

NEW YORK STATE 2025-26 BILLS IN THE LEGISLATURE – revised 2/23/26

This chart lists important animal protective legislation that New York State Humane Association is supporting or opposing in the 2025/26 NYS legislative session.

Below is a list of the current key bills or past bills that NYSHA is supporting this session. Additional bills will be added as they are introduced.

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Key bills that NYSHA is supporting.

Assembly	Senate	Sponsors	Description of 2025 Legislation	Support/ Oppose	Presently
A.10119A	S.8084A	Asm. Clark Sen. Harckham	Establishes a statewide Animal Abuser Registry for felony and misdemeanor animal crime convictions; also requires background checks against the registry for pet store and animal shelter licenses https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/A10119/amendment/A https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/S8084/amendment/A	Support	A. Agriculture Com S. Agriculture Com
A.165	S.6380	Asm. Rosenthal Sen. Brisport	Relates to outdoor restraints of companion animals; 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. https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/A165 https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/S6380	Support	A. Agriculture Committee S. Agriculture Committee
A.667	S.1182	Asm. Rosenthal Sen. Addabbo	Bans the use of leg gripping traps for wildlife https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/A667 https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/S1182	Support	A. Environmental Conservation Com S. Environmental Conservation Committee
A.1616	S.5014	Asm. Rosenthal Sen. Sepulveda	Enacts the “Big Five African Trophies Act” relating to banning the importation, transportation and possession of certain African products. https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/A1616 6 https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/S5014	Support	A. Environmental Conservation Com PASSED SENATE25

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A.1804	S.262	Asm. Rosenthal Sen. Martinez	Provides that “wild animal” means indigenous, non-domesticated animals native to the country in which they live, and “exotic animal” means a wild animal with an origin of a different continent; adds certain wild or exotic animals to the list of non-companion animals; provides certain owners of wild or exotic animals with a license process. https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/A1804 https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/S252	Support	A. Environmental Conservation Com PASSED SENATE in '23, '25 S. Environmental Conservation Com - 1/27/26 3rd reading
A.2019	S.703	Asm. Rosenthal Sen. 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. https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/A2019 https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/S703	Support	A. Codes Com PASSED SENATE in “22, “23, '24, '25
A.2312	S.1153	Asm. Smullen Sen. Oberacker	Allows a person who is at least ten years of age to hunt small game, fowl, deer or bear during applicable seasons without obtaining a hunting license or hunter’s education course certification and to possess or control a firearm if the person is within arm’s reach of a qualified hunting mentor. https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/A2312 https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/S1153	OPPOSE	A. Environmental Conservation Com S. Environmental Conservation Com
A.3050	S.197	Asm. Lunsford Sen. M. Martinez	Tucker’s Law: Relates to sentencing for the crime of aggravated cruelty to animals; removes the two year imprisonment cap. https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/A3050 https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/S197	Support	A. Agriculture Com PASSED SENATE: '25
A.5505	S.1784	Sen. Hinchey Asm. Lupardo	Relates to the inspection of property that has been vacated for abandoned animals; 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. Agriculture Com

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			https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/A5505 https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/S1784		PASSED SENATE: '24, 25
A.5850	S.3629A	Asm. Glick Sen. Fernandez	Relates to prohibiting the issuance of permits authorizing the use of wild animals in circuses , except an accredited zoo and a wildlife sanctuary. https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/A5850 https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/S3629/amendment/A	Support	A. Codes Com PASSED SENATE: '25
A.8043	S.7421	Asm. Martinez Sen. Simone	Prohibits Octopus Farming in New York State https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/S7421/amendment/A https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/A8043/amendment/A	Support	A. - Environmental Conservation Com S. - Environmental Conservation Com
A.668	S.5683	Asm. Rosenthal Sen. Sanders, Jr.	Pertains to confinement of certain animals for food producing purposes ; 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. https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/A668 https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/S5683	Support	A. Agriculture Com S. Agriculture Com
A.859	S.562	Asm. Glick Sen. Krueger	Prohibits the taking of non-native big game mammals in a fenced or other area from which there is no means for such mammal to escape. Referred to as canned hunts . https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/A859 https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/S562	Support	A. En Con Com S. En Con Com

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A.2421	S.5017	Asm. Rosenthal Sen. Sepulveda	Relates to prohibiting the operation of establishments where animals and/or fowls are slaughtered or butchered for food https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/A2421 https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/S5017	Support	A.- Agriculture Com. S.- Agriculture Com
A.1089	S.4954	Asm. Glick Sen. Harkham	Prohibits the use of lead ammunition in the taking of wildlife on state-owned land and on land contributing surface water to the New York city water supply. https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/A1089 https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/S4954	Support	A.- Agriculture Com. S.- Agriculture Com

Additional Bills in the NY Legislature

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A 140	NSA	Asm. 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	A. Education Com
A.54	S.3046	Asm. Epstein Sen. Brisport	Bans glue traps in all ways.	Support	A. Economic Dev Com S. Consumer Protection
A.665	NSA (NSA)	Asm. Rosenthal (Sen. 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	A. Agriculture Com.
A.727	NSA (S.1960)	Asm. Rosenthal (Sen. Addabbo)	Prohibits the use of performance-enhancing drugs in horseracing. NYSHA Memorandum of Support for A.727	Support	A. Racing and Wagering Com

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A.859	S.562	Asm. Glick Sen. Krueger	Prohibits the taking of non-native big game mammals in a fenced or other area from which there is no means for such mammal to escape. Referred to as canned hunts .	Support	A. En Con Com S. En Con Com
A.862	NSA (NSA)	Asm. Glick	Prohibits the taking of zoos, 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	A. Encon Com
A1557	(NSA)	Asm. Rosenthal	Prohibits certain acts in rodeos ; imposes penalties for the violations of such acts.	Support	A. Agriculture Com
A. 5815	S.4613	Asm. Rosenthal Sen. Weik	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	A. Judiciary Com S. Children & Families Com
A.3865	S1482	Asm. B Miller Sen. T O'Mara	Allows for the taking of Zenaida macroura, commonly known as the mourning dove , as a migratory bird.	OPPOSE	A. En Con Com S. En Con Com PASSED SENATE: '25
(A.420)	(S.1673)	(Asm. Rosenthal ; Sen. 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	A. Agriculture Com S. Agriculture Com
(A.577)	(NSA)	(Asm. 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	A. Agriculture Com
A.1121)	(NSA)	(Asm. 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 posting application to be filed upon the issuance of an appearance ticket.	Support	A. Agriculture Com

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(A.1844)	(NSA)	(Asm. Rosenthal)	Relates to codifying animal cruelty laws under the penal law ; makes conforming technical changes.	Support	A. Codes Com
(A.1162)	(S.5438)	(Asm. Rosenthal Sen. Jackson)	This legislation will end racing subsidies in NYS and invest the revenue generated from video lottery gaming facilities at racetracks to essential public services, such as education.	Support	A. Corporation S, Authorities & Commission s Com. S. Racing, Wagering, Gaming Com.
(A.3024)	(S.1125)	(Asm. Zebrowski Sen. 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	Bill not active in this session.
(A.3815)	(NSA)	(Asm. Glick)	Creates the responsible retirement of racehorses fund; establishes a horse registration fee; provides such funds be expended to support responsible retirement of racehorses in this state.	Support	A. Ways and Means Com
A.1344 (A.3976)	NSA (NSA See S4084)	Asm. Glick	Establishes a tort cause of action for the wrongful injury or death of a companion animal ; provides for compensatory and punitive damages and injunctive relief and three year statute of limitations on commencement of such an action.	Support	A. Judiciary Com.
(A.776 A)	(S.1565)	(Asm. Paulin Sen. Tedisco)	Byron’s Law. Requires pet dealers and pet shops to provide certain breeder and health information to purchasers of animals.	Support	S. Agriculture Com.
(NSA)	(S.4663)	(Sen. Lanza)	Provides for the registration and regulation of pet groomers ; establishes standards of care, training and testing; provides such applicant must be at least 18 years of age. (Sen. Lanza)	Support	S. Consumer Protection Com.
(NSA See S3976)	(S.4084)	(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	S. Judiciary Com.

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<u>(A.1518)</u>	<u>(NSA)</u>	(Asm. Rosenthal)	Relates to prohibiting 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	A. En Con Com Nothing in 2024.
<u>(A.3493 B)</u>	<u>(S.2871A)</u>	(Asm. 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	Nothing in 2024
<u>(A.4611)</u>	<u>NSA</u>	(Asm. 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.	Support	Not active in 2024
<u>(NSA)</u>	<u>(S.2673)</u>	(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	Not active in 2024

Passed in Previous Years and Signed Into Law

Bills that Passed in 2023

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<u>A.2917</u>	<u>S.4099</u>	Asm. 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.	Support	Passed Assembly Passed Senate Signed by Gov. 12/2023
<u>A.3552A</u>	<u>S.1677 A</u>	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 Signed by Gov. 12/2023
<u>A.5109</u>	<u>S.2163 -A</u>	Asm. Glick Sen. Addabbo	Prohibits any person from slaughtering any horse 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 Signed by Gov. 12/2023

Passed in 2022 and prior years

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<u>A.4283</u>	<u>S.1130</u>	Asm. Rosenthal Sen. 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	Passed Assembly. Passed Senate. Signed by Governor Hochul - 2022.
<u>A.6246</u>	<u>S.6870B</u>	Asm. Paulin Sen. Addabbo	Relates to the standards of care of animals held in or being transported by animal shelters.	Support	Passed Assembly. Passed Senate. Signed by Governor Hochul - 2022.
<u>A.5653</u>	<u>S.4839B</u>	Asm. Rosenthal Sen. Addabbo	The NY Cruelty-Free Cosmetic Act 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.
<u>A.4154-B</u>	<u>S1442-B</u>	Asm. Pretlow Sen. 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. 6/10/21 <u>Passed Senate</u> <u>2/3/21</u> . Signed by Governor Hochul into law, 12/1/2021.
<u>A.5775</u>	<u>S. 4248</u>	Asm. Glick, Sen. Skoufis	Relates to requiring the best interest of a companion animal to be considered when awarding possession in a divorce.	Support	Passed Assembly. Passed Senate. Signed by Governor Hochul into law, 2021.
<u>A.5823-A</u>	<u>S.5023-A</u>	Asm.. 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	<u>Passed Assembly.</u> <u>Passed Senate.</u> Signed by Governor Hochul into law, 2021.
<u>A.3216</u>	<u>S.4119</u>	Asm. Gunther Sen. Griffo	Relates for lowering the age for universal hunting from 14 years old to 12 years old.	Opposed	Added in 2021-2022 budget, signed by Governor. Sunsets 12/31/23.
<u>A1303</u>	<u>S5532B</u>	Asm. Rosenthal Sen. 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.
<u>A216</u>	<u>S3828</u>	Asm. Paulin Sen. J. Metzger (this Sen. is no longer in	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	Support	Signed into law by Governor in 2019.

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		office.)	primary enclosures and cages; requires sanitary food receptacles; requires grooming.		

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Memorandum of Support for A.727

Prohibits the Doping of Racehorses Prior to Races

The New York State Humane Association strongly urges the support of Assembly bill A00727, which would prohibit the doping of racehorses with performance-enhancing drugs prior to races in which the horse will participate. The use of these drugs threatens the safety and welfare of horses during races and increases the danger to jockeys who are sometimes involved in serious accidents during races. Drugs such as pain killers are sometimes used to allow horses to compete when they are in increased danger of injury and death. It has been recognized that racehorse deaths have been on the increase in recent years.

The use of such drugs is not allowed in any other sport in the United States and largely prohibited around the world. Such drugs contribute to the deaths of racehorses, possibly because it facilitates their efforts beyond the capacities of their young bodies and potentially leading to catastrophic injuries. There are lower horse-racing fatalities in countries with strict doping policies. Performance-enhancing drugs have already been banned from the Kentucky Derby and other Triple Crown races, where the deaths of racehorses are likely to receive much more media attention due to strong media coverage. The United State Congress has also recognized the impropriety of the use of such drugs in the Racehorse Health and Safety Act which would outlaw their use.

The bill calls for increasing and substantial penalties for the 1st, 2nd, and subsequent violations and would go far to eliminate the use of these dangerous and unfair drugs which jeopardize the health and safety of horses and jockeys alike. We urge the legislature to pass this important and valuable legislation as soon as possible.

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