



Missouri Alliance for Animal Legislation

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The **Missouri Alliance for Animal Legislation** protects animals from abuse, neglect and inhumane treatment by facilitating the passage of animal welfare laws, defending existing laws, and working towards the effective enforcement of animal welfare laws. The following is a list of some key accomplishments the Alliance has made on behalf of animals.

- Succeeded in having some of the worst dog breeders in the state referred to the Attorney General's Office for legal action (2018).
- Protected farm animals by successfully defeating an onslaught of legislation intended to eliminate the authority of Missouri counties to regulate factory farms and by defeating efforts to weaken the authority of the Department of Natural Resources to regulate factory farms (2017 & 2018).
- Dramatically increased enforcement efforts of both the federal Animal Welfare Act and the Horse Protection Act by USDA – due to our success in effecting administrative changes in leadership within USDA's Animal Care Division (2016).
- Successfully lobbied for additional inspectors and enhanced enforcement efforts of the Canine Cruelty Prevention Act (2015).
- Played a critical role in the passage of the Canine Cruelty Prevention Act, which dramatically improved standards of care for dogs housed in commercial breeding facilities (2011).
- Established the Large Carnivore Act which requires the humane treatment of large cats, such as lions and tigers, and even bears. This Act not only provides protection for the public but also provides for a comprehensive set of humane standards of care for large carnivores (2010).
- Established a Missouri pet-friendly license plate in which the proceeds are used for spaying and neutering dogs and cats when adopted from statewide animal shelters and animal control facilities (2002). Get your pet-friendly license plate at mo.statehumane.org.
- Supported passage of a law to prohibit acts of bestiality (2002).
- Amended the animal abuse laws to include all animals, not just mammals. Restored protection to chickens and other birds that were previously excluded from the statutes protecting animals. (2001)
- Supported passage of a law that makes it a felony to kill police or search-and-rescue dogs (1999).
- Played the leading role in a successful ballot initiative campaign for the passage of Proposition A, which banned cockfighting and bear baiting and other animal fighting/baiting ventures in Missouri (1998).
- Strengthened provisions and definitions within existing law in reference to animal neglect and suffering (1997).
- Amended existing law to increase the penalty for certain animal abuse violations from a misdemeanor to a felony (1995).
- Amended existing law to aid in the prompt disposition of seized animals to avoid lengthy impoundment during court proceedings (1993).
- Played a leading role in the passage of the Animal Care Facilities Act (ACFA), which requires the licensing, inspection and promulgation of standards of care for dogs and cats housed in commercial pet breeding facilities, pet stores, kennels, and animal shelters (1992).