

## NEW YORK STATE 2023 BILLS IN THE LEGISLATURE – 8/24/2023

This chart lists important legislation that New York State Humane Association supported or opposed in the 2023 NYS legislative session. Three bills listed below passed the Legislature and are waiting to go to the Governor's desk. It is important that you respectfully urge Governor Hochul to sign these bills into law. (518) 474-8390 [Gov.'s Contact link](#).

### Bills That Have Passed and Are Awaiting Governor Hochul's Signature.

<a href="#">A.2917</a>	<a href="#">S.4099</a>	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 <b>contest or competition is to take wildlife</b> .	Support	PASSED ASSEMBLY PASSED SENATE TO BE DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR
<a href="#">A.3552A</a>	<a href="#">S.1677A</a>	Asm. Pretlow Sen. Addabbo	The purpose of this legislation is to update the fines for selling disabled Equidae at auctions. The bill also expands the protection to include mules and donkeys, in addition to horses.	Support	PASSED ASSEMBLY AND SENATE IN 2023 TO BE DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR
<a href="#">A.5109</a>	<a href="#">S.2163-A</a>	Asw. Glick Sen. Addabbo	Prohibits any person from <b>slaughtering any horse</b> where such person knows or has reason to know that such horse will be used for human or animal 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 or animal consumption; and provides penalties for violation.	Support	PASSED ASSEMBLY PASSED SENATE TO BE DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR

### Key Animal Protection Bills that NYSHA is Supporting

Assembly	Senate	Sponsors	Description of 2023 Legislation	Support/ Oppose	Presently
<a href="#">A.110</a>	<a href="#">S.1619</a>	Asw. Rosenthal Sen. Addabbo Jr.	Ban <b>leghold</b> traps	Support	A. In <a href="#">Environmental Conservation Com</a>  S. <a href="#">Environmental Conservation Com</a>
<a href="#">A.1844</a>	NSA	Asw. Rosenthal	Relates to codifying animal cruelty laws under the <b>penal law</b> ; makes conforming technical changes. Will move animal cruelty laws from Ag & Mkts Law to Penal Law. (Previously called Bella's Bill)	Support	A. <a href="#">Codes Com</a>
<a href="#">A.1162</a>	<a href="#">S.5438</a>	Asw. Rosenthal Sen. Jackson	This legislation will <b>end racing subsidies</b> in NYS and invest the revenue generated from video lottery gaming facilities at racetracks to essential public services, such as education.	Support	A. Ways & Means Com  S. <a href="#">Racing, Waging, Gaming Com</a>

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<a href="#">A.1438</a>	<a href="#">S.481</a>	Asw. Rosenthal Sen. Salazar	This bill would eliminate certain <b>tax exemptions</b> for <b>horse racing</b> in NYS. Presently there is no sales tax on the sale of racehorses, often very expensive.	Support	A. Ways & Means Com  S. <a href="#">Finance Com</a>
	<a href="#">S.96</a>	Asm. Santabarbara Sen. Tedisco	<b>Kirby and Quigley’s Law</b> expands felony cruelty to include harm to companion animals during commission of a felony	Support	S. <a href="#">Agriculture Com.</a>

### Additional Bills in the NY Legislature that NYSHA is Supporting/Opposing

Assembly	Senate	Sponsors	Description of 2023 Legislation	Support/ Oppose	Presently
<a href="#">A.39</a>	<a href="#">S.5309</a>	Asw. L. Rosenthal Sen. Weik	Relates to <b>orders of protection</b> 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	A. <a href="#">Judiciary Com</a>  S. <a href="#">Children &amp; Families Com</a>
<a href="#">A.54</a>	<a href="#">S.6315</a>	Asw. Rosenthal Sen. Brisport	<b>Relates to outdoor restraints of companion animals</b> ; prohibits tethering under cruel or inhumane conditions, including during dangerous weather conditions when a weather advisory or warning is in effect; provides for civil penalties for violations.	Support	A. <a href="#">Agriculture Com</a>  S. <a href="#">Agriculture Com</a>
<a href="#">A.104</a>	NSA	Asw. 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 <b>hatching project</b> .	Support	A. <a href="#">Education Com</a>
<a href="#">A.158</a>	NSA	Asm. Santabarbara	Relates to sentencing for the crime of aggravated cruelty to animals; <b>removes the two year imprisonment cap</b> .	Support	A. <a href="#">Agriculture Com</a>
<a href="#">A.270</a>	<a href="#">S.1960</a>	Asw. Rosenthal Sen. Addabbo	Prohibits the use of <b>performance-enhancing drugs</b> in horseracing.	Support	A. <a href="#">Racing and Wagering Com</a>  S. <a href="#">Racing, Gaming &amp; Wagering Com</a>
<a href="#">A.399</a>		Asw. Rosenthal	Relates to the creation of a <b>crime database</b> 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,	Support	A. <a href="#">Agriculture Com.</a>

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			societies for the prevention of cruelty to animals, dog or cat protective associations and animal control officers.		
<a href="#">A.420</a>	<a href="#">S.1673</a>	Asw. Rosenthal; Sen. Addabbo	An act to amend the Ag & Mkts law, in relation to requiring the installation and testing of <b>fire protection systems</b> at pet stores.	Support	A. <a href="#">Agriculture Com</a>  S. <a href="#">Agriculture Com</a>
<a href="#">A.473</a>	NSA	Asw. Rosenthal	Pertains to <b>confinement of certain animals for food producing purposes</b> ; prohibits any person to tether or confine any pig during pregnancy or calf raised for veal for all or the majority of any day in a manner that prevents such animal from lying down, standing up and fully extending its limbs and turning around freely; establishes that commission of such crime shall constitute a class A misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for a period not to exceed one year and/or fine not to exceed \$1,000.	?	<a href="#">A. Agriculture Com.</a>
<a href="#">A.575</a>	NSA	Asw. Rosenthal	Prohibits certain acts in <b>rodeos</b> ; imposes penalties for the violations of such acts.	Support	A. <a href="#">Agriculture Com.</a>
<a href="#">A.577</a>	NSA	Asw. Rosenthal	Relates to the care and collection of <b>abandoned animals on vacant property</b> ; 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	A. <a href="#">Codes Com</a>
<a href="#">A.776</a>	<a href="#">S.761</a>	Asw. Rosenthal Sen. Liz Krueger	An act to amend the Ag & Mkts law, in relation to <b>aggravated cruelty to animals</b> . Removes the term “ <b>serious</b> ” from the “serious physical injury” language of Sec. 353-a of the Ag & Mkts law.	Support	<a href="#">A. Ag Com</a>  PASSED SENATE in 2023 and 2022
<a href="#">A.1121</a>	NSA	Asw. Paulin	An act to amend the Ag & Mkts law, in relation to the <b>posting of security</b> by a person against whom certain criminal charges are pending. Allows for posting application to be filed upon the issuance of an appearance ticket.	Support	<a href="#">A. Agriculture Com</a>
<a href="#">A.2881</a>	<a href="#">S.6365</a>	Asw. Lupardo S. Hinchey	Relates to the <b>inspection of property that has been vacated for abandoned animals</b> ; requires property owners and lessors to inspect such property within 3 days to immediately notify the appropriate authorities when such person finds an animal which appears to be abandoned.	Support	A. <a href="#">Agriculture Com.</a>  PASSED SENATE in 2023 and 2022

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<a href="#">A.3024</a>		Asm. Zebrowski	This bill will outlaw "convenience" <b>devocalization</b> and restrict the invasive surgery for cases where it is medically necessary to treat or relieve an illness or injury.	Support	<a href="#">A. Agriculture Com</a>
<a href="#">A.3810</a>	<a href="#">NSA</a>	Asw. Glick	Prohibits the <b>taking of zoo, petting zoo, carnival or circus animals</b> ; 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	<a href="#">A. En Con Com</a>
<a href="#">A.3815</a>	<a href="#">NSA</a>	Asw. Glick	Creates the responsible <b>retirement</b> of racehorses fund; establishes a horse registration fee; provides such funds be expended to support responsible retirement of racehorses in this state.	Support	<a href="#">A. Ways and Means Com</a>
<a href="#">A.3976</a>	<a href="#">NSA</a> See <a href="#">S4084</a>	Asw. Glick	Establishes a tort cause of action for the <b>wrongful injury or death of a companion animal</b> ; provides for compensatory and punitive damages and injunctive relief and three year statute of limitations on commencement of such an action.	Support	<a href="#">A. Judiciary Com.</a>
<a href="#">A.4005A</a>	<a href="#">S.4363</a>	Asw. Glick Sen. Fernandez	Relates to prohibiting the issuance of permits authorizing the <b>use of wild animals in circuses</b> ; except an accredited zoo and a wildlife sanctuary.	Support	<a href="#">A. Codes</a>  <a href="#">S. En Con Com</a>
<a href="#">A.4565</a>	<a href="#">S.2210</a>	Asm. B Miller Sen. T O'Mara	Allows for the taking of Zenaida macroura, commonly known as the <b>mourning dove</b> , as a migratory bird.	OPPOSE	<a href="#">A. En Con Com</a> <a href="#">S. En Con Com</a>
	<a href="#">S.1565</a>	Sen. Tedisco	Byron's Law. Requires pet dealers and pet shops to provide certain <b>breeder and health information</b> to purchasers of animals.	Support	<a href="#">S. Agriculture Com.</a>
	<a href="#">S.4663</a>	Sen. Lanza	Provides for the registration and regulation of <b>pet groomers</b> ; establishes standards of care, training and testing; provides such applicant must be at least 18 years of age. (Sen. Lanza)	Support	<a href="#">S. Consumer Protection Com.</a>
<a href="#">NSA</a> See <a href="#">S3976</a>	<a href="#">S.4084</a>	Sen. Brisport	Establishing a tort cause of action and providing for damages and injunctive relief for the <b>wrongful injury or death of a companion animal.</b>	Support	<a href="#">S. Judiciary Com.</a>

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<a href="#">A.6836</a>	<a href="#">S.6211B</a>	Sen. Martinez	The purpose of this bill is to establish and expand the definition/s of wild and exotic animals to ensure such animals and to prohibit such animals from being imported, sold or owned.	Support	A. Assembly En Con Com  PASSED SENATE 5/16/23

**Passed in Previous Years and Signed Into Law**

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<a href="#">A.4283</a>	<a href="#">S.1130</a>	Asw. Rosenthal Sen. Gianaris	Prohibits the sale of dogs and cats and rabbits by <b>retail pet shops</b> ; authorizes collaboration with entities to provide space to showcase cats or dogs owned by certain entities for the purpose of adoption.	Support	Passed Assembly. Passed Senate. Signed by Governor Hochul - 2022.
<a href="#">A.6246</a>	<a href="#">S.6870B</a>	Asw. Paulin Sen. Addabbo	Relates to the <b>standards of care</b> of animals held in or being transported by animal shelters.	Support	Passed Assembly. Passed Senate. Signed by Governor Hochul - 2022.
<a href="#">A.5653</a>	<a href="#">S.4839B</a>	Asw. Rosenthal Sen. Addabbo	The <b>NY Cruelty-Free Cosmetic Act</b> will ban manufacture or sale of most cosmetics products or ingredients that have been tested on animals after 1/1/2023.	Support	Passed Assembly. Passed Senate. Signed by Governor Hochul - 2022.
<a href="#">A.4154-B</a>	<a href="#">S1442-B</a>	Asm. Pretlow Sen. Addabbo	Relates to the <b>aftercare of retired race horses</b> ; <b>prohibits the slaughter of race horses and race horse breeding stock</b> ; 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. 6/10/21  Passed Senate 2/3/21.  Signed by Governor Hochul into law, 12/1/2021.
<a href="#">A.5775</a>	<a href="#">S. 4248</a>	Asw. Glick, Sen. Skoufis	Relates to requiring the <b>best interest of a companion animal</b> to be considered when awarding possession in a divorce.	Support	Passed Assembly. Passed Senate. Signed by Governor Hochul into law, 2021.
<a href="#">A.5823-A</a>	<a href="#">S.5023-A</a>	Asw.. Rosenthal Sen. Gianaris	Requires <b>veterinarians to report suspected animal cruelty</b> 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.  Signed by Governor Hochul into law, 2021.

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<u>A.3216</u>	<u>S.4119</u>	Asw. Gunther Sen. Griffo	Relates for lowering the age for universal hunting from 14 years old to 12 years old.	<b>Opposed</b>	Passed in 2021-2022 budget, signed by Governor. Sunsets 12/31/23.
<u>A1303</u>	<u>S5532B</u>	Asw. Rosenthal Sen. Gianaris	Relates to the prohibition of declawing of cats; makes such violation punishable by a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000.	<b>Support</b>	Signed into law by Governor in 2019.
<u>A216</u>	<u>S3828</u>	Asw. Paulin Sen. J. Metzger (this Sen. is no longer in office.)	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.	<b>Support</b>	Signed into law by Governor in 2019.

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