

SELECT ANIMAL-RELATED BILLS INTRODUCED IN 2011

Scores of bills now before the Legislature would impact animals' lives significantly if enacted. Some, though far from all, of such measures follow. NYSHA supports the majority of the bills listed, with some important exceptions, as noted.

Copies of bills are easily retrieved at: assembly.state.ny.us or public.leginfo.state.ny.us.

Bill #	Introduced by	Subject	NYSHA's Position
S.3971 A.1766	Adams Rosenthal	Creates an animal cruelty database	Support
S.1239	Addabbo	Limits tethering of dogs to six hours a day	Support
S.5013 A.7748	Avella Rosenthal	Bans horse-drawn carriages in NYC	Support
S.3805 A.1567	Ball Tedisco	Unseals court records of youths convicted of animal abuse; requires psychiatric evaluation of such offenders	Support
S.3806 A.259	Ball Paulin	Requires hearing regarding security bond posting; requires district attorney to act unless impounding organization requests to do so	Support
S.4994 A.968	Ball Kellner	Provides a tax credit for cost of spay/neuter services	Support
S.5083 A.1632	Ball Tedisco	Expands definition of aggravated cruelty to animals to include harm to an animal during commission of a felony	Support
S.5084 A.1580	Ball Tedisco	Prohibits a person convicted of "Buster's Law" from owning a companion animal unless psych eval indicates competence to humanely care for such an animal	Support
S.5015 A.1520	DeFrancisco Tedisco	Increases certain penalties for animal fighting and aggravated cruelty to animals	Support
S.1280 A.742	Duane Kellner	Provides a tax credit for adoption of pets from a shelter or humane society	Support
S.3117 A.1000	Espaillet Pheffer	Allows persons 62 or older in housing projects to keep common household pets	Support
S.5842 A.7140	Espaillet Magee	Allows \$1 additional surcharge on license fees for sterilized dogs to go to Animal Population Control Fund	Support

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S.3858-B A.6291-A	Grisanti Rosenthal	Restricts the sale, purchase, or possession of bear gallbladders or bile	Support SIGNED, 8/17/11
S.5702 A7502-A	Klein Paulin	Provides that no heating elements in cage or box dryers shall be turned on in grooming establishments where such equipment is used	Support
S.427 A.4615	Krueger Englebright	Bans transport of nonambulatory animal unless humanely euthanized	Support
S.3157 A.4475	Kruger Glick	Prohibits "canned hunts", the killing of non-native big game species in enclosed areas from which there is no means of escape for the animals	Support
S.3237-A A 4407-A	Lavalle Lentol	Makes it a misdemeanor to be a spectator at an animal fight	Support SIGNED, 8/3/11
S.1853 A.269	Oppenheimer Paulin	Increases penalty for multiple convictions	Support
S.1854 A.76	Oppenheimer Paulin	Regulates treatment and display of elephants	Support
S.3911-A A.6373-A	Oppenheimer Cahill	Makes important technical changes in Ag & Mkts Laws Article 7 and Article 26 to bring them into compliance with each other	Support SIGNED, 6/22/11
S.3092-A A.3507-A	Robach Glick	Prohibits insurers from denying coverage based on breed of dog	Support
S.5363-B A.7312-B	Robach Kellner	"Companion Animal Access and Rescue Act" – requires shelters to relinquish animals to rescue groups unless unreasonable conditions are met [<i>NOTE: This measure would likely have unintended serious negative consequences for untold numbers of animals, such as overcrowding and/or relinquishment to facilities lacking proper resources to care for them.</i>]	<u>Oppose</u>
S.835 A.2122	Young Magee	Exempts animals killed at hunting preserves from sales and use taxes	<u>Oppose</u>

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A.4038	Englebright	Authorizes district attorney to petition for security posting	Support
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A.3362	Glick	Prohibits clauses in residential leases from requiring declawing of animals	Support
A.3468	Glick	Requires cross-reporting among those responsible for investigating child or animal abuse	Support
A.4480	Kellner	Dubbed "Oreo's Law", this would force relinquishment of certain animals from a shelter to another facility upon demand [<i>NOTE: Like S.5363-B/A.7312-B, this bill would likely have unintended serious negative consequences for untold numbers of animals, such as overcrowding and/or relinquishment to facilities lacking proper resources to care for them.</i>]	<u>Oppose</u>
S.440	Krueger	Bans depictions of animal cruelty	Support
A.1878	McEneny	Defines abandonment and provides for penalties	Support
A.2421	McEneny	Includes all species in aggravated cruelty law	Support
A.2122	Millman	Specifies what constitutes appropriate shelter for dogs restrained outdoors	Support
S.5172	Ritchie	Prohibits undercover investigations of farm operations	<u>Oppose</u>
S.353	Robach	Allows taxpayers to mark returns with contribution to the Animal Population Control Fund	Support
A.1835	Rosenthal	Moves animal cruelty statutes from Agriculture & Markets Law to Penal Law [<i>This is essential to ensure more thorough training of police personnel in New York's animal cruelty statutes. Police currently receive minimal instruction in such laws.</i>]	Support
A.1843	Rosenthal	Includes wild animals in felony cruelty provisions	Support
A.1893	Rosenthal	Prohibits tail docking of cattle	Support
A.1928	Rosenthal	Allows greater freedom of movement for farmed animals	Support
A.6075	Rosenthal	Makes it a felony to commit cruelty to animal in the presence of a child	Support

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A.7458	Rosenthal	Prohibits vivisection at colleges, universities, professional, proprietary or graduate schools where a scientifically and educationally satisfactory method or strategy exists	Support
A.7628	Rosenthal	Limits animal dealers exempt under the provision of article 7 of such law relating to the licensing, identification and control of dogs	Support
A.1566	Tedisco	Requires psychiatric evaluation of those convicted of aggravated cruelty to animals; removes horses from definition of farm animals	Support
A.3431A	Zebrowski	Prohibits devocalization of dogs and cats	Support