



2020 Scorecard

for the Colorado General Assembly

2020 was a busy year for animal-related legislation in Colorado. CVA tracked a record number of bills during the session, seven of which were ultimately used for scoring. The Colorado Legislature was not immune to COVID-19, which prevented several animal-friendly bills from moving forward when our lawmakers' focus understandably shifted to addressing the crisis. Two pro-animal bills that were almost guaranteed to pass (and several others) were thus postponed indefinitely.

2020 Bills

SB-078 Dogs on Restaurant Patios

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

Patterned after municipal ordinances in cities such as Denver, the new law authorizes restaurants throughout Colorado to allow patrons to bring their dogs onto outside patio areas. Patios must have a direct entrance that does not involve going through the restaurant. Individual restaurants can still decide whether to allow dogs, and local ordinances will supersede state law. In addition to allowing Coloradans to spend more time with their dogs, this legislation helps dogs by providing travelers an alternative to leaving a dog unattended in a vehicle or hotel. Bill sponsors were Sen. Kerry Donovan, and Reps. Alec Garnet and Patrick Neville.



SB-104 Animal Protection Agents

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

This bill, sponsored by Sen. John Cooke and Rep. Dylan Roberts, made changes to Colorado's law governing Bureau of Animal Protection (BAP) agents. Previous wording of the law was subject to interpretation, hampering BAP agents' ability to enforce anti-cruelty laws. Agents were often unable to act without first involving local law enforcement, which could

jeopardize animals' lives and make successful prosecutions less likely. The new law clarifies the enforcement powers of BAP agents, explicitly allowing them to conduct investigations and impound animals in both civil and criminal cases.

SB-125 Prohibit Exotic Animals in Traveling Performances

Position: **Support**

Outcome: **passed the Senate, postponed indefinitely in the House**

This bill would have prohibited the use of exotic animals (such as elephants, big cats, and primates) in traveling performances including circuses, fairs, animal rides and photo opportunities. The bill included exemptions for qualified environmental education programs, sanctuaries and zoos. Senators Joann Ginal and Rachel Zenzinger introduced this legislation with Reps. Meg Froelich and Monica Duran acting as prime sponsors in the House. The bill passed the Senate on February 26 and was scheduled for a hearing in the House when further action was suspended due to the Coronavirus pandemic. The sponsors have promised to introduce another bill in 2021.



SB-142 Pet Animal Facility Licensing

Position: **Oppose** Outcome: **defeated in committee**

The proposed law would have exempted nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations from oversight by PACFA (the Pet Animal Care Facilities Act). "Fake" rescues often incorporate as (c)(3)'s, selling dogs and cats they claim have been rescued, but who were actually purchased from puppy and kitten mills. The law also would have removed the licensing requirement for persons bringing out of state animals to Colorado for sale. Sen. Vicki Marble and Rep. Lori Saine were the prime sponsors.

SB-164 Animals in Shelters & Rescues

Position: **Support** Outcome: **passed the Senate, postponed indefinitely in the House**

This bill, which was also sidelined by the COVID-19 crisis, would have assured that all dogs and cats in shelters who are healthy or could reasonably be restored to health, and do not pose a threat to humans or other animals, would be placed in a

forever home. The bill was sponsored by Sens. Joann Ginal and Rhonda Fields, and Reps. Monica Duran and Alex Valdez.

HB-1084 Dog & Cat Breeders & Sellers

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

The so called “puppy mill” bill, which would have prohibited the sale of dogs and cats in pet stores, encountered strong opposition from pet store owners, dog breeders, and agricultural interests. Although amendments were added in hopes of a compromise that would allow sales to continue but require strict safeguards ensuring humane treatment, the bill was narrowly defeated in committee. The prime sponsor was Rep. Monica Duran, and Sen. Mike Foote was the senate sponsor.

foot of floor space per hen; about twice the current amount. In addition, hens must have access to perches, nest boxes, and dust-bathing areas. While still far from ideal, these conditions are a welcome improvement for the millions of birds confined on large-scale egg farms in Colorado. Farms with less than 3,000 hens are exempt. The Colorado Egg Producers brought



this bill forward with assistance from the Humane Society of the United States. Despite the abbreviated session, lawmakers passed this bill in order to prevent a campaign to place a more restrictive measure on the ballot this November.

HB-1343 Housing of Egg-Laying Hens

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

Sen. Kerry Donovan and Rep. Dylan Roberts sponsored this bill that phases out, by 2025, the caging of hens who are used to produce eggs on large-scale farms in Colorado. The new law will also ultimately prohibit the sale of eggs from other states where cages are still used. The law requires hens confined in a cage-free housing system to have a minimum of one square

Other Bills (Not Scored):

SB-121 Manage Gray Wolves in Colorado

Position: **Support** Outcome: **postponed indefinitely**

Sen. Kerry Donovan introduced this bill which was an attempt to reach a compromise with groups supporting the reintroduction of wolves, rather than have the issue go to the ballot. It was also postponed indefinitely due to COVID-19.

About the 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. We considered votes, bill sponsorship, and any “behind-the-scenes” efforts affecting animal-related legislation. The “Other Factors” column recognizes some of these efforts, including sponsorship of bills that did not make it through the committee process.

The CLAW column indicates which legislators have attended the Colorado Legislative Animal Welfare Caucus this session.

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Bill Number			SB-078 Dogs on Patios		SB-104 Protection Agents		HB- 1084 Dog/Cat Breeders	HB-1343 Hen Housing		Voting Score	Other Factors	CLAW Attendance	Letter Grade
Colorado State Representatives	Party	District	Votes	Sponsors	Votes	Sponsors	Committee Vote	Votes	Sponsors				
Arndt, Jeni James	D	53	✓		✓		✓	✓		100%			A
Baisley, Mark	R	39	✓		✗			✗		33%			D
Becker, KC	D	13	✓	*	✓			✓		100%			A+
Benavidez, Adrienne	D	32	✓		✓			✓		100%			A
Bird, Shannon	D	35	✓		✓	*		✓		100%			A+
Bockenfeld, Rod	R	56	✓		✗			✓		67%			C+
Buck, Perry	R	49	✓		✗			✗		33%			D
Buckner, Janet	D	40	✓		e			✓		100%			A
Buentello, Bri	D	47	✓	*	✓		✗	✓		75%			B
Caraveo, Yadira	D	31	✓	*	✓			✓		100%	✓		A+
Carver, Terri	R	20	✓		✗			✗		33%			D
Catlin, Marc	R	58	✗		✗		✗	✓		25%			D-
Champion, Richard	R	38	✓		✗			✓		67%			C+
Coleman, James	D	7	✓	*	✓			✓		100%		✓	A+
Cutter, Lisa	D	25	✓	*	✓			✓		100%			A+
Duran, Monica	D	24	e		✓	*	PS	✓		100%	PS		A++
Esgar, Daneya	D	46	✓	*	✓			✓		100%			A+

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Colorado State Representatives continued			Votes	Sponsors	Votes	Sponsors	Votes	Sponsors					
Party	District												
Exum Sr., Tony	D	17	✓		✓			✓		100%			A
Froelich, Meg	D	3	✓		✓	*		✓		100%	PS	✓	A++
Garnett, Alec	D	2	✓	PS	✓			✓		100%			A++
Geitner, Tim	R	19	✓		✗			✗		33%			D
Gonzales-Gutierrez, Serena	D	4	✓		✓			✓		100%			A
Gray, Matt	D	33	✗		✓			✓		67%			C+
Herod, Leslie	D	8	✓	*	✓			✓		100%			A+
Holtorf, Richard	R	64	✓		✗		✗	✗		25%			D-
Hooton, Edie	D	10	✓		✓			✓		100%			A
Humphrey, Stephen	R	48	✓	*	✗			✗		33%			D+
Jackson, Domimique	D	42	✓	*	✓			✓		100%			A+
Jaquez Lewis, Sonya	D	12	✓	*	✓		✓	✓		100%		✓	A+
Kennedy, Chris	D	23	✓	*	✓			✓		100%			A+
Kipp, Cathy	D	52	✓		✓			✓	*	100%		✓	A+
Kraft-Tharp, Tracy	D	29	✓		✓			✓		100%			A
Landgraf, Lois	R	21	e		✗			e		0%			F
Larson, Colin	R	22	✓		✗			✗		33%			D
Liston, Larry	R	16	✗	*	✗			✗		0%	✓	✓	D+
Lontine, Susan	D	1	✓	*	✓			✓		100%			A+
McCluskie, Julie	D	61	✓	*	✓			✓		100%			A+
McKean, Hugh	R	51	✗		✗			✗		0%			F
McLachlan, Barbara	D	59	✓	*	✓			✓		100%		✓	A+
Melton, Jovan	D	41	✓		✓	*		✓		100%			A+
Michaelson Jenet, Dafna	D	30	✓	*	✓			✓		100%			A+
Mullica, Kyle	D	34	✓	*	✓			✓	*	100%			A+
Neville, Patrick	R	45	✓	PS	✗			✗		33%			C
Pelton, Rod	R	65	✗		✗		✗	✓		25%			D-
Ransom, Kim	R	44	✓		✗			✗		33%			D
Rich, Janice	R	55	✗		✓			✗		33%			D
Roberts, Dylan	D	26	✓		✓	PS		✓	PS	100%	✓		A++
Saine, Lori	R	63	✓		✗			✗		33%	PS		F
Sandridge, Shane	R	14	✓	*	✗			✗		33%			D+
Singer, Jonathan	D	11	✓		✓			✓	*	100%			A+
Sirota, Emily	D	9	✓	*	✓			✓		100%		✓	A+
Snyder, Marc	D	18	✓		✓			✓		100%			A
Soper, Matt	R	54	e		✗			✓		50%			C-
Sullivan, Tom	D	37	✓		✓			✓		100%			A
Tipper, Kerry	D	28	✓	*	✓			✓		100%			A+
Titone, Brianna	D	27	✓	*	✓		✓	✓		100%			A+
Valdez, Alex	D	5	✓	*	✓	*		✓		100%	PS	✓	A++
Valdez, Donald	D	62	✓	*	✓		✗	✓	*	75%			B
Van Winkle, Kevin	R	43	✓		✗			✓		67%			C+
Weissman, Mike	D	36	✓		✓			✓		100%			A
Will, Perry	R	57	✗		✗		✗	✓		25%			D-
Williams, Dave	R	15	✗		✗			✗		0%			F
Wilson, James "Jim"	R	60	✗		✗			✗		0%			F
Woodrow, Steven	D	6	✓	*	✓			✓		100%			A+
Young, Mary	D	50	✓	*	✓		✓	✓	*	100%			A+

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Bridges, Jeff	D	26	✓	*	✓	*	✓	*		✓		✓		100%			A+
Cooke, John	R	13	✗		✓	PS	✗			✗		✗		20%			C-
Coram, Don	R	6	✓		✓		✗			✓		✗		60%			C
Crowder, Larry	R	35	✓		✓		✗			✗		✗		40%			D+
Danielson, Jessie	D	20	✗		✓		✓			✓		✓		80%			B
Donovan, Kerry	D	5	✓	PS	✓		✓			✓		✓	PS	100%	PS		A++
Fenberg, Stephen	D	18	✓		✓		✓	*		✓	*	✓		100%			A+
Fields, Rhonda	D	29	✓		✓	S	✓		✓	✓	PS	✓		100%			A++
Foote, Mike	D	17	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓		✓		100%	PS	✓	A++
Garcia, Leroy	D	3	e		✓		✓			✓		✓		100%			A
Gardner, Bob	R	12	✗		✓		✗			✗		✗		20%			F
Ginal, Joann	D	14	✓	*	✓	*	✓	PS		✓	PS	✓	*	100%		✓	A++
Gonzales, Julie	D	34	✓	*	✓		✓			✓		✓		100%			A+
Hansen, Chris	D	31	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓		✓		100%			A
Hill, Owen	R	10	✓		✗		✗			✗		✗		20%			F
Hisey, Dennis	R	2	✓		✓		✗			✗		✗		40%		✓	D+
Holbert, Chris	R	30	✓		✓		✗			✗		✗		40%			D+
Lee, Pete	D	11	✓	*	✓		✓			✓		✓		100%			A+
Lundeen, Paul	R	9	✗		✗		✗			✗		✗		0%			F
Marble, Vicki	R	23	✓		✗		e		✗	e		✗		20%	PS		F
Moreno, Dominick	D	21	✓		✓	*	✓			✓		✓		100%			A+
Petterson, Brittany	D	22	e		✓		e			e		✓		100%			A
Priola, Kevin	R	25	✓		✓	*	✗			✗		✗		40%			C-
Rankin, Bob	R	8	✗		✓		✗			✗		✗		20%			F
Rodriguez, Robert	D	35	✓		✓		✓			✓		✓		100%			A
Scott, Ray	R	7	✗		✓		✗			✗		✗		20%			F
Smallwood, Jim	R	4	✓	*	✗		✗			✗		✗		20%			D-
Sonnenberg, Jerry	R	1	✗		✗		e		✗	e		✗		0%			F
Story, Tammy	D	16	✓		✓		✓	*		✓	*	✓		100%			A+
Tate, Jack	R	27	✓	*	✓	*	✗			✓	*	✗		60%			C+
Todd, Nancy	D	28	✓		✓		✓			✓		✓		100%		✓	A
Williams, Angela	D	33	✓		✓		✓			✓		✓		100%			A
Winter, Faith	D	24	✓	*	✓		✓			✓		✓	*	100%			A+
Woodward, Rob	R	15	✓	*	✓		✗			✗		✗		40%			C-
Zenzinger, Rachel	D	19	✓		✓		✓	PS		✓		✓		100%			A++

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

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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