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NEW YORK STATE 2021 BILLS IN THE LEGISLATURE

This chart lists important legislation that New York State Humane Association supported or opposed in the 2021 NYS legislative session.

The animals need your help. It is important that your [Senator](#) or [Assembly Member](#) to ask for their support of a bill, especially when it is in a committee they are on or up for vote in Assembly or Senate.

KEY ANIMAL PROTECTION BILLS NYSHA IS SUPPORTING

Assembly #	Senate #	Sponsors	Description of 2021 Legislation	Support/Oppose	Presently
A.510	S.3039	Asw. Rosenthal Senator Serino	Relates to orders of protection with respect to companion animals; provides further protection for pets by authorizing the court to order a party to either relinquish a pet or to refrain from any contact with a pet.	Support	In A. Judiciary Com; In S. Children & Families Com.
A.1633	S.197	Asm. Santabarbara Senator Tedisco	Kirby and Quigley's Law expands felony cruelty to include harm to companion animals during commission of a felony	Support	Voted out of Asm. Ag. Com, reported to Codes Com. In S. Agriculture Com.
A.2152	S.960	Asw. Rosenthal Senator Liz Krueger	An act to amend the Ag & Mkts law, in relation to aggravated cruelty to animals . Removes the term "serious" from the "serious physical injury" language of Sec. 353-a of the Ag & Mkts law.	Support	In A. Ag Com; Passed Senate 5/5, delivered to Assembly.
A.4154-B	S1442-B	Asm. Pretlow Senator Addabbo	Relates to the aftercare of retired race horses ; prohibits the slaughter of race horses and race horse breeding stock ; requires that race horses be microchipped; increases access to funding for appropriate care of retired race horses by: (i) ensuring that monies generated by enforcement will be dedicated to the aftercare of retired racehorses; and (ii) allowing NY individuals and corporations to make voluntary contributions dedicated to funding aftercare programs.	Support	Passed Assembly. 6/10 Passed Senate 2/3. Waiting to be delivered to Gov. for signature.
A.4283	S.1130	Asw. Rosenthal Senator Gianaris	Prohibits the sale of dogs and cats and rabbits by retail pet shops ; authorizes collaboration with entities to provide space to showcase cats or dogs owned by certain entities for the purpose of adoption.	Support	In A. Rules Com. Passed in Senate 5/5, delivered to Assembly.

ADDITIONAL ANIMAL PROTECTION BILLS NYSHA IS SUPPORTING OR OPPOSING

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A.135	S.5688	Asw. Paulin Senator Lanza	Provides for the registration and regulation of pet groomers ; establishes standards of care, training and testing; provides such applicant must be at least eighteen years of age. (Senator Lanza)	Support	In A. Economic Development Com. In S. Consumer Protection Com.
A.142	NSA	Asw. L. Rosenthal	Relates to prohibiting school districts, school principals, administrators, or teachers from requiring, permitting, or conducting a lesson or experimental study using an animal in a hatching project .	Support	In A. Education Com
A.173	NSA	Asw. L. Rosenthal	Bella's Bill - Relates to codifying animal cruelty laws under the penal law ; makes conforming technical changes. Will move animal cruelty laws from Ag & Mkts Law to Penal Law.	Support	In A. Codes Com ;
A.776 A	S.2273	Asw. Paulin Senator	Byron's Law. Requires pet dealers and pet shops to provide certain breeder and health information to	Support	In A. Agriculture Com.

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		Tedisco	purchasers of animals.		In S. Agriculture Com.
A.1518	NSA	Asw. Rosenthal	Relates to prohibiting the sale, trade or bartering or possession with intent to sell, trade or barter of certain wild animals or wild animal products and to the penalties imposed therefore.	Support	In A. En Con com. ;
A.1531	NSA	Asm. Santabarbara	Relates to sentencing for the crime of aggravated cruelty to animals; removes the two year imprisonment cap.	Support	In A. Agriculture Com
A.1549	S.5156	Asw. Rosenthal Senator Brooks	Relates to the creation of a crime database of all convictions in New York state of animal cruelty, fighting, neglect, abandonment and mistreatment; makes such crime database available to all law enforcement entities, district attorneys, duly incorporated humane societies, societies for the prevention of cruelty to animals, dog or cat protective associations and animal control officers.	Support	In A. Agriculture Com. In S. Codes Com.
A.1903	S.3835	Asw. Rosenthal; Senator Addabbo	An act to amend the Ag & Mkts law, in relation to requiring the installation and testing of fire protection systems at pet stores.	Support	In A. Agriculture Com. ; In S. Agriculture Com.
A.2012	S.1125	Asm. Zebrowski Senator Gianaris	This bill will outlaw "convenience" devocalization and restrict the invasive surgery for cases where it is medically necessary to treat or relieve an illness or injury.	Support	In A. Agriculture Com. ; In S. Agriculture Com.
A.2124	NSA	Asw. Rosenthal	Prohibits certain acts in rodeos ; imposes penalties for the violations of such acts.	Support	In A. Agriculture Com. ,
A.2129	NSA	Asw. Rosenthal,	Relates to the care and collection of abandoned animals on vacant property ; requires notification to the appropriate authorities by anyone authorized to be on vacant land where such person finds an animal which based on its physical appearance or lack of available food or water appears abandoned, within six hours of an encounter	Support	In A. Codes Com
A.3216	S.4119	Asw. Rosenthal Sen. Griffo	Relates for lowering the age for universal hunting from 14 years old to 12 years old.	Opposed	Passed in budget, signed by Governor.
A.3467	S.4459	Asw. Rosenthal Sen. Addabbo Jr.	Ban leghold traps	Support	A. In Environmental Conservation Com In S. Environmental Conservation Com
A.3493B	S.2871A	Asw. Rosenthal Sen. Kavanagh	The aim of this act is to eliminate the overuse and misuse of medically important antimicrobials in food-producing animals to reduce the development and spread of antimicrobial resistance and antimicrobial-resistant infections in humans, and to preserve the effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials for future generations.	Support	A. Higher Education Com. ; S. Higher Education Com
A.3892	S.2273	Asw. Paulin Senator Tedisco	Requires pet dealers and pet shops to provide certain breeder and health information to purchasers of animals.	Support	In A. Agriculture Com. ; In S. Agriculture Com
A.3968	NSA	Asm. Pretlow	Establishes the commission on retired racehorses , to track them and help them from going to slaughter.	Support	5/4 reported to A. Ways and Means Com.
A.4611	NSA	Asw Rosenthal	Prohibits the shipment of certain live animals by postal mail into, within, or to points outside of the state of NY and provides for a civil penalty.		In A. Agriculture Com.
A.4986	NSA	Asw. Paulin	An act to amend the Ag & Mkts law, in relation to the posting of security by a person against whom certain criminal charges are pending. Allows for	Support	In A. Agriculture Com.

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			posting application to be filed upon the issuance of an appearance ticket.		
A.5481	S.5875	Asw. Glick Senator Palumbo	Prohibits any person from slaughtering a horse where such person knows or has reason to know that such horse will be used for human consumption; and prohibits any person from possessing, importing into or exporting from the state, selling, buying, giving away, holding or accepting any horse with the intent of killing, or having another kill, such horse, if such person knows or should have known that any part of such horse will be used for human consumption; and provides penalties for violation.	Support	In A. Agriculture Com. In S. Agriculture Com.
A.5542	S.4840-B	Asm. Englebright Sen. Biaggi	Relates to prohibiting the issuance of permits authorizing the use of wild animals in circuses ; except an accredited zoo and a wildlife sanctuary.	Support	In A. En Con Com. – reported out In S. En Con Com
A.5746	S.6643	Asw. Glick, Sen. Kennedy	Provides that it shall be unlawful for any person to organize, sponsor, conduct, promote, or participate in any contest, competition, tournament or derby where the objective of such contest or competition is to take wildlife.		In A Codes In S. En Con Com
A.5776	NSA	Asw. Glick	Prohibits the taking of zoo, petting zoo, carnival or circus animals ; provides that violations shall be punishable by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars nor more than two thousand dollars. (Taking = killing, for entertainment in this case.)	Support	In A. En Con Com.
A.5779	S.6027-A	Asw. D. Glick Sen. Brisport	Establishing a tort cause of action and providing for damages and injunctive relief for the wrongful injury or death of a companion animal.	Support	In A. Judiciary Com. In S. Rules Com.
A.5823-A	S.5023-A	Asw. Rosenthal Sen. Gianaris	Requires veterinarians to report suspected animal cruelty to the police, duly incorporated society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, peace officer, district attorney's office, animal control office, department of agriculture and markets, or other appropriate government agency and to turn over necessary records.	Support	Passed Assembly. Passed Senate. Waiting to be delivered to Gov. for signature.
A.6176	S.1445	Asw. Rosenthal Senator Addabbo	Prohibits the use of performance-enhancing drugs in horseracing.	Support	In A. Racing and Wagering Com. In S. Racing, Gaming & Wagering Com.
A.6523	S.5502	Asm. B Miller Sen. O'Mara	Allows for the taking of Zenaida macroura, commonly known as the mourning dove , as a migratory bird.	OPPOSE	In A. En Con Com In S. En Con Com
NSA	S.2673	Sen. Ritchie	Relates to aggravated cruelty to animals; removes requirement that a companion animal be killed with aggravated cruelty in order to be guilty of such crime.	Support	In S. Agriculture Com.

PASSED AND SIGNED INTO LAW

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A1303	S5532B	Asw. Rosenthal Senator Gianaris	Relates to the prohibition of declawing of cats ; makes such violation punishable by a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000.	Support	Signed into law by Governor in 2019.
A216	S3828	Asw. Paulin Senator J. Metzger (this Senator is no longer in Senate.)	Relates to the care of animals; requires regular diurnal light cycles of either natural or artificial light; requires separate space for pregnant or nursing dogs; requires a certain level of sanitation of primary enclosures and cages; requires sanitary food receptacles; requires grooming.	Support	Signed into law by Governor in 2019.