

## NEW YORK STATE 2025 BILLS IN THE LEGISLATURE – 1/18/2025

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

Below are new 2025 bills or past bills that have been reintroduced this session. Additional bills will be added as they are introduced.

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Key bills NYSHA is supporting.

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Assembly	Senate	Sponsors	Description of 2023 Legislation	Support/ Oppose	Presently
<a href="#">A.54</a>	NSA	<a href="#">Asm. Epstein</a>	Bans cruel glue traps in all ways.	Support	<a href="#">S. Agriculture Com</a>
<a href="#">A.165</a>	NSA	<a href="#">Asw. Rosenthal</a>	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 href="#">A. Agriculture Com</a>
<a href="#">A.667</a>	NSA	<a href="#">Asw. Rosenthal</a>	Ban leghold traps	Support	<a href="#">A. In Environmental Conservation Com</a>
<a href="#">A.727</a>	NSA	<a href="#">Asw. Rosenthal</a>	Prohibits the use of performance-enhancing drugs in horseracing.	Support	<a href="#">A. Racing and Wagering Com</a>
NSA	<a href="#">S.703</a>	<a href="#">Sen. Krueger</a>	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 href="#">S. Agriculture Com</a>  (PASSED SENATE in “22, ‘23, ‘24)

### Additional Bills in the Legislature

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NSA	<a href="#">S.197</a>	<a href="#">S. M. Martinez</a>	Tucker’s Law: Relates to sentencing for the crime of aggravated cruelty to animals; removes the two year imprisonment cap.	Support	<a href="#">S. Agriculture Com</a>

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

**Bills that Passed in 2023**

<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>	<b>Support</b>	Passed Assembly Passed Senate Signed by Gov. 12/2023
<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.	<b>Support</b>	Passed Assembly And Senate In 2023 Signed by Gov. 12/2023
<a href="#">A.5109</a>	<a href="#">S.2163-A</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.	<b>Support</b>	Passed Assembly Passed Senate Signed by Gov. 12/2023

**Passed in 2022 and prior years**

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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.	<b>Support</b>	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.	<b>Support</b>	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.	<b>Support</b>	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	<b>Support</b>	Passed Assembly. 6/10/21  Passed Senate 2/3/21.

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			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.		Signed by Governor Hochul into law, 12/1/2021.
<u>A.5775</u>	<u>S. 4248</u>	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.	<b>Support</b>	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 <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.	<b>Support</b>	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 <b>lowering the age for universal hunting</b> from 14 years old to 12 years old.	<b>Opposed</b>	Added 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 <b>declawing of cats</b> ; 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.