

NEW YORK STATE 2024 BILLS IN THE LEGISLATURE – 5/21/2024

This chart lists important legislation that New York State Humane Association is supporting or opposing in the 2023-2024 NYS legislative session. Please contact your own legislators to voice your opinion. It is important. You can find their contact information here. [Your Legislators](#).

Key Animal Protection Bills that NYSHA is Supporting

Assembly	Senate	Sponsors	Description of 2023 Legislation	Support/ Oppose	Presently
A.54A	S.6315A	Asw. 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.	Support	A. Agriculture Com S. Agriculture Com
A.110	S.1619	Asw. Rosenthal Sen. Addabbo Jr.	Ban leghold traps	Support	A. In Environmental Conservation Com S. Environmental Conservation Com
A.270	S.1960	Asw. Rosenthal Sen. Addabbo	Prohibits the use of performance-enhancing drugs in horseracing.	Support	A. Racing and Wagering Com S. Racing, Gaming & Wagering Com
A.776	S.761	Asw. Rosenthal Sen. 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	A. Agriculture Com PASSED SENATE
A.2881	S.6365	Asw. Lupardo S. Hinchey	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. PASSED SENATE 4/9/24
A.4005A	S.4363A	Asw. 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.	Support	A. Codes Senate, advanced to third reading
A.4565	S.2210	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
A.9424	S.8737	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.	OPPOSE	A. En Con Com S. En Con Com

Additional Bills in the NY Legislature

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A.39	S.5309	Asw. L. 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.104	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 hatching project .	Support	A. Education Com
A.158	NSA	Asm. Santabarbara	Relates to sentencing for the crime of aggravated cruelty to animals; removes the two year imprisonment cap .	Support	A. Agriculture Com
A.399	NSA	Asw. 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.420	S.1673	Asw. 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.473	NSA	Asw. Rosenthal	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.	?	A. Agriculture Com.
A.575	NSA	Asw. Rosenthal	Prohibits certain acts in rodeos ; imposes penalties for the violations of such acts.	Support	A. Agriculture Com

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A.577	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	A. Agriculture Com
A.1121	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 posting application to be filed upon the issuance of an appearance ticket.	Support	A. Agriculture Com
A.1844	NSA	Asw. Rosenthal	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. (Previously called Bella's Bill)	Support	A. Codes Com
A.1162	S.5438	Asw. 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. Ways and Means 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.3810	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	A. Encon Committee
A.3815	NSA	Asw. 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.3976	NSA See S4084	Asw. 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	Asw. 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.

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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.
A.6836A	S.6211C	Asw. Rosenthal 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. En Con Com PASSED SENATE
A.1518	NSA	Asw. 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.
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.	Support	Not active in 2024
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	Not active in 2024
A.1438	S.481	Asw. Rosenthal Sen. Salazar	This bill would eliminate certain tax exemptions for horse racing in NYS. Presently there is no sales tax on the sale of racehorses, often very expensive.	Support	A. Ways & Means Com S. Budget & Revenue
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	Not active in 2024

Passed in Previous Years and Signed Into Law**Bills that Passed in 2023**

A.2917	S.4099	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.	Support	Passed Assembly Passed Senate Signed by Gov. 12/2023
A.3552A	S.1677A	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
A.5109	S.2163-A	Asw. 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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A.4283	S.1130	Asw. 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.
A.6246	S.6870B	Asw. 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.
A.5653	S.4839B	Asw. 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.
A.4154-B	S1442-B	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	Support	Passed Assembly. 6/10/21 Passed Senate 2/3/21. Signed by Governor Hochul into law, 12/1/2021.

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			and corporations to make voluntary contributions dedicated to funding aftercare programs.		
<u>A.5775</u>	<u>S. 4248</u>	Asw. 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>	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. Signed by Governor Hochul into law, 2021.
<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.	Opposed	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.	Support	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.	Support	Signed into law by Governor in 2019.

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