in session
CA A.B. 1437	<i>Eggs from battery cages</i>	Eggs	Prohibits the sale of a shelled egg for human consumption from hens not raised to CA confinement standards	Introduced: 2/27/2009 Passed: 7/6/2010
S.B. 416	<i>Pupil Nutrition, Health, and Achievement Act; antibiotics</i>	Poultry and meat products	Encourages school districts to purchase meat products that are free of non therapeutic antibiotics	Introduced: 2/26/2009 Inactive: 6/3/2009
S.B. 562	<i>Human food</i>	All	Beginning in 2011, all food	Introduced: 2/27/09

	<i>product; nontherapeutic antibiotics</i>	livestock	products from animals given antibiotics for non-therapeutic use would have to be labeled using a state-mandated local program	Amended: 6/17/09 Failed deadline
	<i>Cruelty to animals; transportation (1905)</i>	All Animals	Considered as a misdemeanor for anyone to carry, or cause a domestic animal to be carried, in a vehicle in a cruel or inhuman manner, or authorizes or permits it to be subjected to unnecessary torture, suffering, or cruelty of any kind.	
SB1277	<i>Animal Abuse; registry; internet publication</i>	All Animals	Would create a registry of persons convicted of felony animal abuse, to be available to the public via an Internet Web site, and funded through a tax on pet food.	Introduced on 2/19/10. Held by Senate appropriations on 5/27/10. Suspended
AB 1656	<i>Fur labeling</i>		Requires all fur products to be labeled with a conspicuous tag identifying which animals the fur came from and the country of origin	Vetoed by Governor 9/25/2010
AB 2012	<i>Cruelty to Animals</i>	All animals	Revises the punishment for this offense to provide that it is punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for not more than one year, or in the state prison, or by a fine of not more than \$20,000, or by both that fine and imprisonment.	Introduced 2/26/10 Vetoed by governor 9/30/10

Colorado

Law	Title	Animals	Content	Status
Amendment 14	<i>Regulation of Commercial Hog Facilities</i>	Hogs in large-scale production	Regulation of housed commercial swine feeding operations which can house 800,000 or more pounds of swine or which are deemed commercial	Passed: 1998
Proposal 13	<i>Uniform Living Regulations</i>	All livestock	Sought to create uniform livestock regulations based on potential environmental impact rather than the character of the farm	Failed: 1998
S.B. 35-50.5-101	<i>Confinement of calves raised for veal and pregnant sows</i>	Calves, pregnant pigs	Regulation to phase out veal crates and gestation stalls	Approved: 5/14/2008 Veal regulations enacted: 1/1/2012 Gestating sow regulations enacted 1/1/2018
SB 80	<i>Protection Orders Pets Animals</i>	All animals	Allows a court to issue protection restraining a party from harming an animal owned, possessed,	Signed into law on 4/12/10, effective on 7/1/10

			leased, kept, or held by any other party, a minor child of any other party, or an elderly or at risk adult.	
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Connecticut

Law	Title	Animals	Content	Status
S.B. 123, H.B. 5811, H.B. 5464	<i>Battery Cages/Confinement</i>	Egg-laying hens, pregnant pigs	Prohibits battery cages and gestation crates	Introduced 2009 Died, session adjourned
HB 5545, SB 494			Establishes grant program for five four-year grants per student class for eligible state residents enrolled in an accredited veterinary graduate school.	Signed into law on 4/14/10, 5/7/10.
HB 5452	<i>Volunteer Health Care Services on a Temporary Basis</i>	All Animals	Out-of-state volunteer health care practitioners to provide health care services in the state at a free clinic or similar charitable medical event providing free health care services.	Signed into law on 5-5-10, effective 7-1-10
SB 397	<i>Puppy Mills and Sick Dogs Importing</i>	Dogs	Requires commissioner of ag to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly on the adequacy of current law in limiting the importation of sick puppies, including an assessment on limiting the number of dogs imported from puppy mills and informing the purchaser of a dog from a pet shop licensee of the possibility that a puppy mill bred the dog.	Introduced on 3-4-10. public hearing 3-12-10 Failed deadline, considered dead 3/22/2010
SB 274	<i>Tethering</i>	Dogs	Requires min 100sqft enclosure plus 50% for each additional dog,. Tethered dog must have food/water/shelter at all times and be visible by owner. Outlaws prong collars. Dogs must be able to move 8ft in any direction while tethered.	Passed 5/14/2010

District of Columbia

Law	Title	Animals	Content	Status
B18 71	<i>Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act of 2009</i>	All animals	Enacts the Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act to promote the rapid deployment of qualified volunteer health practitioners during declared emergencies.	Signed into law on 4-26-10

B 18-521	<i>Human and Environmental Health Protection Amendment Act of 2009</i>		Would prohibit use of propoxur and permethrin in flea and tick products	Introduced on 11-6-09 Hearing in Comm. on Govt. Oper. and Env. on 1-20-10 Approved: 7/30/2010
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Florida

Law	Title	Animals	Content	Status
Amendment Article X Section 19	<i>Limiting Cruelty Amendment: Limiting Cruel and Inhumane Confinement of Pigs During Pregnancy</i>	Pregnant pigs	No person shall confine a pig during pregnancy in a cage, crate or other enclosure, or tether a pregnant pig, on a farm so that the pig is prevented from turning around freely	Adopted: 11/2002
HB 543, SB 1276	<i>Dangerous Dogs/Breed Specific Regulation</i>	Dogs	Would eliminate the prohibition of breed-specific local government regulation of dangerous dogs.	Introduced on 12-28-09 and 1-20-10 Died in Committee 5/2010
HB 765, SB 1708		Horse Meat	Would make it illegal to knowingly transport, distribute, sell, purchase or possess horsemeat for human consumption that is not labelled and acquired from a licensed slaughterhouse.	HB 765 passed both houses as of 4-22-10; presented to Governor 4-30-10 SB 1708 was introduced on 2-4-10, amended 4/20/10

Georgia

Law	Title	Animals	Content	Status
HB 62, HB 234	<i>Education Loans; State Veterinary Education Board</i>		Clarifies the state's vet student loan repayment program to transfer administration of the program to the State Vet Education Board. Approved applicants receive a loan purchase in an amount to be determined by board. Must practice in a rural county in Georgia.	HB 62 was introduced on 1-14-09. HB 234 was introduced on 2-2-09
HB 692	<i>Uniform Rules of the Road</i>	All Animals	Prohibits transport of any animal in the bed of a truck w/o min. 46" tall rails unless animal is cross-tethered or enclosed; farmers/ranchers exempted	In House for 2 nd reading 3/10/2010

Hawaii

Law	Title	Animals	Content	Status
HB 2772	<i>Veterinary Medicine</i>		Permits the Board of Vet Medicine to revoke or suspend a license or fine a licensee for conduct or practice contrary to recognized principles of medical ethics of the veterinary	Signed into law on 4-9-10

			profession as adopted by the Hawaii Veterinary Medical Assoc. and the American Vet Medical Assoc.	
SB 73	<i>Non-Economic Damages</i>	Dogs, cats, birds, rabbits and "other domestic pets"	Allows up to \$25,000 to be awarded to a pet owner for emotional damages following negligent injuries to owned animal	Waiting for session to reconvene

Idaho

Law	Title	Animals	Content	Status
HB 481	<i>Pharmacists, Veterinarians</i>		Extends the period of time in which vets are required to provide written confirmation of oral drug orders from 72 hours to 7 days after the seller receives the order.	Signed into law on 3-18-10, effective 7-1-10.
S 1316	<i>Animals, Normal/Accepted Practices</i>		Criminal animal cruelty laws shall not be construed as interfering with the humane slaughter of equines, or normal and accepted practices of animal identification and husbandry as established by, but not limited to, guidelines developed and approved by appropriate national or state commodity organizations.	Signed into law on 3-18-10, effective 7-1-10
HB 465	<i>Veterinary Medicine, Board of</i>		Would allow various state agencies, a county prosecuting attorney or a citizen to bring an action in district court to enjoin a person from practicing vet medicine or practicing as a certified vet technician, certified euthanasia technician or euthanasia agency without a currently valid, active license, permit or certificate.	Signed into law on 3-25-10.
SB 1331	<i>Livestock Care Standards Board</i>	Livestock	Would create the Idaho Livestock Care Standards Board to establish proposed standards governing the care and well-being of livestock and poultry in the state.	Passed Senate on 3-1-10

Illinois

Law	Title	Animals	Content	Status
SB 139	<i>Humane Care For Animals- Tech</i>		Would provide that unless performed by a vet for a medical reason, tail docking and ear cropping constitutes "animal torture".	Introduced on 1-30-09. Referred to assignments on 8-15-09.
HB 4812	<i>Animals-Horse Meat</i>	Horses	Would repeal the provision that prohibits the slaughter of horses	Introduced on 1-12-10.

			for human consumption, and create the Equine Rescue Assistance Fund.	
HB 583	<i>Animals-Horse Meat</i>	Horses	Would repeal a provision that prohibits the slaughter of horses for human consumption and would allow equidae more than 12 months of age to enter the state for immediate slaughter without a certificate of vet inspection.	Second Reading with House Floor Amendments on 3-31-09. Re-referred to the Rules Committee on 4-3-09
SB 1337	<i>Animals- Farm Animal Cruelty</i>		Would prohibit a person from tethering or confining any pig during pregnancy, calf raised for veal, or egg-laying hen on a farm, for all or the majority of any day, in a manner that prevents the animal from (i) lying down, standing up, and fully extending his or her limbs or (ii) turning around freely. Exemptions include examination, testing, individual treatment, or operation for vet purposes.	Introduced on 2-10-09 and assigned to the Ag and Conservation Committee on 2-18-09. Re-referred to Assignments on 3-13-09.
HB 5377, SB 3712	<i>Vet Med Pract Act</i>		Would make several changes to the vet practice act, including extending the repeal date from 2014 to 2020. Would add "complementary, alternative and integrative therapies; rendering of advice or recommendation by any means, including telephonic and other electronic communications; and performing any manual or mechanical procedure for reproductive management, including the diagnosis or treatment of pregnancy, sterility, or infertility." Would revise the definition of "veterinarian-client-patient relationship." Would require a vet to maintain patient records for a minimum of 5 yrs from the date of the last known contact.	HB 5377 Passed both Houses as of 4-29-10 SB 3712 Passed the Senate on 3-17-10.
SB 3604	<i>Animal Welfare to Livestock Board</i>	Livestock	The Advisory Board of Livestock Commissioners will be responsible for approving administrative rules related to the well-being of poultry and domestic animals. The board will also work to prevent, eliminate and control diseases that affect them. Under the law, the Illinois Department of Agriculture will now be required to submit rules and regulations involving animal welfare issues that the board previously did not oversee.	Effective immediately

			The board consists of 25 members, 17 of which are appointed by the governor.	
HB 5771	<i>Dog Breeding Puppy Mills</i>	Dogs	Licenses as commercial anyone; 1) with 10 females 2) who sells any dog to a pet shop or #) who sells 30+ dogs in a calendar year. Licenses as breeder anyone with 6 females. Requires yearly vet exams. Dogs cannot produce more than 2 litters in an 18 month period. Commercial must provide temperature controlled indoor housing with solid floors, constant access outdoor exercise area with shelter	Introduced 2/9/2010, referred to Rules 3/15/2010
HB 3841	<i>Puppy Mills</i>	Dogs & Cats	Amends Animal Welfare Act. Requires pet shops to purchase cats or dogs only from licensed breeders. Adds license for Doggy Daycares. Defines Hobby Breeder as one w/ 6-26 females who sells any dogs. Defines Large Scale Breeder as anyone with over 26 females. Requires pre-license inspection.	Introduced 2/16/10 Referred to Assignments
SB 2580	<i>Tethering</i>	Dogs	Prohibits tethering b/w 10pm-6am. Requires min. 15 ft lead. Convicted second time offenders would be charged with a Class 4 felony including minimum 1 year jail time for each day a violation continues.	Amended 3/15 and 3/18/10. Failed vote 4/8/2010

Indiana

Law	Title	Animals	Content	Status
SB 116, SB 343		All Animals	Allows the board of animal health to establish standards governing the care of livestock and poultry.	Introduced on 1-5 and 1-11-10
HB 583		Horsemeat	Would repeal a provision that prohibits the slaughter of horses for human consumption.	
HB 1258	<i>Pet Stores, Animal Regulation</i>	Pets and horses	Requires disclosure statements from pet stores and a \$25 deposit from each pet sale to go into a commercial breeder fund.	Introduced 1/12/10 Referred to Committee

			Develops standards of housing for pet stores. Requires equines to have shelter from weather free of standing water. Makes first offense for failure to provide equine shelter a Class B infraction and each subsequent offense a class A infraction	
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Kansas

Law	Title	Animals	Content	Status
SB 374			Would make evidence of statements or gestures that express apology, sympathy, commiseration or condolence concerning the consequences of an event in which the declarant was a participant not admissible to prove liability for any claim growing out of the event.	Introduced on 1-14-10, re-referred to Judiciary on 2-18-10.

Kentucky

Law	Title	Animals	Content	Status
HB 398	<i>AN ACT Relating to Agriculture</i>	Horses	Establishes the Kentucky Equine Health and Welfare Council to maintain the health, welfare, and safety of equines. Creates the Kentucky Livestock Care Standards Commission to make recommendations on standards governing care of livestock and poultry.	Signed into law on 4-12-10.
See note:			Popular referendum state, watched by activists as the Animal Legal Defense Fund named it "last in animal abuse laws".	

Louisiana

Law	Title	Animals	Content	Status
HB 201	<i>Crime/Abuse</i>	All Animals	Would create a registry of persons convicted of certain crimes against animals.	Introduced on 3-8-10
HB 1048	<i>Veterinarians</i>		Would require the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine to begin increasing the number of Louisiana residents it accepts to its program, with particular emphasis on such residents who have an expressed and proven interest in large animal veterinary practice. Would require the	Prefilled on 3-19-10

			school to give extra weight in its admissions evaluations to residents who can demonstrate a long standing commitment to large animal care.	
HB 313		Dogs	Changed the maximum kennel fees into minimum fees without caps. Allows unlimited yearly fees	Passed 5/13/10
HB 219	<i>Tethering</i>	Dogs	Establishes tether must be minimum 3x dogs body length except in trolley systems, at campsites or during licensed training activities	Introduced 3/9/10 Signed into law 6/23/10

Maine

Law	Title	Animals	Content	Status
LD 1821	<i>An Act Pertaining to Sales Tax Exemption for Products Purchased for Agricultural Use</i>		Clarifies that antiseptics and cleaning agents used in commercial animal agricultural production are exempt from sales tax. Requires the State Tax Assessor to post on a list of products for which a determination on tax exempt status under this exemption has been made.	Signed into law on 4-9-10, effective 90 days after the legislature adjourns.
		Egg laying Hens	Legislative ban on cages for egg laying	
LD 1598	<i>Strengthen laws against puppy mills</i>	All animals (despite name)	Requires state to recover fees of relocating seized animals. Makes probation an option for Class D infractions. Allows expedited removal in some cases	Signed by governor- date unknown

Maryland

Law	Title	Animals	Content	Status
HB 649	<i>Environment- Pharmaceutical Disposal Act</i>		Would prohibit a health care facility, including a veterinary facility, from discharging, disposing of, flushing, pouring, or emptying an unused medication into a wastewater system.	Introduced on 2-3-10
HB 1333	<i>Torts- Pets- Injury or Death</i>		Would eliminate the \$7500 limit on compensatory damages in case of a tortuous death or injury to a pet.	Introduced on 2-18-10
SB 505	<i>Pet Stores</i>	Dogs	Prohibits the sale of dogs under 9 months old	Introduced 2/3/10

Massachusetts

Law	Title	Animals	Content	Status
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<p>SB 1550, SB 1689, HB 1250</p>	<p><i>An Act relative to damages for the malicious injury to pets.</i></p>		<p>Would provide for non-economic damages in cases where companion animals are injured or killed, as well as punitive damages of at least up \$2,500 for willful, wanton, or reckless acts or omissions. Damages would be recovered by a “guardian ad litem” or “next friend” and payable into a trust for care of the animal, with any remainder of trust funds existing at the death of the animal distributed to a non-profit organization dedicated to the protection of animals. HB 1250 would simply provide that in suits for damages for malicious injury or the killing of a pet, such damages may include emotional distress and loss of companionship.</p>	<p>SB 1550 and SB 1689 were introduced on 1-16-09.</p> <p>HB 1250 was introduced on 1-9-10 and had a hearing on 1-28-10.</p> <p>An extension order was filed for all 3 bills until 5-7-10.</p>
<p>HB 344</p>	<p><i>An Act prohibiting devocalization of dogs and cats</i></p>		<p>Provides that no person shall surgically debark or silence a dog or cat, or cause the surgical debarking or silencing of a dog or cat, unless a veterinarian licensed in this state has filed a written certification stating that the procedure is medically necessary including certain details. No person except a licensed veterinarian, using anesthesia, may surgically debark or silence a dog or cat. Penalties up to 5 years in prison, or \$2,500 fine.</p>	<p>Signed into law on 4-22-10.</p>
<p>HB 815</p>	<p><i>An Act prohibiting the cruel confinement of certain farm animals</i></p>	<p>Farm animals</p>	<p>Would prohibit confinement of any pig during pregnancy, calf raised for veal, or egg-laying hen kept on a farm in a manner that does not allow them to turn around freely, lie down, stand up, and fully extend their limbs, effective 2015. The bill provides for certain exceptions, including veterinary care.</p>	<p>Introduced on 1-16-09.</p> <p>Extension order filed until 6-15-10.</p>
<p>HB 1975</p>	<p><i>An Act relative to spaying and neutering of cats</i></p>	<p>Cats</p>	<p>Would prohibit a person from owning or harboring a cat over 6 months old that has not been spayed or neutered, without a license and permit for breeding cats, or a health letter from a veterinarian.</p>	<p>Introduced on 1-16-09.</p>
		<p>Greyhound Dogs</p>	<p>Ballot campaign banning greyhound dog racing- no direct impact on ag, but sets precedent for HSUS winning a ballot campaign there</p>	

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Michigan

Law	Title	Animals	Content	Status
		Hens, veal, eggs	Threat of ballot campaign by HSUS, so eggs and pork groups agreed to legislation to phase out cages for hens and gestation stalls for sows and veal stalls	Signed by governor in 2009
HB 4324	<i>Animals; dogs; proof of vaccination upon license application process; modify.</i>		Establishes licensing provisions for dogs over 4 months of age with lower fees for spayed or neutered dogs. An owner of a dog that is required to be licensed shall keep the dog currently vaccinated against rabies by an accredited veterinarian with a vaccine licensed by USDA.	Signed into law on 3-18-10, effective 3-23-10
HB 5128, SB 654			Would create an Animal Care Advisory Council in the state dept. of ag. To review, consider and revise species-specific, science based, animal care standards for the On-Farm Certification Program	HB 5128 was introduced on 6-23-09. SB 654 was introduced on 6-23-09
HB 6043, 6042	<i>Gas Chambers</i>	Dogs and cats	Animal shelters and registered class B animal dealers may only euthanize animals using an injection of commercially prepared solution and not by gas chamber	Introduced 4/13/10 Referred to committee 9/24/10

Minnesota

Law	Title	Animals	Content	Status
SF 3212	<i>Antibiotics use and disposal provisions modifications</i>		Would prohibit the disposal of prescription drugs containing antibiotics, prohibit the nontherapeutic use of animal feed containing certain antibiotics, establish a surcharge on all commercial feeds sold that contain antibiotics and require a label on prescription drugs containing antibiotics. Nontherapeutic use is defined as any use of an antimicrobial drug in animals in the absence of any clinical sign of disease, including use for growth promotion, feed efficiency, or disease prevention.	Introduced on 3-11-10
SF 7	<i>Dog and Cat Breeder Standards</i>	Dogs and cats	Licenses and regulates breeders with 6+ intact females dogs or cats, establishes 'adult' as 6 months or older. Cats may not be	Introduced 1/8/09 Held in committee, failed

			housed outdoors. Caps ownership at 50 animals	
HF 253	<i>Dog and Cat Breeder Standards</i>	Dogs and cats	Licenses and regulates breeders w/ 20+ intact females who sel 5+ litters/year. Establishes 6+ months as adult. Cats cannot be housed outdoors. Requires unspecified socialization b/w humans and animals	Held from 2009, tabled

Mississippi

SB 2623	<i>Animal Cruelty</i>	All Animals	Mandates misdemeanor and penalty up to 1 year in jail for 1 st offense, felony and 1-5 years for seconds offense	Died in Committee, definition of 'cruelty' too vague
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Missouri

Law	Title	Animals	Content	Status
HB 1747			Would require the MO Dept. of Ag. To register and pay for USDA inspections of all establishments which process or sell horse meat or horse meat products for human consumption.	Passed House on 4-1-10
HB 1814			Would include a veterinarian on the Board of Pharmacy advisory committee that reviews and makes recommendations to the Board on rules and regulations dealing with pharmacy distributors, wholesale drug distributors, drug manufacturers, and veterinary legend drugs.	Introduced on 1-26-10
Proposition B	<i>MO Dog Breeding Regulation Initiative</i>	Dogs, potentially all due to ambiguous language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> require large-scale dog breeding operations to provide each dog under their care with sufficient food, clean water, housing and space; necessary veterinary care; regular exercise and adequate rest between breeding cycles; prohibit any breeder from having more than 50 breeding dogs for the purpose of selling their puppies as pets; and create a misdemeanor crime of "puppy mill cruelty" for any violations 	Passed by public vote 11-4-2010
SB 795			Creates Ag Protection Fund to be used solely by Dept. of Ag. Creates Animal Health Fund. Makes it a crime to release swine on any land not enclosed by fence . Makes it a crime to posses or transport any wild-boar, native	Introduced 1-19-10 Signed into law 7-9-10

			or otherwise on public land. Prohibits owning large carnivores unless already owned and licensed.	
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Nebraska

Law	Title	Animals	Content	Status
LB 865	<i>Adopt the livestock animal welfare act.</i>	Livestock	The Livestock Animal Welfare Act establishes certain livestock cruelty offenses. Exemptions include certain commonly accepted practices, and care or treatment of a livestock animal that occurs within the scope of a veterinarian or veterinary technician's employment.	Signed into law on 3-17-10.
LB 910	<i>Change the Commercial Dog and Cat Operator Inspection Act</i>	Dogs and Cats	Revises commercial dog and cat operator inspection act license fees depending on the number of animals housed. Requires licenses for animal rescues under the act.	Signed into law on 3-17-10, effective 10-1-10 for certain provisions.

Nevada

Law	Title	Animals	Content	Status
Nevada State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners/ NAC 638	<i>Nevada State Board of Veterinary Medical</i>		Requires written notice when an animal will be left unattended after hours at a veterinary facility. Makes changes to fee and continuing education requirements. Allows veterinary technicians to implant a subcutaneous identification microchip into an animal under the immediate, direct, or indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian. Removes self-inspection from requirements for licensing veterinary facilities.	Final on 4-21-10.

New Hampshire

Law	Title	Animals	Content	Status
HB 1525	<i>Relative to physical therapists practicing on animals.</i>		Would give the board of Vet Medicine jurisdiction over physical therapists practicing on animals and require certification and referral from a licensed veterinarian.	Passed house on 2-3-10
HM 1639		Dogs	Adds tethering a dog for 14+ hours in a 24 hour period to the definition of animal cruelty	Introduced 1/16/10 Voted inexpedient to legislate

New Jersey

Law	Title	Animals	Content	Status
S 674	<i>Concerning Internet pharmacies and electronic prescriptions, amending and supplementing P.L. 2003, c280</i>		The bill would require internet pharmacies to obtain a pharmacy permit from the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy prior to dispensing or delivering prescription drugs in New Jersey and to provide the board with certain information, as specified in the bill, to qualify for the permit.	Introduced 1-12-10
A 1881		All Animals	Would establish the Office of Animal Welfare in the Dept. of Health and Senior Services to oversee the care, housing, and shelter of animals and the protection of animals from animal cruelty in all its forms.	Introduced 1-25-10 In session
NJ ST 4:22-15-57	<i>Consolidated Cruelty Statutes</i>	All farm animals	Establishes humane standards for farm animals	Adopted: 2006
NJ A. 551	<i>Horse Slaughter</i>	Horses	Prohibits slaughter of horses and sale of horseflesh for human consumption	Introduced: 2008 Reintroduced 1/12/2010, held in committee
A 861			This bill would require license suspension of certain health care professionals, including veterinarians, as well as medical waste facilities, generators, and transporters for willful illegal or improper medical waste disposal.	Introduced on 1-12-10 Reported out of assembly 10-18-2010
A 1920	<i>Concerning domestic companion animals and supplementing Title 4 of the Revised Statutes.</i>		Would create a statutory right of action for economic damages for the owner of a domestic companion animal that has been injured or killed by another person's domestic companion animal, if the court determines that the owner or keeper of the animal causing the injury or death did not exercise reasonable care in restraining, properly caring for, or supervising the control of the animal causing the injury or death.	Introduced on 2-8-10, pending assembly of ag committee
A 1518		Dogs	Prohibits tethering a dog b/w 10pm-6am. Prohibits tethering for more than 1 hr b/w 6am-10pm or more than 6hrs on a trolley system. Prohibits tethering with prong or choke collars or a leash under 10ft long	Introduced January 2010 Referred to committee

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New York

Law	Title	Animals	Content	Status
S03178	<i>Ban on Horse Slaughter</i>	Horses	Prohibits horse slaughter or sale of horseflesh for human consumption	Referred to Consumer Protection Committee: 3/12/2009 Again on 6/10/2010
S.B. 751, A.B. 5512	<i>Downed Animals</i>	Livestock	Prohibits any person from transporting, holding, buying, selling, giving, receiving or marketing a nonambulatory animal unless such animal is first humanely euthanized	Referred to Agriculture Committee : 1/15/2009 In Session
A.B. 8163	<i>Intensive Confinement Regulations</i>	Veal calves, egg-laying hens, pregnant pigs	Prohibits any person to tether or confine any pig during pregnancy, calf raised for veal, or egg-laying hen who is kept on a farm for all or the majority of any day in a manner that prevents such animal from lying down, standing up and fully extending its limbs and turning around freely	Referred to Agriculture Committee: 5/6/2008 Referred to Ag Committee 1-6-10.
SB 6461, AB 9562	<i>Veterinary medicine and dental conditions</i>		Would include the diagnosis and treatment of dental conditions within the definition of the practice of veterinary medicine.	SB 6461 was introduced on 1-14-10 and was substituted by AB 9562 on 4-27-10. AB 9562 Passed the Assembly on 4-26-10.
A 8597	<i>Prevention of farm animal cruelty act</i>		Would provide strict standards for raising and breeding farm and livestock animals.	Introduced on 5-29-09. Referred to Ag. Committee on 1-6-10.
AB 6046	<i>Tethering of Dogs</i>	Dogs	NO dog may be tethered to a fixed point or a trolley system for more than 6 hours per day	Introduced 2009 Referred to Committee 1/16/10
A 2711	<i>Companion animal – tort action</i>	Companion animals	Would establish a cause of action for the wrongful injury or a death of a companion animal, including recovery for loss of reasonably expected society, companionship, comfort, protection and services to the owner.	Introduced on 1-21-09 and referred to Committee on Judiciary on 1-6-10.
A 255	<i>Micro Chipping of all dogs and database</i>	Dogs	Would require micro chipping of all dogs by the age of four months, excluding temporarily kept dogs. Would create a state registry to maintain contact	Introduced on 1-7-09 and referred to Committee of Ag on 1-6-10.

			information.	
A 5957, S 2884	<i>Large animal vet loan program</i>		Would establish a loan forgiveness program for large animal veterinarians who agree to practice in shortage areas in the state.	Introduced on 2-23 and 3-5-09. Both bills were referred to the respective Committees on Higher Ed on 1-6-10.
A 7218	<i>Prohibits docking of dog tails</i>	Dogs	Would prohibit the docking of dog tails for reasons other than to protect the life or health of the dog as deemed necessary by a licensed veterinarian. The bill also provides penalties for any person who shows or exhibits a dog whose tail has been docked, and those who encourage, procure, or sponsor an exhibition where dogs with improperly docked tails are shown. These provisions would not apply to dogs that have been certified as tail docked prior to August 1, 2009.	Introduced on 3-26-09 and referred to Committee of Ag. On 1-6-10.
AB 7285	<i>Puppy Mills</i>	Dogs and cats	No person or business may possess, control or have custody of more than 50 intact dogs or cats. Violation is a misdemeanor. Officials may seize animals in violation	Introduced 2009 Referred to Committee 1/6/10
AB 5985	<i>Duration of pet trusts limit exemptions</i>		Eliminate the 21-year limit for the duration of pet trusts and instead provides that the trust will terminate when the beneficiary or beneficiaries of such trust are no longer alive.	Signed into law on 5-5-10.
SB 04515	<i>Puppy Mills</i>	All animals?	Defines a breeder as one who breeds 3 or more animals for sale or profit. Requires license. Facility must be temperature controlled with impervious floors and record keeping. Animals must be fed 2x a day. Establishes a breeder license fund. Requires breed license # on advertisements.	Introduced 4/24/09 Referred to committee 1/16/10
AB 11683	<i>Devocalization</i>	Cats and dogs	Prohibits the devocalization of cats or dogs unless a vet determines that it is medically imperative. Only vets can perform devocalizations and records must be kept for a min. 4 years post procedure	Introduced and referred to committee 8/4/2010

North Carolina

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SC 460	<i>Commercial Dog Breeders</i>	Dogs	females be licensed as commercial breeder including annual vet inspections and random inspections. Must meet USDA kennel standards	Referred to committee 4/29/10 Failed vote
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Ohio

Law	Title	Animals	Content	Status
HJR 2, SJR 6	<i>Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board</i>	All livestock	Establishes a board to set standards for livestock care	Introduced: 6/19/2009 Amended 7/6/09
HB 79	<i>To remove pit bulls from the definition "vicious dog" in state legislature</i>	Pit Bulls	Would remove pit bulls from the definition of "vicious dog" in the dangerous dog statutes.	Introduced on 3-17-09 and referred to Ag Comm.
HB 96	<i>To require the inclusion of a bittering agent in engine coolant and antifreeze.</i>		Would require inclusion of a bittering agent in engine coolant and antifreeze manufactured after 1-1-11.	Introduced on 3-24-09. Passed by House on 12-17-09 and referred to Sen. Cmte. On Comm. and Labor.
HB 414		Livestock	Implements the new constitutional provision voters approved in 2009 by ballot initiative. Establishes the requirements and responsibilities of the Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board and the Director of Ag. in administering and enforcing the rules that govern care of livestock, including funding and inspections.	Signed into law on 3-31-10
HB 95	<i>Licensing and standards for kennels, dog intermediaries and rescues</i>	Dogs	Defines a breeding dog as any intact dog requiring anyone with intact animal to obtain a license, insurance, bonds and a background check. Requires all litters to be sold be registered with the State for a fee. Females are limited to 1 litter/year. Mandates certain vet procedures. Establishes a Kennel Control Authority of 6 people none of whom are breeders.	Proposed in 2009. Died in House, substitute proposed
HB 70	<i>Felony Cruelty</i>	All Animals	Makes depriving an animal of food, water or shelter a felony to the fifth degree	Introduced 3/10/09 Passed 2/24/10

Oklahoma

Law	Title	Animals	Content	Status
HB 2791			The bill sets maximum loan amounts for certain eligible agricultural businesses including persons establishing a veterinary practice in which at least 30% of the practice consists of services	Passed House on 2-16-10. Passed Senate on 4-6-10.

			for large animals. The bill would provide the total loan amount for such practice shall not exceed \$250,000.	
HB 2345	<i>Agriculture; creating the OK livestock care standards board.</i>	Livestock	Would create the Oklahoma Livestock Care Standards Board for the purpose of establishing standards governing the care and well-being of livestock and poultry. The Board would be comprised of 13 members, including the State Veterinarian and one other licensed veterinarian.	Passed House on 3-9-10. Passed Senate on 4-8-10.
HB 3202	<i>Professions and occupations, relating to the OK Veterinary Proactive Act; adding definition for teeth floating.</i>	Horses	Removes acts of "animal husbandry," teeth floating and farriery from the definition of veterinary medicine. Establishes a certification mechanism for non-veterinary equine dental care providers, allowing them to perform teeth floating on equines and other farm animals. If prescription drugs are used, a veterinarian may assemble those drugs and allow the owner or the non-veterinary provider to pick up and deliver the drugs to the owner. No prescription drugs shall be prescribed, dispensed, or administered without the establishment of a valid client-patient relationship between the equine owner and the veterinarian.	Signed into law on 4-16-10, effective 90 days after 5-28-10 projected adjournment.
SB 1712	<i>Professions and occupations; creating the Commercial Pet Breeders Act.</i>		Creates the Commercial Pet Breeders Act and establishes the Commercial Pet Breeders Board. Regulates breeders of 11 or more female cats or dogs, requires licensing and inspections, authorizes the Board to adopt rules relating to breeding practices, and sets criminal penalties.	Signed into law on 5-5-10, effective on 7-1-11.
HB 2827	<i>Criminal procedure; authorizing victim of crimes to request emergency temporary order of protection.</i>		Allows the petitioner of a protective order to request the exclusive care, possession, or control of any animal owned, possessed, leased, kept or held by the petitioner, defendant or minor child residing in the residence of the petitioner or defendant.	Signed into law on 4-16-10, effective on 11-1-10
HB 1641		Pets	Authorizes trusts for the care of designated domestic or pet animals.	Signed into law on 5/10/10.

Oregon

Law	Title	Animals	Content	Status
OR ST 167.310-390	<i>Offenses against animals</i>	All animals, cattle included	The term "assault" is used to define certain crimes against animals, animal abuse may be elevated to a felony offense if the act was committed directly in front of a minor child or if the perpetrator was previously convicted of domestic violence	Adopted: 1986 Amended: 2008 Additional statutes added
Happy Valley and Washington County Animal Control Ordinance 6.04.040	<i>Livestock and poultry</i>	Cattle, horses, goats, poultry	Restricts placement of slaughterhouses and size requirements for housing of livestock	Adopted: 1968 Amended: 1980
SB 694	<i>Gestation Crate Ban</i>	Pregnant pigs	First-ever legislature approved bill banning use of gestation crates	Adopted: 6/28/2007 Effective: 2012

Pennsylvania

Law	Title	Animals	Content	Status
SB 1225	<i>Amends Vet Medicine Practice Act</i>		Would require a veterinarian to provide a client information sheet to the owner of the animal in cases of dispensing prescription drugs that will be administered by the owner in an outpatient setting.	Introduced on 2-4-10
State Board of Vet. Medicine/49 PA Code, Chapter 31, Sec. 31.21, Rules of Professional Conduct			Requires a veterinarian to provide euthanasia to relieve animal suffering; notify a client before terminating care of a client's animal; and explain the benefits and significant potential risks of treatment options and obtain written consent to euthanasia and treatments that have significant risks. Provides details about the veterinarian's duty to protect the personal privacy of clients.	Final on 4-20-10
SB 1417	<i>Amendment to the "Dog Law"</i>	Dogs	Provides further definitions, for issuance of dog licenses, for revocation or refusal of kennel licenses, for seizure and detention of dogs, for provisions relating to dog bites and for disposition of fines and penalties.	Introduced and referred to committee 6/23/10
SB 906			Defines trespass and/or vandalism on posted agriculture biosecurity areas as ecoterrorism and a felony	Introduced 2009 Amended Presented to Governor 11/22/2010

Rhode Island

Law	Title	Animals	Content	Status
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H 6133, H 7769		Livestock	Would provide that a person shall not tether or confine on a farm any pig during pregnancy, calf raised for veal, or egg-laying hen, for all or the majority of any day, in a manner that prevents the animal from (1) lying down, standing up, and fully extending its limbs; and (2) turning around freely. Exemptions include veterinary treatment.	Introduced on 4/23/09 and 2/25/10. Both bills were referred to Judiciary Committee. Held for further study
H 7768	<i>Animal Abuser Registry</i>		Would create an animal abuser registry and would provide for penalties for failure to register.	Introduced on 2-25-10. Held for further study
S 2023, 2022	<i>Tethering</i>	Dogs	Prohibits tethering a dog for more than one hour a day. Authorizes RI-SPCA to enter property, investigate and enforce bill	Introduced 1-3-10 Held for further study
HB 7319	<i>Tethering</i>	Dogs	Prohibits tethering for more than one hour each day or leaving a dog in an outside enclosure for more than 14 hours a day. Authorizes RI-SPCA to enter property, investigate and enforce bill	Introduced 2-28-10 Held for further study

South Carolina

Law	Title	Animals	Content	Status
HB 3265	<i>Animal Cruelty</i>		Would provide for a veterinary exemption from animal cruelty laws for accepted veterinary practice standards.	Introduced on 1-14-10 and referred to Committee on Ag. Nat. Res. & Environ. Affairs

South Dakota

Law	Title	Animals	Content	Status
H.C.R. 1007	<i>Horse Slaughter</i>	Horses	Supports the need for USDA inspected horse slaughter plants in SD	Adopted: 2/2/2008
S.B. 114	<i>Horse Slaughter Study</i>	Horses	Provides for a study of the feasibility of establishing a horse slaughter plant in SD (\$100,000)	Failed: 2008
S.B. 44	<i>Repeal tax exemptions of animal fee, fur-bearing animals</i>	All livestock and poultry	Repeals tax exemption of livestock and fur animals	Failed: 2009
HB 1187			Prohibits the killing, injury or interference with a law enforcement support animal and establishes penalties. The new section does not	Signed into law on 3-29-10

			apply to a law enforcement officer or a veterinarian who terminates the life of a law enforcement support animal to relieve the animal of undue suffering and pain.	
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Tennessee

Law	Title	Animals	Content	Status
HB 3491			Amends the definition of practice of veterinary medicine. Exempts use of manual procedures for testing of pregnancy in bovine animals when performed by a farmer who is not compensated by the owner other than by the exchange of services for or the use of equipment, and the results are for the owner's use only and does not affect commerce. Revises the definitions for consultation and veterinarian-client-patient relationship.	Signed into law on 4-19-10.
SB 2796		Non livestock animals	Good Samaritan law applicable to medical care for non-livestock animals. Veterinarians and ancillary staff are protected from civil liability to the owner of the animal under certain circumstances.	Signed into law on 4-16-10.
SB 3386, 3576	<i>Animal Cruelty</i>	All Animals	Increases the penalty for aggravated animal cruelty to Class E penalty w/ no less than 1 year and no more than 6 years in prison and possible fine of no more than \$3000. Requires psychological counseling	Introduced 1/29/10 Failed in committee
HB 3676, 3760	<i>Animals and Animal Cruelty</i>	All animals	Makes an offense which results in serious injury or death of an animal a Class E felony	Referred to committees
HB 3540, 3913	<i>Animals and Animal Cruelty</i>	All animals	Creates a Class A misdemeanor for a person previously convicted of animal cruelty if such person violates animal custody rules as set forth	Introduced 2/20/10 Signed into law 4/20/10

Utah

Law	Title	Animals	Content	Status
HB 155	<i>Agricultural Advisory Board and Livestock Related Policy</i>		Expands duties and membership of Agricultural Advisory Board to encompass issues related to care of livestock and poultry. The Board, which includes a member of the UVMA, may consider food safety, local availability and affordability of food, and acceptable practices for livestock and farm	Signed into law on 3-23-10.

			management.	
SB 218	<i>Engine Coolant Bittering Agent Act</i>		Requires a bittering agent to be added to engine coolant with some exemptions, as of 1/1/11.	Signed into law on 3-25-10.
HB 28	<i>Controlled Substance Database Amendments</i>		Creates the Controlled Substance Database Act but excludes veterinarians from registration and training requirements.	Signed into law on 3-29-10.
HB 107	<i>Animal Shelter Amendments</i>		Provides governing body of a county or municipality discretion to determine whether to make an impounded animal available to be used for research or educational purposes. Prohibits the provision of an animal for research or educational purposes unless the animal has been legally impounded for at least five days or a longer period as provided by local ordinance, the animal has not been claimed or redeemed, and the animal shelter has made a reasonable effort to find the rightful owner of the animal and to make it available to others.	Signed into law on 3-26-10.
HB 285	<i>Practice of Veterinary Medicine</i>		Amends definition of practice of veterinary medicine to include dispensing any drug, medicine, treatment, method, or practice.	Signed into law on 3-25-10.

Vermont

Law	Title	Animals	Content	Status
SB 230	<i>An Act Relating to Humane Slaughter of Livestock</i>	Livestock	Would provide that an inspector that is a representative of HSUS, a Vermont-domiciled humane society, or similar organization approved by rule, shall be present to observe the slaughterer, packer, or stockyard operator when engaged in the practice of bleeding or slaughtering livestock. Inspectors would be required to report any violations of the humane slaughter rules, and an investigation of any alleged violations must be completed within 5 days of the report.	Prefiled on 12/21/09. Read and referred to Committee on Agriculture on 1/5/10.
HB 633			Would reduce the sales and use tax from 6% to 3.5%, but include veterinarian and animal specialty services.	Introduced on 1-29-10.

Virginia

Law	Title	Animals	Content	Status
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HB 322	<i>Rabies vaccination; exempts certain dogs and cats</i>	Cats and Dogs	Provides an exemption for rabies vaccinations for animals who suffer from an underlying medical condition that is likely to result in a life-threatening condition in response to vaccination and such exemption would not risk public health and safety.	Signed into law on 3-29-10, effective 7-1-10
HB 1145	<i>Animal Cruelty, requires veterinarian to report</i>	All Animals	Provides that any veterinarian who makes a report of suspected animal cruelty or who provides related records or information is immune from civil or criminal liability or administrative penalty or sanction on account of such report, records, information, or testimony, unless the veterinarian acted in bad faith or with malicious purpose.	Signed into law on 4-11-10, effective 7-1-10
HB 281	<i>Animal Cruelty, increases penalties</i>	All animals	Increases the penalty for a subsequent violation of the animal care laws regarding an owner's failure to provide adequate food, water, shelter, and veterinary care from a Class 4 to a Class 2 misdemeanor. A subsequent violation related to adequate space, exercise, care, treatment and transportation are increased from a Class 4 to a Class 3 misdemeanor. The civil penalty for failure to sterilize a dog or cat adopted from a releasing agency is increased from \$50 to \$250.	Introduced 1/13/10 Signed into law 5/21/10

Washington

Law	Title	Animals	Content	Status
SB 6745	<i>Concerning Veterinary Technician Licenses</i>		After 7/1/15, eliminates the practical experience option for licensure of veterinary technicians.	Signed into law on 3-18-10, effective 6-10-10.
HB 1150	<i>Providing civil remedies for damages to a companion animal</i>	Companion animals	Would allow an owner of a companion animal who suffers damage as a result of acts of animal cruelty to bring an action for exemplary damages up to three times the actual damages sustained, plus attorney's fees.	Introduced on 1-14-09 and referred to Judiciary on 1-11-10.
HB 2387	<i>Tethering</i>	Dogs	Makes it unlawful to tether a dog outside, unattended for more than 1 hour each day	Introduced 2009 Died

West Virginia

Law	Title	Animals	Content	Status
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HB 4407	<i>Updating the law regarding the rabies vaccinations of dogs and cats</i>	Dogs and cats	Updates rabies law to require the use of vaccines capable of producing immunity for 3 years and dogs and cats to be boosted one year after initial vaccination and every third year thereafter. Requires dogs and cats to be vaccinated by the age of 6 months by a licensed veterinarian or his or her assistant.	Signed into law on 3-16-10, effective 6-6-10.
HB 4201	<i>Creating the Livestock Care Standards Board</i>	Livestock	Creates a 13-member Livestock Care Standards Board to prescribe standards for livestock care and well being, including a veterinarian engaged in large animal practice.	Signed into law on 4-1-10, effective 6-11-10.
SB 490	<i>Relating to domestic violence</i>		Allows a court, in a domestic violence order of protection, to award the petitioner the exclusive care, possession, or control of any animal owned, possessed, leased, kept or held by either the petitioner or the respondent or a minor child, and prohibit the respondent from concealing, molesting, physically injuring, killing or otherwise disposing of the animal and limiting or precluding contact by the respondent with the animal.	Signed into law on 3-24-10, effective 6-11-10.
SB 81	<i>Creating WV Official Prescription Program Act</i>		Requires prescriptions to be written on an official tamper-proof form to reduce prescription drug fraud.	Signed into law on 3-22-10, effective 6-9-10.

Wisconsin

Law	Title	Animals	Content	Status
AB 708			Would authorize the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System to repay up to \$50,000 in educational loans obtained by a food animal veterinarian for education leading to a doctor of veterinary medicine degree from an accredited school of veterinary medicine. The veterinarian must agree to practice in the state for at least 35 hours per week and to devote at least 50 percent of those hours, for four years, to food animals.	Introduced on 2-9-10.

