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HE 110TH CONGRESS ENACTED AN ARRAY OF ANIMAL protection measures in 2007 and set the stage for even more advances in 2008. Important victories included:

- ✓ The Animal Fighting Prohibition Enforcement Act: S. 261/ H.R. 137 was enacted as P.L. 110-22, providing felony-level penalties of up to 3 years' jail time for interstate or foreign transport of animals for fighting purposes and outlawing the movement of cockfighting weapons across state or national borders. Championed by Sens. Cantwell (D-WA), Ensign (R-NV), Specter (R-PA), Leahy (D-VT), and Feinstein (D-CA) and Reps. Gallegly (R-CA), Blumenauer (D-OR), and Bartlett (R-MD), this legislation culminated a more than 6-year effort to upgrade the weak and ineffective misdemeanor penalties.
- ✓ The Human and Pet Food Safety Act: Sen. Durbin (D-IL) and Rep. DeLauro (D-CT) introduced S. 1274/H.R. 2108 in response to scandals involving tainted ingredients in pet and human food. Key elements of this legislation were enacted as part of a Food and Drug Administration (FDA) bill (P.L. 110-85), requiring the agency to set standards for pet food, strengthen labeling rules, establish an early warning system, and post searchable online recall lists, and requiring companies to report contaminated food and make key records available during investigations so contaminants can be traced quickly.
- ✓ The Chimp Haven Is Home Act: S. 1916/H.R. 3295 was enacted as P.L. 110-170, amending the CHIMP Act of 2000 to ensure that animals retired into the national chimpanzee sanctuary system can't be reclaimed for research. Sens. Burr (R-NC), Landrieu (D-LA), and Vitter (R-LA) and Reps. McCrery (R-LA) and Melancon (D-LA) won passage of this bill.
- ✓ Canadian Seal Resolution: H. Res. 427 calls on the Canadian government to end the annual commercial seal hunt, in which hundreds of thousands of baby seals are slaughtered—and many are skinned alive. Reps. Lantos (D-CA) and Shays (R-CT) introduced the resolution and shepherded it to unanimous approval in the House with a strong assist by Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL) (resolutions like this are considered done when either chamber approves them). Sens. Levin (D-MI) and Collins (R-ME) introduced a parallel Senate resolution (S. Res. 118).

✓ War Dog Memorial: Rep. Jones (R-NC) won approval for an amendment to the Defense Authorization bill (P.L. 110-181) to establish a National Military Working Dog Teams Monument in honor of the dogs who have given their lives in service to U.S. soldiers.

Appropriations Victories

Several important provisions for animals were incorporated into the annual appropriations bills that fund the federal government.

✓ As part of the "omnibus" bill approved in December (P.L. 110-161), Congress enacted a **record level of funding for key animal welfare laws**. Funding for enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) increased by \$3.2 million, the latest installment in a multiyear effort that has boosted this funding by 123% (\$59 million extra) over the past 9 years to help ensure humane treatment of animals at zoos, circuses, breeding operations, research laboratories, and other facilities. Funds for enforcement of the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act and the federal animal fighting law were sustained, and Congress approved an increase to \$869,000 (up from \$500,000) for a veterinary student loan forgiveness program that encourages new veterinarians to work in underserved areas. Congress also provided \$1 million for a new program to help address the needs of animals in disaster preparation and response.

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The U.S. House unanimously approved a resolution condemning Canada's annual seal massacre.

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SENATE Scored Items

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Class B Dealers—Cosponsor

A ✓ indicates that the member cosponsored the Pet Safety and Protection Act (S. 714)—introduced by Sen. Akaka (D-HI)—to prohibit the use in research of dogs and cats obtained from Class B dealers through random sources, which can include pets acquired through theft and in response to "free to good home" ads. Reps. Doyle (D-PA) and English (R-PA) introduced a House companion bill (H.R. 1280). Both the House and Senate passed nearly identical versions of this legislation as amendments to their respective Farm Bills. At press time, the Senate bill has 15 cosponsors and the House bill has 80.

Animal Fighting—Cosponsor

A ✓ indicates that the member cosponsored the Animal Fighting Prohibition Enforcement Act (S. 261)—introduced by Sens. Cantwell (D-WA), Ensign (R-NV), Specter (R-PA), and Feinstein (D-CA)—to create felony-level penalties for violations of the federal law on dogfighting, cockfighting, and other animal fighting ventures and to ban interstate/foreign commerce in cockfighting implements. The Senate bill had 45 cosponsors, and the House companion bill, which was signed into law on May 3, 2007, as P.L. 110-22, had 304 cosponsors.

Funding Letter

A v indicates that the member signed a group letter—led by Sens. Levin (D-MI) and Dole (R-NC)—to the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee seeking funds for enforcement of the AWA, Humane Methods of Slaughter Act, and federal animal fighting law, as well as for new programs to address the needs of animals in disasters and to ease a shortage of veterinarians in rural and inner-city areas and public health practice through student loan forgiveness. The letter was cosigned by 44 senators and sent on May 3, 2007. Note that the subcommittee and committee leaders—Sens. Kohl (D-WI), Bennett (R-UT), Byrd (D-WV), and Cochran (R-MS)—don't sign letters to themselves but received credit because they were very responsive to these requests. Nearly all of the funding sought was provided in P.L. 110-161.

Leaders

A \checkmark indicates that the member led as a prime sponsor of proanimal legislation.

A Note on the Scorecard

Many animal protection issues never receive a recorded vote in Congress. Some are enacted by voice vote, and some languish. To more accurately measure legislators' support for the broad range of animal issues, we count cosponsorships of certain key bills along with recorded votes. Cosponsoring a bill is a meaningful way for legislators to help the bill advance in Congress. We also count those who signed letters seeking increased funding to implement and enforce key animal welfare laws, as this is a tangible way for legislators to help improve the lives of millions of animals. Scores are given as a percentage of the total number of items counted (four for the Senate). For example, a senator who was pro-animal on three of the four scored items received a score of 75. Members who led as prime sponsors of pro-animal legislation received "extra credit" equivalent to a cosponsorship, unless they already had a score of 100—in which case, their scores appear in bold with a plus sign.

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Fur Labeling—Cosponsor

A v indicates that the member cosponsored the Dog and Cat Fur Prohibition Enforcement Act (H.R. 891)—introduced by Reps. Moran (D-VA) and Ferguson (R-NJ)—to require labeling of all fur products regardless of value (closing a loophole that allows fur products valued at \$150 or less to be sold in the U.S. without disclosure) and to ban interstate and foreign commerce in fur from raccoon dogs. At press time, the bill has 165 cosponsors.

Animal Fighting—Vote

A ✓ indicates that the member voted in favor of the Animal Fighting Prohibition Enforcement Act (H.R. 137)—introduced by Reps. Gallegly (R-CA), Blumenauer (D-OR), and Bartlett (R-MD)—to establish felony-level penalties for violations of federal law on dogfighting, cockfighting, and other animal fighting ventures and to ban interstate/foreign commerce in cockfighting implements. H.R. 137 passed by a 368-39 vote (Roll Call #188), cleared the Senate by voice vote, and was signed into law on May 3, 2007, as P.L. 110-22.

Wild Horses—Vote

A ✓ indicates that the member voted in favor of H.R. 249— introduced by Reps. Rahall (D-WV) and Whitfield (R-KY)—to restore the prohibition on commercial sale and slaughter of wild horses and burros. This protection had been revoked by a "rider" slipped in the fiscal year (FY) 2005 omnibus spending bill. H.R. 249 passed the House in a 277-137 vote (Roll Call #269) on April 26, 2007.

Polar Bear Amendment—Vote

A ✓ indicates that the member voted in favor of an amendment—offered by Reps. Inslee (D-WA) and LoBiondo (R-NJ)—to the FY 2008 Interior Appropriations bill (H.R. 2643) to bar federal funding that enables imports of sport-hunted polar bear trophies from

Canada. Though the Senate passed its version of the Interior bill with this amendment added by Sen. Reed (D-RI) in committee on June 21, 2007, the House rejected the amendment by a 188-242 vote (Roll Call #573) on June 27, and it was dropped in the final bill. Free-standing legislation (S. 1406/H.R. 2327) to bar imports of sport-hunted polar bear trophies was also introduced by Sens. Kerry (D-MA) and Snowe (R-ME) and Reps. Inslee and LoBiondo.

Funding Letter

A v indicates that the member signed a group letter—led by Reps. Blumenauer (D-OR) and Smith (R-NJ)—to the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee seeking funds for enforcement of the AWA, Humane Methods of Slaughter Act, and federal animal fighting law, as well as for new programs to address the needs of animals in disasters and to ease a shortage of veterinarians in rural and inner-city areas and public health practice through student loan forgiveness. The letter was cosigned by 159 representatives and sent on April 27, 2007. Note that the subcommittee and committee leaders—Reps. DeLauro (D-CT), Kingston (R-GA), Obey (D-WI), and Lewis (R-CA)—don't sign letters to themselves but received credit because they were very responsive to these requests. Nearly all of the funding sought was provided in P.L. 110-161.

Leaders

A \checkmark indicates that the member led as a prime sponsor of proanimal legislation.

A Note on the Scorecard

Many animal protection issues never receive a recorded vote in Congress. Some are enacted by voice vote, and some languish. To more accurately measure legislators' support for the broad range of animal issues, we count cosponsorships of certain key bills along with recorded votes. Cosponsoring a bill is a meaningful way for legislators to help the bill advance in Congress. We also count those who signed letters seeking increased funding to implement and enforce key animal welfare laws, as this is a tangible way for legislators to help improve the lives of millions of animals. Scores are given as a percentage of the total number of items counted (six for the House). For example, a representative who was pro-animal on five of the six scored items received a score of 83. Members who led as prime sponsors of pro-animal legislation received "extra credit" equivalent to one vote or cosponsorship, unless they already had a score of 100—in which case, their scores appear in bold with a plus sign.

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ALABAMA	Cosbo.	Cospon	Note .	Wild	America	FULLE	reac	200,	
Aderholt (R-4th)			~	V	X			34	
Bachus (R-6th)				X	X			17	
Bonner (R-1st)				X	X			17	
Cramer (D-5th)			~	$\frac{1}{x}$	X			17	
								34	
Davis (D-7th)				V .	Х				
Everett (R-2nd)			<u> </u>	V	Х		V	50	
Rogers (R-3rd)			X	Х	Х			0	
ALASKA									
Young (R-At Large)			Х	X	X			0	
AMERICAN SAMOA									
Faleomavaega (D-At Large)			•	•	✓			•	
ARIZONA									
Flake (R-6th)			NV	Х	Х			0	
Franks (R-2nd)		~	~	Х	X			34	
Giffords (D-8th)	V	·	~	V	~			67	
Grijalva (D-7th)	~	V	~	V	~		~	100+	
Mitchell (D-5th)		V		V	~	<i>y</i>		100	
Pastor (D-4th)	•			V 1				67	
Renzi (R-1st)			~					17	
				X	Х			17	
Shadegg (R-3rd)				Х	Х			17	
ARKANSAS									
Berry (D-1st)			/	V	Х			34	
Boozman (R-3rd)			V	V	Х			34	
Ross (D-4th)			✓	V	X	V		50	
Snyder (D-2nd)		✓	✓	V	X	✓		67	
CALIFORNIA									
Baca (D-43rd)			V	V	Х			34	
Becerra (D-31st)	V		~	V	V			67	
Berman (D-28th)	V	~	V	V	V	V		100	
Bilbray (R-50th)	V	·	~	V	Х	Ť		50	
Bono Mack (R-45th)	~	V	~	V	~			100	
Calvert (R-44th)	•	~		V .	X		~	67	
Campbell (R-48th)	~				~			100	
	V		~	V		V			
Capps (D-23rd)	<i>V</i>				*	<i>V</i>		100	
Cardoza (D-18th)			NV	X	Х			0	
Costa (D-20th)			<u> </u>	X	X			17	
Davis (D-53rd)	'	V	<u> </u>	<i>V</i>	V	V		100	
Doolittle (R-4th)			Х	Х	Х			0	
Dreier (R-26th)			✓	V	X			34	
Eshoo (D-14th)	V	✓	✓	V	✓	V		100	
Farr (D-17th)		V	V	V	V	V	V	100	
Filner (D-51st)		V	V	V	V	V		83	
Gallegly (R-24th)	V	V	SP	V	Х	V	V	100	
Harman (D-36th)	V	V	V	NV	V			67	
Herger (R-2nd)	·	_ •		Х	NV			17	
Honda (D-15th)		V	~	V	~	V		83	
Hunter (R-52nd)	~		NV	X	X			17	
Issa (R-49th)			✓		X			34	
Lantos (D-12th)	<i>V</i>	<i>'</i>	<u> </u>	V .	V	V	· /	100+	
Lee (D-9th)	V	V	<u> </u>	<i>V</i>	<u> </u>			83	
Lewis (R-41st)			<u> </u>	Х	Х	<i>V</i>		34	
Lofgren (D-16th)	V	V	V	V	/	V		100	
Lungren (R-3rd)			V	Х	Х			17	
Matsui (D-5th)	V	✓	✓	V	✓	V		100	
McCarthy (R-22nd)			V	Х	Х			17	
McKeon (R-25th)			V	Х	X	V		34	
McNerney (D-11th)	V	V		V	~	-		83	
Millender-McDonald (D-37th)	· ·	<u> </u>	NV	#	#			#	
Miller, Gary (R-42nd)			✓	X	X			17	
Miller, George (D-7th)	~	V			V	~	V	100+	
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KEY TO HOUSE CHART

- SP Sponsor
- Took pro-animal position through cosponsorship of a bill, a vote, signing a letter, or leading on pro-animal legislation
- X Took anti-animal position on a vote
- NV Not voting because absent or abstained
- + Scored 100% and also led as a prime sponsor of pro-animal legislation
- # Died in Office
- ## Resigned from office

Filled seat during term, replacing predecessor who died or resigned

- Delegates from the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, and the Virgin Islands and the Resident Commissioner of Puerto Rico generally can't vote on bills or amendments on the House floor; they can vote in committee, cosponsor legislation, and sign letters
- •• The Speaker of the House generally doesn't vote

House Issues

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GEORGIA (CONT.) Lewis (D-5th)	~	<u> </u>	V	V	<i>V</i>			100
Linder (R-7th)	7		~		X			50
Marshall (D-8th)			~	X	×			17
Norwood (R-10th)								#
Price (R-6th)			V	Х	Х			17
Scott (D-13th)			~	- 2		~		67
Westmoreland (R-3rd)			Х	NV	X			0
GUAM			·		·			
Bordallo (D-At Large)	V		•	•	Х			•
HAWAII								
Abercrombie (D-1st)	V	V	V	V	Х	V		83
Hirono (D-2nd)	V	V	V	V	V	✓		100
IDAHO								
Sali (R-1st)			Х	X	Х			0
Simpson (R-2nd)			/	X	Х			17
ILLINOIS								
Bean (D-8th)	V		V	V	V			67
Biggert (R-13th)	V	V	/	V	V	✓		100
Costello (D-12th)			V	V	Х			34
Davis (D-7th)	V .	<u> </u>	V	<i>'</i>	<i>V</i>	V		100
Emanuel (D-5th)	V		V		<i>V</i>			83
Gutierrez (D-4th)	V	<i>V</i>	V	<i>V</i>	V			83
Hare (D-17th)			V	<u> </u>	<i>V</i>	V		83
Hastert (R-14th)			V	X	Х			##
Jackson (D-2nd)	V		V		<i>V</i>	✓		83
Johnson (R-15th)			V		Х			34
Kirk (R-10th)	V	· /	V	<i>'</i>	✓		V	100
LaHood (R-18th)			V	X	Х			17
Lipinski (D-3rd)	V		V		/	'		100
Manzullo (R-16th)	_		V	X	X			17
Roskam (R-6th) Rush (D-1st)			<i>V</i>	NIV.	X			50 34
Schakowsky (D-9th)	SP		~	NV	~	V	~	100+
Shimkus (R-19th)	35	V	~	X	X	<i>V</i>		50
Weller (R-11th)	_		~	- î	X	<i>V</i>		67
INDIANA								07
Burton (R-5th)	V		V	Х	Х	V		67
Buyer (R-4th)	 		~	$\frac{\hat{x}}{x}$	×			17
Carson (D-7th)	V		NV	- 2		~		#
Donnelly (D-2nd)			V		Х			34
Ellsworth (D-8th)			~	X	X			17
Hill (D-9th)	V		~	2	X			50
Pence (R-6th)	 		~	Х	X			17
Souder (R-3rd)			NV	X	X			0
Visclosky (D-1st)			~	V	~			50
IOWA								
Boswell (D-3rd)			V	Х	Х			17
Braley (D-1st)			V	V	~	V		67
King (R-5th)			Х	Х	Х			0
Latham (R-4th)			~	Х	Х			17
Loebsack (D-2nd)			V	V	V	V		67
KANSAS								
Boyda (D-2nd)			V	Х	V			34
Moore (D-3rd)	V		V	V	V	V		83
Moran (R-1st)			V	Х	Х			17
Tiahrt (R-4th)			V	Х	Х			17
KENTUCKY								
Chandler (D-6th)	V	V	V	V	Х		✓	83
Davis (R-4th)			V	V	NV	V		50
Lewis (R-2nd)			Х	Х	Х			0
Rogers (R-5th)	V		V	<u>/</u>	X			50
Whitfield (R-1st)	SP	V	V	SP	V		V	100
Yarmuth (D-3rd)	V		V	~	V	✓		83
LOUISIANA								
Alexander (R-5th)			V	Х	Х			17
Baker (R-6th)			V	Х	Х			17
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Boustany (R-7th)	-							=-
Boustany (R-7th) Jefferson (D-2nd)			V	<i>V</i>	<i>V</i>			50
Boustany (R-7th)			<i>V</i>	<i>V X</i>	X		V	34 34

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Allen (D-1st)		V	V	V	V	V		83
Allen (D-1st) Michaud (D-2nd) MARYLAND Bartlett (R-6th) Cummings (D-7th) Gilchrest (R-1st)	V	_		V	X			67
MICHAGO (D-2HG)						•		07
MARYLAND								
Bartlett (R-6th)	V	✓	SP	V	X	V	V	100
Cummings (D-7th)	✓	✓	✓	V	✓	V		100
Gilchrest (R-1st)	V	V	V	V	Х			67
Hoyer (D-5th)	 		~	~	~			50
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Ruppersberger (D-2nd)	<i>V</i>			<i>V</i>	<u> </u>	V		83
Sarbanes (D-3rd)	V	✓	✓	V	✓			83
Van Hollen (D-8th)	✓	✓	✓	/	✓	V	V	100
Wynn (D-4th)	V	~	~	V	~	V		100
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Capuano (D-8th)	<i>V</i>	V		<i>V</i>	<u> </u>	<i>V</i>		100
Delahunt (D-10th)	V		✓	✓	✓	V		83
Frank (D-4th)	V	V	V	V	X	V		83
Lynch (D-9th)	V	V	V	V	· /	V		100
		<u> </u>	<u>*</u>			·		
Markey (D-7th)	V	V	✓	V	✓	V		100
McGovern (D-3rd)	✓	✓	~	V	✓	V		100
Meehan (D-5th)	V	V	V	V	~	V		##
Neal (D-2nd)								83
	<i>V</i>	<i>V</i>	NV	<i>V</i>	<u>*</u>	<i>V</i>		
Olver (D-1st)	V	✓		V	✓		V	100
Tierney (D-6th)	V	V	V	V	V			83
Tsongas (D-5th)	V	7	###	###	###			###
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MICHIGAN								
Camp (R-4th)			✓	X	X			17
Conyers (D-14th)	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	100
Dingell (D-15th)				*				17
			<u>*</u>	Х	Х			
Ehlers (R-3rd)		✓	✓	✓	~			67
Hoekstra (R-2nd)			~	X	X			17
Kildee (D-5th)	V	V	V	V	~	V		100
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Kilpatrick (D-13th)				<i>V</i>				67
Knollenberg (R-9th)				X	X			17
Levin (D-12th)			~	/	V			83
McCotter (R-11th)	V	V	V	1	X		V	83
				-				17
Miller (R-10th)			<u> </u>	Х	Х			
Rogers (R-8th)		✓	✓	✓	X	V		67
Stupak (D-1st)			V	V	X			34
Upton (R-6th)		V	V	V	Х	V		67
Walberg (R-7th)				Х	X	·		17
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MINNESOTA								
Bachmann (R-6th)			✓	X	X			17
Ellison (D-5th)	V		~	V	V	V		83
Kline (R-2nd)	V			Х	X	·		34
	_ · ·		<u>*</u>	· ·	<u> </u>			
McCollum (D-4th)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	V		100
Oberstar (D-8th)		V	~	Х	X			34
Peterson (D-7th)			~	X	X			17
Ramstad (R-3rd)	V			V	V		V	83
Walz (D-1st)		V	V	Х	X	V		50
MISSISSIPPI								
	_			v	V			17
Pickering (R-3rd)				X	X			
Taylor (D-4th)	V			V	Х			50
Thompson (D-2nd)			V	V	V			50
Wicker (R-1st)	 		~	X	X			17
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MISSOURI								
Akin (R-2nd)			✓	X	X			17
Blunt (R-7th)			Х	X	X			0
Carnahan (D-3rd)			~~	2		V		67
	 							
Clay (D-1st)	V			V	<u> </u>	V		83
Cleaver (D-5th)	V	V	V	V	V	V		100
Emerson (R-8th)			~	Х	Х			17
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Graves (R-6th)			X	Х	Х			0
Hulshof (R-9th)			V	Х	X	<u> </u>		17
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NEW HAMPSHIRE	Horspons	Fursporia	Vote	Wilde	Ameno	FUNCI	reage	score
Hodes (D-2nd)	v	V	~	V	<u> </u>			83
Shea-Porter (D-1st)	V .		~	~		V		100
NEW JERSEY								100
Andrews (D-1st)	V					V		83
Ferguson (R-7th)		SP	~			- 1		100+
Frelinghuysen (R-11th)	-	<i>✓</i>	~	<i>V</i>				83
	· ·				<u> </u>			17
Garrett (R-5th)			X	X	×	.,		
Holt (D-12th)	V V		V	V V		<i>V</i>	. /	100 100+
LoBiondo (R-2nd)		•	V		SP	V	<u>/</u>	
Pallone (D-6th)	V		V	V		V	~	100+
Pascrell (D-8th)	V .	<i>'</i>	V	<i>V</i>	X	V		83
Payne (D-10th)	V .		NV	V		~		67
Rothman (D-9th)	V	<i>V</i>	V	<i>V</i>	<u> </u>			83
Saxton (R-3rd)		<i>V</i>	V	<i>V</i>	X	V		67
Sires (D-13th)	V		<i>V</i>	<i>V</i>		V		100
Smith (R-4th)	V	'	V	V		SP	'	100+
NEW MEXICO								
Pearce (R-2nd)			V	Х	Х			17
Udall (D-3rd)	V		NV	V				50
Wilson (R-1st)			V	V	Х			34
NEW YORK								
Ackerman (D-5th)	V	✓	/	V	/	✓	V	100+
Arcuri (D-24th)	V	✓	V	✓	~	V		100
Bishop (D-1st)	V	V	V	V	V	V		100
Clarke (D-11th)	V	✓	V	V	✓			83
Crowley (D-7th)		V	NV	V	V	V		67
Engel (D-17th)	V	V	V	NV	V	V		83
Fossella (R-13th)			V	V	Х			34
Gillibrand (D-20th)	V	V	V	1	X			67
Hall (D-19th)	V	V	V	V	~	V		100
Higgins (D-27th)	·	V	V	7	~	V		83
Hinchey (D-22nd)	V	V	V	V	~	V	V	100+
Israel (D-2nd)	V	~	~	~	~	V	<i>-</i>	100+
King (R-3rd)	V	~	~					83
Kuhl (R-29th)					X			34
Lowey (D-18th)	V					V		100+
Maloney (D-14th)								100
McCarthy (D-4th)			~			V		100
McHugh (R-23rd)			~		X			50
McNulty (D-21st)	V		~	NV	- î	V		83
Meeks (D-6th)			~	144	X			34
Nadler (D-8th)	V		~		- ^	V		100
Rangel (D-15th)	V		~	~		V		100
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Reynolds (R-26th)			V	V	X			34
Serrano (D-16th)	V		V	<i>V</i>				83
Slaughter (D-28th)		<i>'</i>	V	<i>V</i>			'	83
Towns (D-10th)	V		V	<i>V</i>		V		83
Velázquez (D-12th)	V		V	<i>V</i>	<u> </u>	~		83
Walsh (R-25th)			NV	<i>V</i>	X			17
Weiner (D-9th)	V	V	V	<i>'</i>		V		100
NORTH CAROLINA								
Butterfield (D-1st)			V	<i>V</i>	<u> </u>			50
Coble (R-6th)			V	Х	Х			17
Etheridge (D-2nd)			V	NV	<u> </u>	V		50
Foxx (R-5th)			Х	V	Х			17
Hayes (R-8th)		✓	Х	Х	Х			17
Jones (R-3rd)	V		V	V	/		V	83
McHenry (R-10th)			V	Х	X			17
McIntyre (D-7th)			V	✓	X			34
Miller (D-13th)	V	✓	V	✓	✓	V		100
Myrick (R-9th)	V		V	V	X			50
Price (D-4th)	V	V	NV	V	V	V		83
Shuler (D-11th)		V	V	V	Х			50
Watt (D-12th)			V	V	~			50
NORTH DAKOTA								
Pomeroy (D-At Large)			V	Х	Х			17
OHIO			~		**			
Boehner (R-8th)			Х	Х	Х			0
Chabot (R-1st)	V			2				67
Gillmor (R-5th)			~	Х				#
Hobson (R-7th)	+		~	- î	X			34
Jordan (R-4th)				Х	X			17
Kaptur (D-9th)	V		~	- î		./		100
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Pryce (R-15th)	V			V	X	V		67
Regula (R-16th)			V	X	X			17
Ryan (D-17th)	V		_ <u>/</u>	<i>V</i>	V	V		83
Schmidt (R-2nd)			~	V	X			34
Space (D-18th)			V	Х	X			17
Schmidt (R-2nd) Space (D-18th) Sutton (D-13th) Tiberi (R-12th)	✓	✓	/	✓	✓	V	V	100
Tiberi (R-12th)			V	V	X			34
Tubbs Jones (D-11th)		V	V	V	✓			67
Turner (R-3rd)			V	V	Х			34
Wilson (D-6th)			~	V	V			50
OKLAHOMA				•	•			
Boren (D-2nd)			Х	Х	X			0
Cole (R-4th)			X	$\frac{\hat{x}}{x}$	X			17
Fallin (R-5th)			<i>V</i>	Х	Х			17
Lucas (R-3rd)			Х	Х	X			0
Sullivan (R-1st)			Х	NV	X			0
OREGON								
Blumenauer (D-3rd)	V	~	SP	V	V	SP	V	100
DeFazio (D-4th)	V	V	V	V	V	<i>V</i>	~	100
Hooley (D-5th)	·	V	7	7	~	7	·	83
Walden (R-2nd)				X				17
					X			
Wu (D-1st)	V		V	V	/	~		83
PENNSYLVANIA								
Altmire (D-4th)	✓	✓	✓	V	X			67
Brady (D-1st)	✓	V	NV	V	V	/		83
Carney (D-10th)			V	V	Х			34
Dent (R-15th)			~	V	X			34
Doyle (D-14th)	V	~	~	-	Ź	~	~	100
English (R-3rd)					X			67
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Fattah (D-2nd)	<i>V</i>	<i>V</i>		NV	V	V		83
Gerlach (R-6th)	V	V		V	Х	V	V	100
Holden (D-17th)			V	V	X			34
Kanjorski (D-11th)			NV	V	X			17
Murphy, P. (D-8th)	✓	✓	V	V	X	/		83
Murphy, T. (R-18th)			V	✓	X			34
Murtha (D-12th)	V	V	V	V	Х			67
Peterson (R-5th)			NV	Х	X			C
Pitts (R-16th)	V	V	~	7	X			67
Platts (R-19th)	V	V	V	V	V	V		100
Schwartz (D-13th)	~		~	-	~	V .		83
Sestak (D-7th)	V		V	V	<u>/</u>			67
Shuster (R-9th)			NV	Х	X			C
PUERTO RICO								
Fortuño (R-At Large)	✓		•	•	X			•
RHODE ISLAND								
Kennedy (D-1st)	V	V	V	V	V	V		100
Langevin (D-2nd)	V	V	V	V	V	V		100
SOUTH CAROLINA	· ·		-		-			
Barrett (R-3rd)	V		~	~	X			50
Brown (R-1st)			-	X	X			50
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Clyburn (D-6th)			V	NV				34
Inglis (R-4th)	V		V	Х	X			34
Spratt (D-5th)	SP		V	NV	X	V	V	67
Wilson (R-2nd)	✓	✓	V	V	X	V		83
SOUTH DAKOTA								
Herseth Sandlin (D-At Large)			V	V	Х	V		50
TENNESSEE					•			
Blackburn (R-7th)			V	Х	X			17
Cohen (D-9th)	~	_		- î	- î	V	~	100
	•	-			<i>V</i>	V	•	
Cooper (D-5th)			V					50
Davis, D. (R-1st)			X	X	Х			
Davis, L. (D-4th)			V	V	Х			34
Duncan (R-2nd)			V	V	X			34
Gordon (D-6th)		V	NV	V	Х	V		50
Tanner (D-8th)			V	V	X			34
Wamp (R-3rd)			NV	V	X			17
TEXAS				•	<i></i>			- 17
Barton (R-6th)			Х	Х	Х			0
Brady (R-8th)			X	X	X			0
					NV			7/
Burgess (R-26th) Carter (R-31st)			V	X	X			34 17

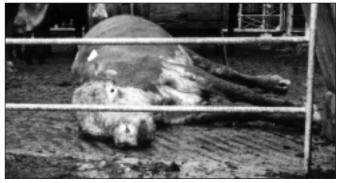
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Culberson (R-7th)				X	X			17		
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Green, G. (D-29th)	V			V	X	V		67		
Hall (R-4th)			V	V	X			34		
Hensarling (R-5th)			X	Х	X			0		
Hinojosa (D-15th)			X	Х				17		
Jackson Lee (D-18th)	V	V	✓	V	/			83		
Johnson, E. B. (D-30th)	V	✓	✓	NV	<u> </u>		✓	83		
Johnson, S. (R-3rd)			X	Х	X			0		
Lampson (D-22nd)			NV	NV	X			0		
Marchant (R-24th)		✓	NV	V	X			34		
McCaul (R-10th)			~	Х	Х			17		
Neugebauer (R-19th)			X	Х	X			0		
Ortiz (D-27th)			V	V	NV			34		
Paul (R-14th)			X	Х	Х			0		
Poe (R-2nd)			X	X	X			0		
Reyes (D-16th)			V	V	X	V		50		
Rodriguez (D-23rd)				NV	X	V		34		
Sessions (R-32nd)			~	Х	NV	Ť		17		
Smith (R-21st)			V	Х	Х			17		
Thornberry (R-13th)			X	Х	X			0		
UTAH			<u> </u>	-						
Bishop (R-1st)			V	Х	Х			17		
Cannon (R-3rd)			X	NV	X			0		
Matheson (D-2nd)			V	X	X			17		
VERMONT										
Welch (D-At Large)	V		V	V	V	V		83		
VIRGIN ISLANDS								- 65		
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Davis J. A. (R-1st)	<i>V</i>		NV	NV	NV			#		
Davis, T. (R-11th)	V			<i>V</i>	X			67		
Drake (R-2nd)			<u> </u>	Х	X			17		
Forbes (R-4th)			V	<i>V</i>	X			34		
Goode (R-5th)	V		NV	<i>V</i>	X			34		
Goodlatte (R-6th)			<u> </u>	Х	X			17		
Moran (D-8th)	V	SP		V	<u> </u>	V	V	100+		
Scott (D-3rd)			V	V	~			50		
Wittman (R-1st)			###	###	###			###		
Wolf (R-10th)	V		V	V	Х	V		67		
WASHINGTON										
Baird (D-3rd)	V		V	V	V			67		
Dicks (D-6th)	V	V	V	V	V	V		100		
Hastings (R-4th)			V	Х	X			17		
Inslee (D-1st)	V	✓	V	V	SP	V	✓	100+		
Larsen (D-2nd)			V	V	Х	V		50		
McDermott (D-7th)		V	V	V	V	V		83		
McMorris Rodgers (R-5th)			V	Х	X			17		
Reichert (R-8th)	V	~	V	V	V			83		
Smith (D-9th)		~	NV	~	V	V		67		
WEST VIRGINIA										
Capito (R-2nd)			V	V	Х			34		
Mollohan (D-1st)			· /	V	· /			50		
Rahall (D-3rd)	SP		V	SP	V	V	V	100		
WISCONSIN					•	Ť	<u> </u>			
Baldwin (D-2nd)	V	V	V	V	V	V		100		
Kagen (D-8th)	 	·		V	X	Ť		34		
Kind (D-3rd)				Х	X			17		
Moore (D-4th)	V	_		2		V		100		
Obey (D-7th)			· /	V	X	1		50		
Petri (R-6th)				Х	X	•		17		
Ryan (R-1st)				X	X			17		
Sensenbrenner (R-5th)			X	x	X			0		
WYOMING			<u></u>		<i>r</i>					
Cubin (R-At Large)			V	NV	Х	V		34		
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Appropriations Victories (continued)

- ✓ The omnibus bill contains language to bar federal spending on inspection of horses for slaughter for human consumption, thanks to the work of Reps. DeLauro (D-CT), Spratt (D-SC), Schakowsky (D-IL), Rahall (D-WV), and Whitfield (R-KY). And it contains language sought by Sen. Byrd (D-WV) and Rep. Deal (R-GA) to promote adoptions of working horses. The law prohibits killing any horse used by the U.S. Border Patrol or other federal agency unless the horse's trainer or handler is first given a chance to adopt the horse through a program that bars slaughter or inhumane treatment.
- ✓ The Appropriations Committees addressed a range of concerns in report language accompanying the omnibus: Rep. Lowey (D-NY) inserted a provision to stop the use of millions of tax dollars under the foreign aid budget to subsidize trophy **hunting** of African elephants, leopards, and other wildlife. Sens. Kohl (D-WI), Byrd (D-WV), Bennett (R-UT), Cochran (R-MS), and Allard (R-CO) teamed up to include a provision directing the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to study "controlled atmosphere stunning," a more humane alternative to the method typically used to slaughter poultry in the U.S. Reps. Kaptur (D-OH) and Olver (D-MA) inserted language calling on the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to notify its personnel and make clear through agency regulations that residents in federally subsidized housing can't be required to declaw their pets. Rep. Slaughter (D-NY), with help from Rep. DeLauro (D-CT), secured language that directs the FDA to address concerns with the overuse of antibiotics in animal feed, which supports inhumane conditions on factory farms and contributes to the development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria. And Sen. Brown (D-OH) and Rep. Calvert (D-CA) led the way on language to promote alternatives to animal testing.
- There was one key setback in the appropriations process. Though the Senate approved an amendment offered in committee by Sen. Reed (D-RI) to **ban the import of sport-hunted polar bear trophies** from Canada, the House rejected a parallel amendment offered by Reps. Inslee (D-WA) and LoBiondo (R-NJ), and the Senate language was omitted in the final omnibus.



Congress addressed a range of farm animal issues, while a recent investigation has sparked a renewed effort to protect downed animals.

Farm Bill Update

Many important animal protection measures made substantial headway as part of the pending Farm Bill (H.R. 2419), a massive package that sets 5-year policies for the USDA, which has jurisdiction over the AWA and other laws affecting animals. As we go to press, these provisions await final action by the House and Senate conference committee that will meet to resolve differences in their respective Farm Bills. The Senate Farm Bill provisions discussed below had the crucial backing of Chairman Harkin (D-IA) and Ranking Member Chambliss (R-GA).

Class B Dealers: Sen. Akaka (D-HI) and Reps. Doyle (D-PA) and Israel (D-NY) won approval for nearly identical amendments to prevent fraudulently acquired dogs and cats from being sold for laboratory experiments by random source ("Class B") dealers. The House version has a 90-day effective date, while the Senate version allows a phaseout of up to 5 years.

Dogfighting: Sen. Kerry (D-MA) successfully offered an amendment to the Senate bill to further strengthen the federal dogfighting law. His amendment would enhance prosecution efforts, increase the maximum penalty to a 5-year jail sentence, and make it a crime to knowingly possess, breed, or train dogs for fighting. Reps. Sutton (D-OH), Gallegly (R-CA), and Blumenauer (D-OR) are the lead sponsors of this legislation in the House.

Puppy Imports: The Senate bill also includes an amendment championed by Sen. Durbin (D-IL) to stop the import of dogs from puppy mills for commercial sale. The U.S. has a substantial dog and cat breeding industry, and 3 to 4 million dogs and cats are euthanized in U.S. shelters every year for lack of homes. Yet puppies are being mass-produced under inhumane conditions in China, Eastern Europe, Mexico, and elsewhere for sale in this country. Very young puppies are crammed into cargo containers for long distance, highly stressful, and dangerous transport. Many are either ill or dead on arrival as a result. Reps. Farr (D-CA), Gerlach (R-PA), and Everett (R-AL) are leading efforts on this legislation in the House.

Animal Welfare Act Accountability: An amendment in the House bill, led by Reps. Israel (D-NY) and Doyle (D-PA), would increase the potential fines for AWA violations, require that the USDA resume annual reports to Congress on the agency's AWA enforcement activities, and prohibit the use of live animals in sales and marketing demonstrations of medical devices and products.

Cloned Food: An amendment in the Senate bill, obtained by Sens. Mikulski (D-MD) and Specter (R-PA), would have required further study before the FDA could issue its final decision on the safety of food products from cloned animals. In January 2008, the FDA rushed to finalize its risk assessment before the Farm Bill was complete. The FDA's reckless move allows milk and meat from cloned animals and their offspring to be sold to the public, despite serious gaps in its analysis. The FDA received 150,000 public comments overwhelmingly opposing the approval of food from cloned animals based on concerns for animal welfare, human health, and economic impacts. Sen. Mikulski and Rep. DeLauro (D-CT) have introduced bills (S. 414/H.R. 992) to require labeling of any cloned food products.



Turtle Sales: The Senate bill includes a harmful amendment sought by Sens. Landrieu (D-LA) and Vitter (R-LA) to allow the domestic sale of small turtles for the first time since 1975, when the FDA barred such sales to protect public health. Small turtles, who often suffer from inhumane transport and inadequate care, also carry *Salmonella*, which can pose a serious threat to people, especially children. Rep. Pallone (D-NJ) and others are working to keep this amendment out of the final Farm Bill.

Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs): Sen. Boxer (D-CA) successfully led efforts to block inclusion in the Senate bill of a harmful provision to exempt factory farms from key environmental laws that require public reporting of toxic emissions and require polluters to pay for cleanups.

Antibiotic Overuse: An amendment in the Senate bill, secured by Sen. Kennedy (D-MA), authorizes grant funding for studies on the prevalence of antibiotic-resistant bacteria in livestock and better animal husbandry practices to reduce antibiotic overuse.

Preemption: We opposed a dangerous provision that fortunately was dropped by the House Agriculture Committee. Section 123 of the subcommittee bill threatened to nullify dozens of animal welfare and food safety laws enacted through democratic decision-making at the state and local level.

Veal Subsidies: Another harmful provision in the subcommittee bill would have authorized a new program of \$12 million in subsidies to prop up the veal industry and promote its cruel practices. Rep. Kagen (D-WI) pushed for inclusion of this provision, which fortunately was also dropped in full committee.

Other Priorities Awaiting Action

Farm Animals: Extensive media coverage of a Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) undercover investigation revealed shocking cruelty inflicted on downed animals—those too sick or injured to walk on their own—and has sparked a renewed effort to pass the Downed Animal and Food Safety Protection Act (S. 394/H.R. 661). Introduced by Sen. Akaka (D-HI) and Reps. Ackerman (D-NY) and LaTourette (R-OH), this bill would close loopholes in the USDA's rule regarding downed cattle and "mad cow disease," better protect public health, and protect all downed livestock, not just cattle, from

A number of wildlife protection bills have been introduced in Congress, including legislation to prohibit shooting wolves, bears, and other animals from aircraft.

cruel and abusive treatment. The investigation, which involved a major supplier of beef to the National School Lunch Program, has also brought attention to the **Farm Animal Stewardship Purchasing Act** (H.R. 1726), introduced by Reps. DeFazio (D-OR) and Shays (R-CT). This bill would require that suppliers of meat, dairy, and egg products to any federal program meet basic animal welfare standards, including the treatment or humane euthanasia of downed animals.

Wildlife: The Captive Primate Safety Act (S. 1498/H.R. 2964), introduced by Sens. Boxer (D-CA) and Vitter (R-LA) and Reps. Johnson (D-TX) and Kirk (R-IL), is poised for action; precursor legislation won full Senate approval in the 109th Congress, and the current Senate bill gained unanimous approval in committee. This legislation would prohibit interstate and foreign commerce in nonhuman primates for the pet trade to protect public safety and prevent inhumane treatment and neglect of these animals. The Computer-Assisted Remote Hunting Act (S. 2422/H.R. 2711), introduced by Sen. Whitehouse (D-RI) and Reps. Sherman (D-CA) and Davis (R-VA), would bar "Internet hunting," in which a person can fire a remotely controlled rifle with the click of a computer mouse and kill animals stocked in pens miles away. The Bear Protection Act (H.R. 3029), introduced by Reps. Grijalva (D-AZ) and Campbell (R-CA), would ban exports, imports, and interstate commerce in bear gall bladders and viscera. Sen. Boxer plans to introduce a companion bill in the Senate, where similar bills passed unanimously in the 106th and 107th Congresses. The **Protect America's Wildlife (PAW) Act** (H.R. 3663), introduced by Rep. Miller (D-CA), would prohibit shooting wolves, bears, and other predators from aircraft except in limited cases involving a designated biological emergency. Rep. DeFazio (D-OR) introduced the Migratory Bird Treaty Act Penalty and Enforcement Act (H.R. 4093) to establish felony-level penalties for intentional taking of migratory birds in violation of this nearly century-old law. Rep. DeFazio also introduced the **Compound 1080** and M-44 Elimination Act (H.R. 4775) to end the use of a highly toxic poison that is commonly employed in lethal "wildlife control" programs. This poison poses unacceptable national security risks and causes terrible suffering for wildlife as well as unintended targets, including endangered species and pets. The Sportsmanship in Hunting Act (H.R. 3829), introduced by Reps. Cohen (D-TN) and Whitfield (R-KY), would ban interstate and foreign commerce of captive exotic animals to be shot for entertainment or trophies. Rep. Rahall (D-WV) held an oversight hearing in his Natural Resources Committee on the harassment and slaughter of Yellowstone bison, and Rep. Hinchey (D-NY) tried to amend the Agriculture Appropriations bill to end the killing of these treasured animals, an issue we hope will be considered again in 2008. Sen. Cantwell (D-WA) and Rep. Gonzalez (D-TX) circulated letters cosigned by 9 senators and 76 representatives to exert pressure on the Japanese government to stop its gruesome whale hunting under the guise of scientific study.

Companion Animals: Reps. Blumenauer (D-OR) and Ramstad (R-MN) introduced H.R. 2491 to authorize federal tax provisions to allow people to provide for their companion animals through uniform charitable remainder **pet trusts**. Reps. Lantos (D-CA) and Shays (R-CT) sent a letter to China's U.S. Ambassador calling for

action to stop the Chinese government's practice of brutally killing dogs as part of ineffective rabies control policies. Rep. Shays also introduced H. Con. Res. 142, a resolution that passed the House by voice vote and awaits Senate action, to establish an annual **National Pet Week** to recognize pets' important role in U.S. households and promote their humane care.

Animal Cruelty: Sen. Menendez (D-NJ) introduced S. 2439 to require the FBI to create a separate category for animal cruelty in its crime databases so that authorities can analyze trends in animal cruelty-related crimes, including animal fighting, and resources can be targeted to address these problems. Reps. Conyers (D-MI) and Van Hollen (D-MD) are taking the lead on this **animal cruelty reporting** legislation in the House.

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HSLF publishes its annual *Humane Scorecard* to measure the support of federal legislators for a broad range of animal protection issues. We aim to provide an easy way for constituents to assess how their U.S. senators and representative acted on these issues and to help chart the progress of our public policy work on behalf of animals.

We hope you'll study this scorecard and use it as a tool to ensure that your legislators represent your interests in Washington, D.C. Let legislators know that you're watching and you appreciate their support for pro-animal legislation; or if they haven't done enough, let them know you'd like to see them do more. (HSLF acknowledges the inherent limitations of judging a legislator on the basis of a few select votes, cosponsorships, and joint letters. Please consider such unrecorded matters as performance on committees and constituent service.)

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HSLF was formed in 2004 as a separate lobbying affiliate of The Humane Society of the United States. As a (c)(4) organization, HSLF can spend an unlimited amount of its income on lobbying work—helping to level the playing field for animals. We may not be able to match our opponents dollar for dollar, but we will be more aggressive and more effective. That means more lobbyists at the state and federal levels, more ballot initiatives, and more victories for animals.

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