



**COLORADO  
VOTERS  
FOR ANIMALS**

# 2017 Scorecard

for the Colorado General Assembly

The 2017 legislative session offered only a few bills of interest to animal advocates. CVA tracked and scored three bills during this session. Of these, one pro-animal bill garnered overwhelming bipartisan support, and was ultimately signed into law. (We also tracked one non-binding resolution, which was not used for scoring). Again, this session provided little information on which to base our voting scores, especially in the Senate.

## 2017 Bills

### **HB-1179 Immunity for Emergency Rescue from Vehicles**

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



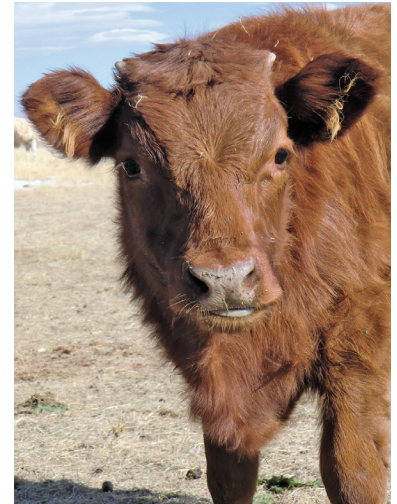
This bill grants immunity from civil and criminal liability to a person who breaks into a locked vehicle to rescue a dog, cat, or at-risk individual who is in imminent danger of death or serious injury. The rescuer must meet several conditions in order for the law to apply, including first attempting to locate the owner of the vehicle and contacting law enforcement before

attempting to break in. The bill does not apply to law enforcement vehicles. HB-1179 was sponsored by a bipartisan coalition of legislators: Representatives Lori Saine (R-Weld County) and Joann Ginal (D-Fort Collins), and Senators Lois Court (D-Denver) and Vicki Marble (R-Fort Collins). We are pleased to report that Governor Hickenlooper signed this bill into law on April 13.

### **HB-1234 Beef Country of Origin Labeling**

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

This bill would have required retailers in Colorado to display a placard indicating the country of origin for beef sold to the public. This bill was introduced by Rep. Kimmi Lewis (R-Las Animas County) and Sen. Vicki Marble (R-Fort Collins). 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 eat beef to make more informed purchasing decisions. HB-1234 was postponed indefinitely (PI'd) by the House Agriculture Committee.



### **SB-135 Veterinary Clearance for Animal Chiropractic**

Position: **Oppose**  
Outcome: **passed the Senate, defeated in House committee**

Under current state law, a chiropractor must obtain clearance from a licensed veterinarian before performing chiropractic treatments on an animal patient. SB-135 would have removed this requirement for those who are registered with a state board

as an animal chiropractor. Veterinarians were concerned that there are many conditions that could be made worse by chiropractic treatment if not properly diagnosed, and urged that it was in the best interests of animals to keep the current system. The bill, sponsored by Sen. Vicki Marble and Rep. Kimmi Lewis, was postponed indefinitely by the House Agriculture Committee. Note: although CVA ended up opposing SB-135, we did not officially take a position on the bill until it had already passed the Senate, therefore we did not count the Senate votes for this bill on our scorecard.

and Sen. Jerry Sonnenberg (R-Sterling). It was adopted unanimously at the end of the session along with several other resolutions. HJR-1029 was not counted on our scorecard.



## Other Legislation of interest:

HJR-1029 Colorado Pollinator Highway

Position: **Support**

Outcome: **passed both houses of the legislature**

This resolution (a non-binding act of the legislature that does not actually change any laws) renames Interstate 76 the “Colorado Pollinator Highway.” It encourages the Colorado Department of Transportation to adopt vegetation management practices which promote pollinator habitat along the highway, and allows the department to collect donations and grants to pay for road signs marking the new designation. HJR-1029 was sponsored by Rep. KC Becker (D-Boulder)

## 2017 Voting Scores

This report lists legislators’ scores on animal-related legislation for the 2017 session. 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-1179 Emergency Rescue from Vehicles		HB-1234 Beef Labeling	SB-135 Animal Chiropractic	Score	Letter Grade
Colorado State Representatives			Health & Environment Committee	Floor vote	Agriculture Committee	Agriculture Committee		
Party	District							
Arndt, Jeni James	D	53		✓	✗	✓	67%	C
Becker, Jon	R	65		✓	✓	✗	67%	C
Becker, KC	D	13		✓			100%	A-
Beckman, Susan	R	38	✓	✓*			100%	A
Benavidez, Adrienne	D	32		✓			100%	A-
Bridges, Jeff	D	3		✓			100%	A-
Buck, Perry	R	49		✓*	✓	✗	67%	C+
Buckner, Janet	D	40	✓	✓*			100%	A
Carver, Terri	R	20		✓*			100%	A
Catlin, Marc	R	58		✓			100%	A-
Coleman, James	D	7		✓			100%	A-
Covarrubias, Phil	R	56	✓	✓*			100%	A
Danielson, Jessie	D	24		✓	✗	✓	67%	C
Duran, Crisanta	D	5		✓*			100%	A
Esgar, Daneya	D	46	✓	✓*	✗	✓	75%	B-
Everett, Justin	R	22		✓			100%	A-
Exum Sr., Tony	D	17		✓			100%	A-

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Colorado State Representatives			Health & Environment Committee	Floor vote	Agriculture Committee	Agriculture Committee		
Party	District							
Foote, Mike	D	12		✗			0%	F
Garnett, Alec	D	2		✓*			100%	A
Ginal, Joann	D	52	✓	✓S			100%	A++
Gray, Matt	D	33		✓			100%	A-
Hamner, Millie	D	61		✓*			100%	A
Hansen, Chris	D	6		✓	✗	✓	67%	C
Herod, Leslie	D	8		✓*			100%	A
Hooton, Edie	D	10		✓*			100%	A
Humphrey, Stephen	R	48	✓	✓			100%	A-
Jackson, Domimique	D	42	✓	✓			100%	A-
Kennedy, Chris	D	23	✓	✓*			100%	A
Kraft-Tharp, Tracy	D	29		✓			100%	A-
Landgraf, Lois	R	21	✓	✓*			100%	A
Lawrence, Polly	R	39		✓*			100%	A
Lebsock, Steve	D	34		✓*	✓	✓	100%	A
Lee, Sanford "Pete"	D	18		✓			100%	A-
Leonard, Timothy	R	25		✓			100%	A-
Lewis, Kimmi	R	64		✓	✓S	✗S	67%	C
Liston, Larry	R	16		✓			100%	A-
Lontine, Susan	D	1	✓	✓*			100%	A
Lundeen, Paul	R	19		✓*			100%	A
McKean, Hugh	R	51		✓*	✓	✗	67%	C+
McLachlan, Barbara	D	59		✓*			100%	A
Melton, Jovan	D	41		✓*			100%	A
Michaelson, Dafna	D	30		✓			100%	A-
Mitsch Bush, Diane	D	26		✓*	✗	✓	67%	C+
Navarro, Clarice	R	47		✓*			100%	A
Neville, Patrick	R	45		✓*			100%	A
Nordberg, Dan	R	14		✓*			100%	A
Pabon, Dan	D	4		✓*			100%	A
Pettersen, Brittany	D	28		✓*			100%	A
Rankin, Bob	R	57		✓*			100%	A
Ransom, Kim	R	44	✓	✓			100%	A-
Rosenthal, Paul	D	9		✓			100%	A-
Saine, Lori	R	63		✓S	✓	✗	67%	B
Salazar, Joseph	D	31		✓*			100%	A
Sias, Lang	R	27		✓*			100%	A
Singer, Jonathan	D	11		✓*			100%	A
Thurlow, Dan	R	55		✓*			100%	A
Valdez, Donald	D	62		✓*	✗	✓	67%	C+
Van Winkle, Kevin	R	43		✓*			100%	A
Weissman, Mike	D	36		✓			100%	A-
Willett, Yeulin	R	54		✗	✓	✗	33%	F
Williams, Dave	R	15		✓*			100%	A
Wilson, James "Jim"	R	60		✓*			100%	A
Winter, Faith	D	35		✓*			100%	A
Wist, Cole	R	37		✓*			100%	A
Young, Dave	D	50		✓*			100%	A

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Colorado State Senators			Business & Labor Committee	Floor vote	No Senate Vote	CVA was neutral on this bill in the Senate		
Party	District							
Aguilar, Irene	D	32		✓*			100%	A
Baumgardner, Randy	R	8		✗			0%	F
Cooke, John	R	13		✓			100%	A-
Coram, Don	R	6		✓			100%	A-
Court, Lois	D	31		✓S			100%	A++
Crowder, Larry	R	35		✓			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		✓			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		✓*			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	R	7		✓			100%	A-
Smallwood, Jim	R	4	✓	✓			100%	A-
Sonnenberg, Jerry	R	1		✗			0%	F
Tate, Jack	R	27	✓	✓*			100%	A
Todd, Nancy	D	28		✓			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.

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