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# 2018 Scorecard

for the Colorado General Assembly

The 2018 legislative session was a busy one for animal-related legislation. CVA tracked a total of thirteen bills, five of which were used for scoring. Two additional bills were introduced but were withdrawn during the committee process, meaning that there was no vote for CVA to include in our percentage scores. Please keep in mind the scorecard is based only on how legislators actually voted and not necessarily on their overall support for animal welfare issues.

## 2018 Bills

### HB-1041 Cruelty to Police Horses

Position: **Support**  
Outcome: **signed into law**

In 2016, Colorado passed a law that established a separate crime with additional penalties for cruelty to a working police dog or service animal. This bill adds police horses to the animals covered under that law. Those convicted under the statute will be forced to cover the cost of veterinary expenses resulting from the incident, and replacement costs if the horse is killed or permanently disabled. They can even be ordered to pay restitution for the costs of training and certification. This bill was introduced by Rep. Marc Catlin (R-Montrose), and sponsored in the Senate by Sen. Don Coram (R-Montrose). It passed unanimously in both houses of the legislature.



### HB-1043 Beef Country of Origin Label

Position: **Support**  
Outcome: **defeated in committee**

This legislation was introduced for the second year in a row by Rep. Kimmi Lewis (R-Las Animas County) and Sen. Vicki Marble (R-Fort Collins). The bill would have required Colorado retailers to label the country of origin for beef sold to the public. CVA supported this bill because laws governing the treatment of animals used for food vary widely among different countries, and labeling would allow consumers who choose to eat beef to make more informed purchasing decisions. HB-1043 was postponed indefinitely (PI'd) by the House Agriculture Committee.

### HB-1126 Limit HOA Restriction of Dogs

Position: **Support**  
Outcome: **defeated on the house floor**

Introduced by Rep. Paul Rosenthal (D-Denver), and aimed at homeowner's associations that currently allow dogs, this bill would have invalidated HOA covenants that prohibit the keeping of dogs based solely on size, weight or breed. Other restrictions, such as those concerning nuisance barking or the number of dogs allowed, would not have been affected. HB-1126 passed the House Local Government Committee, but was defeated on the house floor by a vote of 29 to 34.

### SB-060 Protective Orders

Position: **Support**  
Outcome: **signed into law**

This bill created an additional type of protective order (restraining order) that a court can issue to protect animals and their owners in cases of domestic violence and certain other crimes. The court can now issue an order prohibiting a defendant from taking, transferring, concealing, harming, disposing of, or threatening to harm an animal belonging to an alleged victim or witness. The bill also included a provision regarding the control of cell phone accounts in domestic violence cases. SB-060 was introduced by Sen. Don Coram (R-Montrose), and sponsored in the house by Rep. Millie Hamner (D-Dillon).



### SB-239 Animal Chiropractic

Position: **Support**  
Outcome: **signed into law**

Under current law, a chiropractor must obtain clearance from a licensed veterinarian before performing chiropractic treatments on an animal patient. This bill, introduced by Sen. Vicki Marble (R-Fort Collins) removes this requirement, provided the chiropractor has successfully completed a course on contagious, infectious, and zoonotic diseases. It also establishes reporting requirements. CVA had previously opposed similar legislation that did not include the training requirements, but we were pleased to support this bill, which allows for greater access to chiropractic treatment options, while safeguarding the animals' health and that of the community.

## Bills not included in percentage score:

### HB-1216 Youth Shooting Light Geese

Position: **Oppose**

Outcome: **withdrawn during committee**

This bill would have instructed Colorado Parks & Wildlife to create a special permit for members of a youth shooting sports organization to hunt light geese on private land. ("Light Geese" include snow geese and similar species, which have experienced a population increase in recent decades). Participating landowners would "notify the hunters when light geese are on the land." CVA strongly opposed this measure, which would have encouraged young people to use living beings for target practice. HB-1216 was introduced by Rep. Judy Reyher (R-Otero County), who withdrew the bill during the House State Affairs Committee hearing.



The revenue from the tickets, at \$50 apiece, would be used to increase the population of "big game" species, and to fund organizations engaged in habitat conservation, new hunter recruitment, and promoting the current hunting-based model of wildlife management.

After a committee hearing in which multiple animal and environmental groups testified against the bill, the sponsor asked the committee to "lay over" the bill until after the legislative session (or, effectively, withdrew it). CVA will be vigilant in opposing this legislation if it should resurface in the future.

### SB-137 Grand Slam Hunting Raffle

Position: **Oppose**

Outcome: **withdrawn during committee**

This bill, introduced by Sen. Ray Scott (R-Mesa County), would have directed Colorado Parks & Wildlife to create a "Grand Slam" raffle program, with the prizes being the opportunity to kill one of ten Colorado species (moose, elk, Mule deer, White-tailed deer, Bighorn Sheep, Desert bighorn, Mountain goat, Pronghorn, Black bear, and Mountain lion).

## 2018 Voting Scores

The numerical score is the legislator's score on actual votes. The letter grade is our overall assessment of the legislator's performance. For the letter grade we considered votes, sponsorship or co-sponsorship of bills, and any behind-the-scenes efforts that affected animal-related legislation.

**NOTE: The scores don't tell the whole story!** Sometimes a legislator is either more or less animal friendly than the score indicates. This is especially true during years when there are few animal-related bills available for scoring.

**KEY:** ✓ = Pro-animal vote; ✗ = Anti-animal vote; **S** = Bill sponsor; \* = Co-sponsor; e = excused

Bill Number			HB-1041 Police Horses		HB-1043 Beef Labeling		HB-1126 HOA Dog Policies		SB-060 Protective Orders		SB-239 Animal Chiropractic		Score	Letter Grade
Colorado State Representatives			Judiciary Committee	Floor vote	Agriculture Committee	Local Gov't Committee	Floor vote	Judiciary Committee	Floor vote	Agriculture Committee	Floor vote			
Party	District													
Arndt, Jeni James	D	53		✓*	✗		✓		✓*	✓	✓S	84%	A++	
Becker, Jon	R	65		✓*	✓		✗		✓	✓	✓S	84%	A+	
Becker, KC	D	13		✓*			✗		✓*		✓	75%	B	
Beckman, Susan	R	38		✓*			✗		✓		✓	75%	B-	
Benavidez, Adrienne	D	32	✓	✓*			✓	✓	✓*		✓	100%	A+	
Bridges, Jeff	D	3		✓*			✓		✓*		✓	100%	A+	
Buck, Perry	R	49		✓*	✓		✗		✗	✓	✓	67%	C+	
Buckner, Janet	D	40		✓*			✗		✓*		✓	75%	B	
Carver, Terri	R	20	✓	✓*			✗	✓	✓*		✓	84%	A-	
Catlin, Marc	R	58		✓S	✓		✗		✓	✓	✓	84%	A	
Coleman, James	D	7		✓*		✓	✓		✓*		✓	100%	A+	
Covarrubias, Phil	R	56		✓*			✗		✓*		✓	75%	B	
Danielson, Jessie	D	24		✓*	✗		✓		✓*	✓	✓	84%	A-	
Duran, Crisanta	D	5		✓*			✗		✓*		✓	75%	B	
Esgar, Daneya	D	46		✓*	✗		✓		✓*	✓	✓	84%	A-	
Everett, Justin	R	22		✓*			✗		✗		✓	50%	D+	
Exum Sr., Tony	D	17		✓*		✓	e		✓*		✓	100%	A+	
Foote, Mike	D	12	e	✓*			✗	e	✓		✓	75%	B-	

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Garnett, Alec	D	2		✓*			✗		✓		✓	75%	B-	
Ginal, Joann	D	52		✓*			✓		✓		✓	100%	A	
Gray, Matt	D	33		✓*		✗	✗		e		✓	50%	D+	
Hamner, Millie	D	61		✓*			✗		✓S		✓	75%	A-	
Hansen, Chris	D	6		✓*	✗		✓		✓*	✓	✓	84%	A-	
Herod, Leslie	D	8	✓	✓*			✗	✓	✓*		✓	84%	A-	
Hooton, Edie	D	10		✓*			✓		✓*		✓	100%	A+	
Humphrey, Stephen	R	48		✓*			✗		✗		✓	50%	D+	
Jackson, Domimique	D	42		✓*	✗		✓		✓*	✓	✓	84%	A-	
Kennedy, Chris	D	23		✓*			✓		✓*		✓	100%	A+	
Kraft-Tharp, Tracy	D	29		✓*			✗		✓		✓	75%	B-	
Landgraf, Lois	R	21		✓*			✓		✓		✓	100%	A	
Lawrence, Polly	R	39		✓*			✗		✓		✓	75%	B-	
Lebsock, Steve	D	34		✓*		✓	✓		n/a		n/a	100%	A	
Lee, Sanford "Pete"	D	18	✓	✓*			✓	✓	✓*		✓	100%	A+	
Leonard, Timothy	R	25		✓			✗		✓		✓	75%	C+	
Lewis, Kimmi	R	64		✓	✓S		✗		✗	e	✓	60%	C-	
Liston, Larry	R	16		✓*		✗	✗		✓		✓	60%	C	
Lontine, Susan	D	1		✓*			✓		✓*		✓	100%	A+	
Lundeen, Paul	R	19	✓	✓*			✗	✓	✓		✓	84%	B+	
McKean, Hugh	R	51		✓*	✓	✗	✗		✓	✓	✓	72%	B-	
McLachlan, Barbara	D	59		✓*			✓		✓*		✓	100%	A+	
Melton, Jovan	D	41	✓	✓*			✓	✓	✓*		✓	100%	A+	
Michaelson Jenet, Dafna	D	30		✓*			✓		✓*		✓	100%	A+	
Neville, Patrick	R	45		✓*			✓		✓		✓	100%	A	
Pabon, Dan	D	4		✓*			✓		✓		✓	100%	A	
Pettersen, Brittany	D	28		✓*			✓		✓		✓	100%	A	
Rankin, Bob	R	57		✓*			✗		✓		✓	75%	B-	
Ransom, Kim	R	44		✓*		✓	✓		✓		✓	100%	A	
Reyher, Judy S: HB-1216	R	47		✓*		✓	✗		✓		✓*	80%	C+	
Roberts, Dylan	D	26		✓*	✗		✓	✓	✓*	✓	✓	86%	A-	
Rosenthal, Paul	D	9		✓*		✓	✓S		✓*		✓	100%	A++	
Saine, Lori	R	63		✓*	✓		✗		✗	✓	✓	67%	C+	
Salazar, Joseph	D	31	✓	✓*			e		✓*		✓	100%	A+	
Sandridge, Shane	R	14		✓*			✗		✓		✓	75%	B-	
Sias, Lang	R	27		✓*			✓		✓		✓	100%	A	
Singer, Jonathan	D	11		✓*		✓	✓		✓*		✓	100%	A+	
Thurlow, Dan	R	55		✓*		✗	✗		✓		✓	60%	C	
Valdez, Donald	D	62		✓*	✗	✓	✗		✓*	✓	✓	72%	B	
Van Winkle, Kevin	R	43		✓*			✗		✓		✓	75%	B-	
Weissman, Mike	D	36	✓	✓*			✓	✓	✓*		✓	100%	A+	
Willett, Yeulin	R	54	✓	✓*			✗	✓	✓		✓	84%	B+	
Williams, Dave	R	15		✓*			✓*		✓		✓	100%	A+	
Wilson, James "Jim"	R	60		✓*		✓	✗		✓		✓	80%	B	
Winkler, Alexander "Skinny"	R	34		n/a			n/a		n/a		✓	100%	A-	
Winter, Faith	D	35		✓*			✓		✓*		✓	100%	A+	
Wist, Cole	R	37	✓	✓*			✗	✓	✓		✓	84%	B+	
Young, Dave	D	50		✓*			✗		✓*		✓	75%	B	

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Aguilar, Irene	D	32		✓			✓ *		✓	100%	A
Baumgardner, Randy	R	8		✓			✓		✓	100%	A-
Cooke, John	R	13		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	A-
Coram, Don	R	6		✓ S		✓	✓ S	✓	✓ *	100%	A++
Court, Lois	D	31		✓ *			✓ *		✓	100%	A+
Crowder, Larry	R	35	✓	e			✓ *		✓	100%	A
Donovan, Kerry	D	5	✓	✓ *			✓	✓	✓	100%	A
Fenberg, Stephen	D	18		✓			✓	✓	✓	100%	A-
Fields, Rhonda	D	29		✓		✓	✓ *	✓	✓	100%	A
Garcia, Leroy	D	3		✓			✓ *	✓	✓	100%	A
Gardner, Bob	R	12	✓	✓		✓	✓ *		✓	100%	A
Grantham, Kevin	R	2		✓			✓ *	✓	✓	100%	A
Guzman, Lucia	D	34		✓			✓ *		✓	100%	A
Hill, Owen	R	10		✓			e		✓	100%	A-
Holbert, Chris	R	30		✓			✓		✓	100%	A-
Jahn, Cheri	D	20		✓ *			✓		✓	100%	A
Jones, Matt	D	17		✓			✓	✓	✓	100%	A-
Kagan, Daniel	D	26		✓		✓	✓ *		✓	100%	A
Kefalas, John	D	14	e	✓ *			✓ *		✓	100%	A+
Kerr, Andy	D	22		✓			✓		✓ *	100%	A
Lambert, Kent	R	9		✓ *			✓ *		✓	100%	A+
Lundberg, Kevin	R	15		✓ *			✓		✓	100%	A
Marble, Vicki	R	23		✓	S		✓	✓	✓ S	100%	A++
Martinez Humenik, Beth	R	24	✓	✓ *			✓ *		✓ *	100%	A+
Merrifield, Michael	D	11		✓ *			✓		✓	100%	A
Moreno, Dominick	D	21		✓			✓		✓	100%	A-
Neville, Tim	R	16		✓			✓		✓	100%	A-
Priola, Kevin	R	25		✓ *			✓		✓	100%	A
Scott, Ray <b>S: SB-137</b>	R	7		✓			✓ *	e	✓	100%	C
Smallwood, Jim	R	4		✓			✓ *		✓	100%	A
Sonnenberg, Jerry	R	1		✓ *			✓	✓	✓	100%	A
Tate, Jack	R	27		e			✓ *		✓ *	100%	A+
Todd, Nancy	D	28		✓			e *		✓ *	100%	A+
Williams, Angela	D	33		✓			✓ *		✓	100%	A
Zenzinger, Rachel	D	19		✓			✓ *		✓	100%	A

### About Colorado Voters for Animals

Colorado Voters for Animals is committed to animal protection through effective legislation. We support candidates and incumbents who align with these values. We advocate for humane legislation, oppose inhumane legislation, and educate the public on issues that affect animals.

Colorado Voters for Animals has a separate Small Donor Committee, established to help get humane candidates elected and keep them in office.