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A photograph of a sloth and its cub hanging from a tree branch in a lush green forest. The adult sloth is on the right, looking towards the camera, while the cub is on the left, clinging to the adult. The background is filled with vibrant green leaves and sunlight filtering through the canopy.

Humane Scorecard

The 118th Congress, Second Session

How we calculate scores

Many animal protection issues never receive a recorded vote in Congress. Some are enacted by voice vote, and some are introduced but languish. To accurately measure legislators' support, we count not just recorded votes but other meaningful ways they can help issues advance, such as co-sponsoring key bills and co-signing letters seeking increased enforcement of animal welfare laws. Dozens of animal protection bills are introduced each year; to give a balanced snapshot across a broad range of concerns, we only count co-sponsorship of a few priority bills that have a critical mass of support and a reasonable chance of enactment.

Scores are given as percentages of the number of items counted. Prime sponsors of legislation and those who led a letter to an agency also receive extra credit equal to one vote or co-sponsorship and a ✓ in the Leader column. Those who led on multiple legislative and/or regulatory efforts or led on a top priority issue counted in this scorecard receive double extra credit equal to two votes or co-sponsorships and a ✪ in the Leader column. If a legislator already has a score of 100 before counting the extra credit for leadership, that score appears in bold with a plus sign.

Humane World Action Fund acknowledges the limitations of judging legislators based on a few votes, co-sponsorships, joint letters and leadership on animal issues. In some cases, legislators must miss votes for unavoidable reasons, such as a death in the family, serious illness, birth of a child or an emergency in their district. Please also consider such unrecorded matters as performance on committees, positions of House or Senate leadership, constituent service and co-sponsorship of other animal protection bills not included in the scorecard.

Humane World Action Fund (formerly the Humane Society Legislative Fund) is a social welfare organization incorporated under section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code and formed in 2004 as a separate lobbying affiliate of Humane World for Animals (formerly called the Humane Society of the United States). Humane World Action Fund works to pass animal protection laws at the state and federal levels, to educate the public about animal protection issues and to support humane candidates for office. We're on the web at humaneaction.org. Contributions or gifts to Humane World Action Fund are not tax deductible. Your donation may be used for lobbying to pass laws to protect animals, as well as for political purposes, such as supporting or opposing candidates.

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President's letter

I'm pleased to share our final *Humane Scorecard* for the second session of the 118th Congress. The scorecard tracks animal-friendly actions by federal lawmakers while also creating greater awareness and increasing legislators' support for our priority measures. Please consult the records of your U.S.

senators and representative, and share this information with friends, family and others who care about animals.

Judged by the number of humane bills passed, this session wouldn't appear particularly significant. In fact, the 118th Congress was an arena for one of the most important animal welfare battles ever fought: the defense of California's Proposition 12 and related state public health and farm animal welfare laws. We defended these laws against repeated attacks that intensified after a May 2023 U.S. Supreme Court ruling upheld Proposition 12. We also backed a new measure to strengthen Animal Welfare Act (AWA) enforcement, marshalling evidence of shocking deficiencies in oversight of puppy mills and other regulated entities. Finally, we doggedly pursued funding and regulatory directives that have a major impact on animals.

Following are the highlights.

Defense of state laws

With 15 states, including Arizona, Ohio and Florida, now banning intensive confinement of farm animals, a backward-facing faction of the pork industry has waged an unrelenting assault on these laws. Unable to move their attacks forward as free-standing legislation, the National Pork Producers Council focused on blocking state reforms via the federal farm bill, a multiyear package for agriculture policy. We fought them off, building an enormous coalition with more than 200 bipartisan members of Congress, 5,000 farms (including pork producers that have adapted to higher animal welfare standards), 200 organizations, constitutional law professors and conservative political figures. As a result, these state laws remain in force.

For now, that is. There's a hard fight ahead in the 119th Congress, with the farm bill awaiting resolution. We'll continue to work with our partners to uphold the rights of states to legislate on matters of public health and animal welfare and defend against a massive power grab by large corporations, many of which are foreign-owned.



Better CARE for Animals

We garnered wide bipartisan support for the Better Collaboration, Accountability, and Regulatory Enforcement (CARE) for Animals Act to address serious problems with AWA enforcement. First introduced in the 118th Congress, this bill would provide the U.S. Department of Justice with additional tools to bring actions against violators (including commercial breeders, roadside zoos and research facilities). With our compelling evidence of the need for more robust collaboration between the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the DOJ, the measure gained 220 co-sponsors in the House and 39 in the Senate.

We also cultivated bipartisan backing for four other priority measures that each garnered more than 200 House co-sponsors: the Puppy Protection Act, Humane Cosmetics Act, Prevent All Soring Tactics (PAST) Act (which gained 54 Senate co-sponsors) and Save America's Forgotten Equines (SAFE) Act. These strong showings bode well for what we'll accomplish in the 119th Congress.

Funding successes

While the funding legislation for fiscal year 2025 is still pending, many priority requests we made of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees appear in the versions they released in 2024. The annual horse slaughter defund language, which prevents horse slaughter plants from operating in the U.S., is incorporated in both the House and Senate FY 2025 Agriculture appropriations bills. The committee reports accompanying those bills include language directing the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to allocate funds to reduce animal testing and advance non-animal methods.

Report language accompanying the House and Senate Interior-Environment and Commerce-Justice-Science appropriations bills directs the robust enforcement of the Big Cat Public Safety Act and full implementation of the Shark Fin Sales Elimination Act. Both Commerce-Justice-Science reports also direct that the DOJ continue to collaborate with the USDA to ensure it receives prompt notice and referral of potential violations.

Additional companion animal progress

In December 2024, the president signed into law the Working Dog Health and Welfare Act (H.R. 6950/S. 2414) to ensure humane handling and health of working dogs at federal agencies such as the departments of Defense, State, Justice and Homeland Security. Also in December, the Veterinary Services to Improve Public Health in Rural Communities Act (S. 4365)—which would strengthen

veterinary services, including rabies prevention efforts, and improve public health in rural tribal communities—passed the Senate by voice vote.

Rules and regulations

With the support of our congressional allies, we gained substantial regulatory victories during the second half of the 118th Congress.

- In May 2024, the USDA published a long-awaited final rule banning the use of devices and substances integral to the soring of **Tennessee Walking Horses and racking horses** and eliminating the failed system of industry self-policing. We're pressing to sustain this rule against challenges by the soring industry and the handful of legislators doing their bidding.
- Also in May, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service finalized critical trade protections for **African elephants** with a rule under the Endangered Species Act. The rule seeks to increase scrutiny over the trade in live elephants imported for zoos and other captive settings and make it harder for trophy hunters and others to import elephant parts.
- In July, the National Park Service finalized a rule to ban the use of bait (such as piles of doughnuts, dog food and meat scraps) by hunters targeting **brown and black bears** on Alaska's national preserves.
- In November, the National Institutes of Health announced that **23 government-owned chimpanzees** once used in painful biomedical experiments will move to the national sanctuary, Chimp Haven, as we've been urging for years.

As the 119th Congress begins, there's crucial work ahead, especially for wildlife and farm animal protection. We'll be there, working under our new name—Humane World Action Fund, now the lobbying arm of Humane World for Animals (formerly called the Humane Society of the United States).

While our name has changed, our goal remains the same: to deliver the best outcomes possible for animals in the political arena. You can count on it, and we hope to count on you as we meet the challenges ahead.

Sincerely,



Sara Amundson
President
Humane World Action Fund

Senate scored items



AWA enforcement

A ✓ indicates co-sponsorship of the Better Collaboration, Accountability, and Regulatory Enforcement (CARE) for Animals Act (S. 2555), which would strengthen the U.S. Department of Justice's ability to collaborate with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to ensure sufficient enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) and help deter violations. The AWA sets basic care standards for over a million animals in research, exhibition, commercial breeding and other facilities, yet many licensees are getting away with egregious abuses due to inadequate enforcement of the law. While the DOJ may currently ask federal courts to issue injunctions to prevent continued unlawful mistreatment of animals, the Better CARE for Animals Act would authorize the agency to seek license revocations, civil penalties and forfeiture to seize suffering animals. It would also codify a recent memorandum of understanding between the USDA and the DOJ to encourage greater collaboration and ensure the DOJ has access to evidence needed to initiate cases, following related report language in prior appropriations measures. This legislation is endorsed by over 85 animal protection groups, rescues, sanctuaries and national law enforcement organizations, including the National Sheriffs' Association, Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, and National Animal Care and Control Association.

Sponsors: Sens. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn.; John Kennedy, R-La.

Status: 39 co-sponsors; no action by Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Horse soring

A ✓ indicates co-sponsorship of the Prevent All Soring Tactics (PAST) Act (S. 4004) to crack down on the cruel practice of soring, in which trainers deliberately inflict severe pain on the hooves and legs of Tennessee Walking Horses and related breeds using caustic chemicals, chains, weighted shoes, hard objects, cuts to horses' tender soles and other cruel methods to force them to perform an unnaturally high-stepping gait for competitions. Congress passed the Horse Protection Act (HPA) more than 50 years ago to end this abuse, but rampant soring continues, as shown in an audit by the USDA's inspector general and subsequent undercover investigations by the Humane Society of the United States (now called Humane World for Animals), including evidence released in October 2024 of ongoing soring and evasive tactics by top prize winners in the Tennessee Walking Horse show world. The PAST Act would end the failed system of industry self-policing, ban the use of devices integral to soring, strengthen penalties and make illegal the actual soring of a horse—all for negligible cost as determined by the Congressional Budget Office. This legislation is endorsed by hundreds of stakeholder groups and individuals.

Sponsors: Sens. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho; Mark Warner, D-Va.

Status: 54 co-sponsors; no action by Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.





Funding letter

A ✓ indicates that a member was one of the 45 senators who co-signed a group letter or submitted an individual request in May 2024 to the Agriculture Appropriations subcommittee. The letters sought provisions in the fiscal year 2025 funding bill for enforcement of the AWA, HPA, Humane Methods of Slaughter Act (HMSA) and federal animal fighting law, as well as for programs to promote alternatives to animal testing, to provide shelter options for domestic violence survivors with pets through the Protecting Animals With Shelter (PAWS) grant program, and to encourage veterinarians to locate in underserved areas. The letters also urged that no provisions be included based on the Ending Agricultural Trade Suppression (EATS) Act (S. 2019) or related legislation attacking state and local farm animal welfare laws. (Subcommittee and committee leaders don't sign letters to themselves but received credit because they were responsive to some of these requests.)

Sponsor: Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore.

Status: The FY 2025 funding package passed by the Senate Appropriations Committee in July 2024 contains many of the requested provisions. The Senate committee report has robust language to improve AWA, HPA, HMSA and animal fighting enforcement and to promote alternatives to animal testing. The Senate bill also includes the full amount sought for the PAWS grant program and a \$3 million increase for the veterinary incentives program. As requested, the Senate package doesn't contain harmful

language related to the EATS Act. As of press time, the Senate and House must negotiate final legislation by March 14, 2025, to avoid a shutdown of the USDA and other federal agencies.

Leader

A ✓ indicates that the member earned extra credit for taking critical action to benefit animals, such as leading as a prime sponsor of pro-animal legislation (including items not scored in this chart) or a letter to an agency. A

★ indicates that the member earned double extra credit for taking two or more of these actions or leading on a top priority issue counted in this scorecard.



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Senate scored items

	Animal welfare enforcement co-sponsor	Horse soring co-sponsor	Funding letter	Leader	Score
Alabama					
Britt, Katie (R)					0
Tuberville, Tommy (R)					0
Alaska					
Murkowski, Lisa (R)				★	67
Sullivan, Dan (R)					0
Arizona					
Kelly, Mark (D)		✓			33
Sinema, Kyrsten (I)		✓	✓	✓	100
Arkansas					
Boozman, John (R)					0
Cotton, Tom (R)					0
California					
Butler, Laphonza R. (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100+
Padilla, Alex (D)	✓	✓	✓		100
Colorado					
Bennet, Michael F. (D)	✓	✓			67
Hickenlooper, John (D)	✓	✓	✓		100
Connecticut					
Blumenthal, Richard (D)	SP	✓	✓	★	100+
Murphy, Christopher (D)	✓	✓	✓		100
Delaware					
Carper, Thomas R. (D)		✓	✓	★	100
Coons, Christopher A. (D)	✓	✓	✓		100
Florida					
Rubio, Marco (R)					0
Scott, Rick (R)				★	67
Georgia					
Ossoff, Jon (D)	✓	✓	✓		100
Wamock, Raphael (D)	✓	✓	✓		100
Hawaii					
Hirono, Mazie K. (D)	✓	✓	✓		100
Schatz, Brian (D)	✓	✓	✓		100
Idaho					
Crapo, Mike (R)		SP		★	100
Risch, James E. (R)					0
Illinois					
Duckworth, Tammy (D)	✓	✓	✓		100
Durbin, Richard J. (D)	✓	✓	✓	★	100+
Indiana					
Braun, Mike (R)				✓	33
Young, Todd (R)					0
Iowa					
Ernst, Joni (R)					0
Grassley, Chuck (R)					0
Kansas					
Marshall, Roger (R)					0
Moran, Jerry (R)				★	67
Kentucky					
McConnell, Mitch (R)					..
Paul, Rand (R)					0

Key to Senate Chart

SP Prime sponsor
(pro-animal legislation)

✓ Took pro-animal position through co-sponsoring a bill, voting, signing a letter or leading on pro-animal issue

★ Led on multiple legislative and/or regulatory efforts or led on a top priority measure

100+ Pro-animal position on 3 scored items plus extra credit for leading on pro-animal issue(s)

•• The top leaders of each party typically don't co-sponsor bills and the Speaker of the House doesn't vote, so they have no numerical scores

Note: In some cases, legislators must miss votes for unavoidable personal reasons, such as a death in the family, serious illness, birth of a child or emergency in their district.

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Louisiana					
Cassidy, Bill (R)					0
Kennedy, John (R)	SP			★	100
Maine					
Collins, Susan M. (R)	✓	✓	✓		100
King, Angus S. Jr. (I)		✓		✓	67
Maryland					
Cardin, Benjamin L. (D)	✓	✓	✓		100
Van Hollen, Chris (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100+
Massachusetts					
Markey, Edward J. (D)		✓	✓	★	100
Warren, Elizabeth (D)		✓	✓		67
Michigan					
Peters, Gary C. (D)	✓	✓	✓	★	100+
Stabenow, Debbie (D)		✓	✓	★	100
Minnesota					
Klobuchar, Amy (D)	✓	✓	✓		100
Smith, Tina (D)	✓	✓	✓		100
Mississippi					
Hyde-Smith, Cindy (R)					0
Wicker, Roger F. (R)					0
Missouri					
Hawley, Josh (R)					0
Schmitt, Eric (R)					0
Montana					
Daines, Steve (R)		✓			33
Tester, Jon (D)		✓			33
Nebraska					
Fischer, Deb (R)					0
Ricketts, Pete (R)					0
Nevada					
Cortez Masto, Catherine (D)	✓	✓	✓		100
Rosen, Jacky (D)	✓	✓	✓		100
New Hampshire					
Hassan, Maggie (D)	✓	✓	✓		100
Shaheen, Jeanne (D)	✓	✓	✓	★	100+
New Jersey					
Booker, Cory A. (D)	✓	✓	✓	★	100+
Helmy, George S. (D)		✓	#		#
Menendez, Robert (D)		✓	✓	★	##
New Mexico					
Heinrich, Martin (D)		✓	✓	★	100
Lujan, Ben Ray (D)	✓	✓	✓		100
New York					
Gillibrand, Kirsten E. (D)	✓	✓	✓		100
Schumer, Charles E. (D)		✓			••
North Carolina					
Budd, Ted (R)					0
Tillis, Thom (R)				✓	33

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Filled seat during term

Resigned during term

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Senate scored items

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North Dakota					
Cramer, Kevin (R)				✓	33
Hoeven, John (R)		✓		★	100
Ohio					
Brown, Sherrod (D)	✓	✓	✓		100
Vance, J. D. (R)					0
Oklahoma					
Lankford, James (R)					0
Mullin, Markwayne (R)					0
Oregon					
Merkley, Jeff (D)	✓	✓	✓	★	100+
Wyden, Ron (D)		✓	SP	★	100
Pennsylvania					
Casey, Bob P. Jr. (D)	✓	✓	✓		100
Fetterman, John (D)	✓	✓	✓		100
Rhode Island					
Reed, Jack (D)	✓	✓	✓		100
Whitehouse, Sheldon (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100+
South Carolina					
Graham, Lindsey (R)				★	67
Scott, Tim (R)					0
South Dakota					
Rounds, Mike (R)					0
Thune, John (R)					0
Tennessee					
Blackburn, Marsha (R)					0
Hagerty, Bill (R)				✓	33
Texas					
Comyn, John (R)				★	67
Cruz, Ted (R)					0
Utah					
Lee, Mike (R)					0
Romney, Mitt (R)					0
Vermont					
Sanders, Bernie (I)	✓	✓	✓		100
Welch, Peter (D)	✓	✓	✓		100
Virginia					
Kaine, Tim (D)	✓	✓	✓		100
Wamer, Mark R. (D)	✓	SP	✓	★	100+
Washington					
Cantwell, Maria (D)	✓	✓	✓	★	100+
Murray, Patty (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100+
West Virginia					
Capito, Shelley Moore (R)				✓	33
Manchin, Joe III (I)					0
Wisconsin					
Baldwin, Tammy (D)		✓	✓		67
Johnson, Ron (R)					0
Wyoming					
Barrasso, John (R)					0
Lummis, Cynthia (R)					0

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AWA enforcement

A ✓ indicates co-sponsorship of the Better Collaboration, Accountability, and Regulatory Enforcement (CARE) for Animals Act (H.R. 5041), which would strengthen the U.S. Department of Justice's ability to collaborate with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to ensure sufficient enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) and help deter violations. The AWA sets basic care standards for over a million animals in research, exhibition, commercial breeding and other facilities, yet many licensees are getting away with egregious abuses due to inadequate enforcement of the law. While the DOJ may currently ask federal courts to issue injunctions to prevent continued unlawful mistreatment of animals, the Better CARE for Animals Act would authorize the agency to seek license revocations, civil penalties and forfeiture to seize suffering animals. It would also codify a recent memorandum of understanding between the USDA and the DOJ to encourage greater collaboration and ensure the DOJ has access to evidence needed to initiate cases, following related report language in prior appropriations measures. This legislation is endorsed by over 85 animal protection groups, rescues, sanctuaries and national law enforcement organizations, including the National Sheriffs' Association, Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, and National Animal Care and Control Association.

Sponsors: Reps. Guy Reschenthaler, R-Pa.; Mike Quigley, D-Ill.

Status: 220 co-sponsors; no action by Committee on Agriculture.

Humane cosmetics

A ✓ indicates co-sponsorship of the Humane Cosmetics Act (H.R. 5399) to phase out testing of cosmetics on live animals and sales of animal-tested cosmetics in the U.S. These tests performed on rabbits, guinea pigs, rats and mice are intensely cruel and unreliable predictors of effects on humans. Cosmetics companies can choose from thousands of ingredients already known to be safe for people. For new ingredients, animal tests are unnecessary since many alternative methods—which are faster, less costly to perform and more relevant to humans—are available to ensure products are safe. More than 2 billion consumers live in countries that have already adopted similar restrictions, and 12 states (California, Hawaii, Illinois, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Virginia and Washington) have passed laws to prohibit the sale of animal-tested cosmetics. More than 400 cosmetics companies and the Personal Care Products Council (the U.S. trade group that represents about 600 companies, including Procter & Gamble, Revlon, Unilever and Estée Lauder) have endorsed this legislation.

Sponsors: Reps. Don Beyer, D-Va.; Vern Buchanan, R-Fla.; Paul Tonko, D-N.Y.; Ken Calvert, R-Calif.; Tony Cárdenas, D-Calif.

Status: 228 co-sponsors; no action by Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Puppy mills

A ✓ indicates co-sponsorship of the Puppy Protection Act (H.R. 1624) to address serious gaps in welfare standards for tens of thousands of breeding dogs and puppies at large-scale breeding operations licensed by the USDA. Although the agency upgraded dog care standards (e.g., requiring hands-on veterinary exams and 24-hour access to clean water) in a May 2020 rulemaking, in many ways the regulations still allow overcrowded, inhumane conditions at puppy mills, which often result in sick puppies being sold to consumers. This bill, which is also endorsed by the National Sheriffs' Association, would codify the 2020 rule's upgrades and make other overdue reforms, such as prohibiting the use of stacked cages and gridded or wire cage flooring, increasing cage size to reduce behavioral problems that dogs in these facilities often develop, mandating protection from extreme heat and cold, and requiring that breeders attempt to find humane placement for retired breeding dogs rather than destroying them.

Sponsors: Reps. Brian Fitzpatrick, R-Pa.; Jim McGovern, D-Mass.; Guy Reschenthaler, R-Pa.; Jimmy Panetta, D-Calif.

Status: 238 co-sponsors; no action by Committee on Agriculture.

House scored items



Horse slaughter

A ✓ indicates co-sponsorship of the Save America's Forgotten Equines (SAFE) Act (H.R. 3475) to prohibit the reopening of horse slaughter plants in the U.S. and the export of American horses to slaughter for human consumption. Horse slaughter is inherently cruel due to the unique biology of horses, and more than 80% of Americans oppose it. Horses destined for slaughter are shipped long distances without food, water or rest in crowded trucks and are often seriously injured in transit. At the slaughter plant, they often suffer repeated blows to the head during attempts to render them unconscious and are sometimes still alive when dismembered. This predatory industry doesn't "euthanize" old, sick horses; young and healthy horses are purchased, often by buyers misrepresenting their intentions, and killed for the overseas horsemeat market. American horses aren't raised for food and are routinely given hundreds of drugs over their lifetimes that can be toxic to humans if ingested.

Sponsors: Reps. Vern Buchanan, R-Fla.; Jan Schakowsky, D-Ill.

Status: 237 co-sponsors; no action by Committee on Agriculture.

Horse soring

A ✓ indicates co-sponsorship of the Prevent All Soring Tactics (PAST) Act (H.R. 3090) to crack down on the cruel practice of soring, in which trainers deliberately inflict severe pain on the hooves and legs of Tennessee Walking Horses and related breeds using caustic chemicals, chains, weighted shoes, hard objects, cuts to horses' tender soles and other cruel methods to force them to perform an unnaturally high-stepping gait for competitions. Congress passed the Horse Protection Act (HPA) more than 50 years ago to end this abuse, but rampant soring continues, as shown in an audit by the USDA's inspector general and subsequent undercover investigations by the Humane Society of the United States (now called Humane World

for Animals), including evidence released in October 2024 of ongoing soring and evasive tactics by top prize winners in the Tennessee Walking Horse show world. The PAST Act would end the failed system of industry self-policing, ban the use of devices integral to soring, strengthen penalties and make illegal the actual soring of a horse—all for negligible cost as determined by the Congressional Budget Office. This legislation is endorsed by hundreds of stakeholder groups and individuals, and it was approved by the House in a bipartisan vote of 304-111 in November 2022.

Sponsors: Reps. Brian Fitzpatrick, R-Pa.; Steve Cohen, D-Tenn.; Vern Buchanan, R-Fla.; Jan Schakowsky, D-Ill.

Status: 249 co-sponsors; no action by Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Gray wolves

A ✓ indicates a vote against the Trust the Science Act (H.R. 764) to delist the gray wolf from the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and prohibit judicial review of the action. The gray wolf is an iconic species that plays a vital role in maintaining balanced ecosystems. Gray wolves are already under heavy pressure from habitat loss, persecution and other human-caused threats. Rolling back ESA protections could be detrimental to the species' recovery and disrupt delicate ecosystems. The ESA is an immensely popular law that has saved approximately 99% of listed species from extinction. Legislating ESA decisions undermines the law itself, which rests authority in federal agencies and continues to be our nation's strongest tool for protecting vulnerable species.

Sponsor (anti-animal bill): Rep. Lauren Boebert, R-Colo.

Status: Passed by 209-205 vote in April 2024. No action taken by the Senate on H.R. 764 or by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works on the related Senate bill (S. 1895).



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Interior appropriations

A ✓ indicates a vote against final passage of H.R. 8998 (fiscal year 2025 Interior-Environment appropriations bill). We note that representatives had many reasons for voting as they did on this large, multi-issue package, but we urged opposition to H.R. 8998 because it contained steep budget cuts to critical conservation and land management programs, as well as several policy riders that would undermine efforts to preserve our nation's biodiversity. Among the harmful riders were provisions to remove federal ESA protections for vulnerable species, including native carnivores such as gray wolves and grizzly bears. While we were pleased that a few pro-animal amendments were adopted during the floor debate—for example, to boost funding for the rescue and rehabilitation of manatees and to emphasize the need for increased use of humane, reversible fertility control to manage wild horse populations—several anti-animal amendments also passed, including ones to reduce funding for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to FY 2021 levels and to prohibit funding to protect certain other species under the ESA.

Status: Passed by 210-205 vote in July 2024. As of press time, the Senate and House must negotiate final legislation by March 14, 2025, to avoid a shutdown of the Department of the Interior, Environmental Protection Agency and other federal agencies.

Funding letter

A ✓ indicates that a member was one of the 197 representatives who co-signed a group letter or submitted an individual request in May 2024 to the Agriculture Appropriations subcommittee. These letters sought provisions in the FY 2025 funding bill for enforcement of the AWA, HPA, Humane Methods of Slaughter Act (HMSA) and federal animal fighting law, as well as for programs to promote alternatives to animal testing, to provide shelter for domestic violence survivors with pets through the Protecting Animals With Shelter (PAWS) grant program, and to encourage veterinarians to locate in underserved areas. The letters also requested that no provisions be included based on the Ending Agricultural Trade Suppression (EATS) Act (H.R. 4417) or related legislation attacking state and local farm animal welfare laws. (Subcommittee and committee leaders don't sign letters to themselves but received credit because they were responsive to some of these requests.)

Sponsors: Reps. Earl Blumenauer, D-Ore.; Chris Smith, R-N.J.

Status: The FY 2025 funding package passed by the House Appropriations Committee in July 2024 contains both positive and negative elements. The House committee report includes some requested language on AWA, HMSA and animal fighting enforcement and provisions to promote alternatives to animal testing, and it includes the requested increase of \$500,000 for the veterinary incentives program. Also, as requested, the House package contains no harmful provision related to the EATS Act. But the House bill would cut HPA enforcement funding by \$1 million, and the House report directs the USDA to withdraw its long-awaited final rule to strengthen enforcement on horse soring. The House bill also doesn't fund the PAWS grant program. As of press time, the Senate and House must negotiate final legislation by March 14, 2025, to avoid a shutdown of the USDA and other federal agencies.

Leader

A ✓ indicates that the member earned extra credit for taking critical action to benefit animals, such as by leading as a prime sponsor of pro-animal legislation (including items not scored in this chart) or a letter to an agency. A ★ indicates that the member earned double extra credit for taking two or more of these actions or leading on a top priority issue counted in this scorecard.

Congressional Animal Protection Caucus

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Status: 136 members.



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Alabama											
Aderholt, Robert (R-4)				X	X						0
Carl, Jerry (R-1)				X	X						0
Moore, Barry (R-2)				X	X						0
Palmer, Gary (R-6)				X	X						0
Rogers, Mike (R-3)				X	X						0
Sewell, Terri A. (D-7)				✓	✓						25
Strong, Dale (R-5)				X	X						0
Alaska											
Peltola, Mary Sattler (D-At Large)				✓	✓			✓			38
American Samoa											
Radewagen, Aumua Amata C. (R-Del.)				•	•						0
Arizona											
Biggs, Andy (R-5)					X	X					0
Ciscomani, Juan (R-6)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	▲	88
Crane, Elijah (R-2)					X	X					0
Gallego, Ruben (D-3)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				88
Gosar, Paul A. (R-9)					X	X					0
Grijalva, Raúl (D-7)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV**	NV	✓	★	▲	100
Lesko, Debbie (R-8)					X	X					0
Schweikert, David (R-1)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	▲	100
Stanton, Greg (D-4)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100+
Arkansas											
Crawford, Rick (R-1)					X	X					0
Hill, French (R-2)					X	X					0
Westerman, Bruce (R-4)					X	X					0
Womack, Steve (R-3)					X	X					0
California											
Aguilar, Pete (D-33)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100+
Barragán, Nanette Diaz (D-44)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲	100
Bera, Ami (D-6)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲	100
Brownley, Julia (D-26)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	★	▲	100+
Calvert, Ken (R-41)		SP		✓	✓	X	X		★	▲	63
Carbajal, Salud (D-24)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲	100
Cárdenas, Tony (D-29)	✓	SP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	★	▲	100+
Chu, Judy (D-28)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲	100
Correa, J. Luis (D-46)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲	100
Costa, Jim (D-21)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			63
DeSaulnier, Mark (D-10)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲	100
Duarte, John (R-13)					X	X					0
Eshoo, Anna G. (D-16)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲	100
Fong, Vince (R-20)					#	X	#			#	#
Garamendi, John (D-8)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV				75
Garcia, Mike (R-27)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓			88
Garcia, Robert (D-42)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100
Gomez, Jimmy (D-34)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲	100
Harder, Josh (D-9)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100
Huffman, Jared (D-2)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	★		100+
Issa, Darrell (R-48)					X	X					0
Jacobs, Sara (D-51)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲	100
Kamlager-Dove, Sydney (D-37)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	★		100+
Khanna, Ro (D-17)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▲	100+
Kiley, Kevin (R-3)					✓	X	X				38
Kim, Young (R-40)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓		88
LaMalfa, Doug (R-1)					X	X					0
Lee, Barbara (D-12)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100
Levin, Mike (D-49)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▲	100+
Lieu, Ted (D-36)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	★	▲	100+
Lofgren, Zoe (D-18)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲	100
Matsui, Doris (D-7)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲	100
McCarthy, Kevin (R-20)					##	##					##
McClintock, Tom (R-5)					X	✓					13
Mullin, Kevin (D-15)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	★		100+
Napolitano, Grace (D-31)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲	100
Obenolt, Jay (R-23)					X	X					0
Panetta, Jimmy (D-19)		✓	SP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	★		100
Pelosi, Nancy (D-11)					✓	✓					25

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Peters, Scott (D-50)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▲	100	
Porter, Katie (D-47)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	★	▲	100	
Ruiz, Raul (D-25)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▲	100	
Sánchez, Linda (D-38)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▲	100	
Schiff, Adam (D-30)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	★	▲	100+	
Sherman, Brad (D-32)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▲	100	
Steel, Michelle (R-45)					X	X				0	
Swalwell, Eric (D-14)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▲	100	
Takano, Mark (D-39)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▲	100	
Thompson, Mike (D-4)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100	
Torres, Norma (D-35)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▲	88	
Valadao, David (R-22)	✓	✓			X	X	✓			38	
Vargas, Juan (D-52)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▲	100	
Waters, Maxine (D-43)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			75	
Colorado											
Boebert, Lauren (R-3)					X	X					0
Buck, Ken (R-4)	##	##	##	##	✓	##	##	##			##
Caraveo, Yadira (D-8)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓			88
Crow, Jason (D-6)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	★	▲	100+
DeGette, Diana (D-1)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100+
Lamborn, Doug (R-5)					X	X					0
Lopez, Greg (R-4)					#	X	#				#
Neguse, Joe (D-2)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	★	▲	100+
Pettersen, Brittany (D-7)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100
Connecticut											
Courtney, Joe (D-2)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▲		100
DeLauro, Rosa L. (D-3)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	★	▲	100
Hayes, Jahana (D-5)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100
Himes, Jim (D-4)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▲		100
Larson, John B. (D-1)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			88
Delaware											
Blunt Rochester, Lisa (D-At Large)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▲		100
District of Columbia											
Norton, Eleanor Holmes (D-Delegate)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	•	•	✓	✓	▲	100+
Florida											
Bean, Aaron (R-4)					X	X					0
Bilirakis, Gus M. (R-12)				✓	X	X					13
Buchanan, Vern (R-16)	✓	SP	✓	SP	SP	X	X	✓	★	▲	100
Cammack, Kat (R-3)					X	X					0
Castor, Kathy (D-14)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲	100
Cherfilus-McCormick, Sheila (D-20)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100
Diaz-Balart, Mario (R-26)					NV	X					0
Donalds, Byron (R-19)					X	X					0
Dunn, Neal (R-2)					X	X					0
Frankel, Lois (D-22)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲	100
Franklin, Scott (R-18)					✓	X	X				13
Frost, Maxwell (D-10)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100
Gaetz, Matt (R-1)					✓	X				▲	##
Gimenez, Carlos (R-28)		✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X				50
Lee, Laurel (R-15)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X				63
Luna, Anna Paulina (R-13)			✓	✓		X	X				25
Mast, Brian (R-21)			✓			X	X				13
Mills, Cory (R-7)					X	X					0
Moskowitz, Jared (D-23)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	★		100+
Posey, Bill (R-8)		✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X			▲	50
Rutherford, John (R-5)				✓		X	X				13
Salazar, Maria Elvira (R-27)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X			▲	63
Soto, Darren (D-9)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲	100
Steube, W. Gregory (R-17)			✓	✓		X	X			▲	25
Waltz, Michael (R-6)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓		88
Wasserman Schultz, Debbie (D-25)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲	100
Webster, Daniel (R-11)					X	X					0
Wilson, Frederica (D-24)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲	100
Georgia											
Allen, Rick (R-12)					X	X					0
Bishop, Sanford D. Jr. (D-2)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	★		100+
Carter, Buddy (R-1)		✓				X	X				13
Clyde, Andrew (R-9)					X	X					0
Collins, Mike (R-10)					X	X					0

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Ferguson, A. Drew (R-3)					X	X				0	
Greene, Marjorie Taylor (R-14)					X	X				0	
Johnson, Henry C. "Hank" Jr. (D-4)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲	100	
Loudermilk, Barry (R-11)					X	X				0	
McBath, Lucy (D-7)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100+	
McCormick, Rich (R-6)			✓		X	X				13	
Scott, Austin (R-8)					X	X				0	
Scott, David (D-13)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		★		88	
Williams, Nikema (D-5)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100+	
Guam											
Moylan, James (R-Delegate)					•	•		★		33	
Hawaii											
Case, Ed (D-1)				✓	✓	✓		✓		50	
Tokuda, Jill (D-2)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▲	100	
Idaho											
Fulcher, Russ (R-1)				✓	X	X				13	
Simpson, Mike (R-2)					X	X		★		25	
Illinois											
Bost, Mike (R-12)					X	X				0	
Budzinski, Nikki (D-13)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100	
Casten, Sean (D-6)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▲	100	
Davis, Danny K. (D-7)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100	
Foster, Bill (D-11)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▲	88	
Garcia, Jesús "Chuy" (D-4)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100	
Jackson, Jonathan (D-1)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		88	
Kelly, Robin (D-2)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100	
Krishnamoorthi, Raja (D-8)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	★	▲	100+	
LaHood, Darin (R-16)					X	X				0	
Miller, Mary (R-15)					X	X				0	
Quigley, Mike (D-5)	SP	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV**	✓	★	▲	100	
Ramirez, Delia (D-3)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100	
Schakowsky, Jan (D-9)	✓	✓	✓	SP	SP	✓	✓	✓	★	▲	100+
Schneider, Bradley (D-10)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲	100
Sorensen, Eric (D-17)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100	
Underwood, Lauren (D-14)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▲	88	
Indiana											
Baird, James (R-4)					X	X				0	
Banks, Jim (R-3)					X	X				0	
Bucshon, Larry (R-8)		✓			X	X			▲	13	
Carson, André (D-7)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▲	100	
Houchin, Erin (R-9)					X	X				0	
Mrvan, Frank (D-1)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100	
Pence, Greg (R-6)					X	X				0	
Spartz, Victoria (R-5)					X	X				0	
Yakym, Rudy (R-2)					X	X		✓		13	
Iowa											
Feenstra, Randy (R-4)					X	X				0	
Hinson, Ashley (R-2)					X	X				0	
Miller-Meeks, Mariannette (R-1)		✓			X	X				13	
Nunn, Zachary (R-3)			✓		X	X				13	
Kansas											
Davids, Sharice (D-3)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▲	100+	
Estes, Ron (R-4)					X	X				0	
LaTurner, Jake (R-2)					X	X				0	
Mann, Tracey (R-1)					X	X				0	
Kentucky											
Barr, Andy (R-6)			✓		X	X				13	
Comer, James (R-1)					X	X				0	
Guthrie, S. Brett (R-2)					X	X				0	
Massie, Thomas (R-4)					X	✓				13	
McGarvey, Morgan (D-3)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100	
Rogers, Harold (R-5)					X	X		★		25	
Louisiana											
Carter, Troy (D-2)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				88	
Graves, Garret (R-6)					X	X				0	
Higgins, Clay (R-3)					X	NV				0	
Johnson, Mike (R-4)	**	**	**	**	**	X	X			**	

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Letlow, Julia (R-5)						X	X				0
Scalise, Steve (R-1)						X	X				0
Maine											
Golden, Jared (D-2)			✓			X	✓				25
Pingree, Chellie (D-1)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		★		100
Maryland											
Harris, Andy (R-1)						X	X	✓	★		38
Hoyer, Steny H. (D-5)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100
Ivey, Glenn (D-4)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100
Mfume, Kweisi (D-7)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				88
Raskin, Jamie (D-8)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲	100+
Ruppersberger, C.A. Dutch (D-2)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		NV**	✓		▲	88
Sarbanes, John P. (D-3)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲	100
Trone, David (D-6)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		NV	✓		▲	88
Massachusetts											
Auchincloss, Jake (D-4)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲	100
Clark, Katherine (D-5)						✓	✓	✓	★	▲	63
Keating, William (D-9)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▲	100+
Lynch, Stephen F. (D-8)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲	100
McGovern, James (D-2)	✓	✓	SP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	★	▲	100+
Moulton, Seth (D-6)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲	100
Neal, Richard E. (D-1)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100
Pressley, Ayanna (D-7)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100+
Trahan, Lori (D-3)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲	100
Michigan											
Bergman, Jack (R-1)						X	X				0
Dingell, Debbie (D-6)	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	★	▲	100
Huizenga, Bill (R-4)						X	X				0
James, John (R-10)						X	X				0
Kildee, Daniel (D-8)	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓		▲	75
McClain, Lisa (R-9)						✓	X	X			13
Moolenaar, John (R-2)						X	X				0
Scholten, Hillary (D-3)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100
Slotkin, Elissa (D-7)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			▲	88
Stevens, Haley (D-11)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲	100
Thanedar, Shri (D-13)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100
Tlaib, Rashida (D-12)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100
Walberg, Tim (R-5)						X	X				0
Minnesota											
Craig, Angie (D-2)	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				75
Emmer, Tom (R-6)						X	X				0
Finstad, Brad (R-1)						X	X				0
Fischbach, Michelle (R-7)							NV	X			0
McCollum, Betty (D-4)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	★	▲	100+
Omar, Ilhan (D-5)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100
Phillips, Dean (D-3)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100
Stauber, Pete (R-8)						X	X				0
Mississippi											
Ezell, Mike (R-4)						X	X				0
Guest, Michael (R-3)						X	X				0
Kelly, Trent (R-1)						X	X				0
Thompson, Bennie G. (D-2)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				88
Missouri											
Alford, Mark (R-4)						X	X				0
Burlison, Eric (R-7)						X	X				0
Bush, Cori (D-1)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV				75
Cleaver, Emanuel (D-5)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100
Graves, Sam (R-6)						X	X				0
Luetkemeyer, Blaine (R-3)						X	X				0
Smith, Jason (R-8)						X	X				0
Wagner, Ann (R-2)						X	X				0
Montana											
Rosendale, Matt (R-2)						X	X				0
Zinke, Ryan (R-1)						X	X	✓			13

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Nebraska											
Bacon, Don (R-2)		✓		✓	X	X					25
Flood, Mike (R-1)					X	X					0
Smith, Adrian (R-3)					NV	X					0
Nevada											
Amodei, Mark (R-2)					X	X					0
Horsford, Steven (D-4)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					88
Lee, Susie (D-3)	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲		88
Titus, Dina (D-1)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	★	▲		100+
New Hampshire											
Kuster, Ann (D-2)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▲	100+
Pappas, Chris (D-1)	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	★	▲	100
New Jersey											
Gottheimer, Josh (D-5)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲	100
Kean, Thomas (R-7)		✓		✓	✓	X	X	✓		▲	50
Kim, Andy (D-3)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲	100
McClver, LaMonica (D-10)					#	#	#				#
Menendez, Robert (D-8)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100
Norcross, Donald (D-1)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100+
Pallone, Frank Jr. (D-6)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲	75
Pascarell, Bill Jr. (D-9)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓		▲	###
Payne, Donald Jr. (D-10)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	###	###	###		▲	###
Sherrill, Mikie (D-11)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲	100
Smith, Chris (R-4)	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	SP	★		▲	100
Van Drew, Jefferson (R-2)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓			88
Watson Coleman, Bonnie (D-12)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV**	✓		▲	88
New Mexico											
Leger Fernandez, Teresa (D-3)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	★		100+
Stansbury, Melanie (D-1)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	★		100+
Vasquez, Gabe (D-2)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100
New York											
Bowman, Jamaal (D-16)			✓			✓	✓				38
Clarke, Yvette D. (D-9)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲	100
D'Esposito, Anthony (R-4)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X				63
Español, Adriano (D-13)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	★		100+
Garbarino, Andrew (R-2)	✓			✓		X	X				25
Goldman, Daniel (D-10)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲	100
Higgins, Brian (D-26)	##			##		##	##	##			##
Jeffries, Hakeem (D-8)	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**			**
Kennedy, Timothy M. (D-26)	**	✓	✓	✓	✓	#	✓	#	✓		#
LaLota, Nick (R-1)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓		▲	75
Langworthy, Nicholas (R-23)						NV	X				0
Lawler, Michael (R-17)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓			75
Malliotakis, Nicole (R-11)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	★	▲	100
Meeks, Gregory W. (D-5)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				88
Meng, Grace (D-6)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			▲	88
Molinaro, Marcus (R-19)		✓				X	✓				38
Morelle, Joseph (D-25)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲	100
Nadler, Jerrold (D-12)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲	100
Ocasio-Cortez, Alexandria (D-14)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	★		100
Ryan, Pat (D-18)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100
Stefanik, Elise (R-21)						X	X			▲	0
Suozzi, Thomas R. (D-3)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100
Tenney, Claudia (R-24)		✓		✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓		63
Tonko, Paul D. (D-20)	✓	SP		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	★	▲	100+
Torres, Ritchie (D-15)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100
Velázquez, Nydia M. (D-7)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓			88
Williams, Brandon (R-22)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓			63
North Carolina											
Adams, Alma (D-12)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓		▲	88
Bishop, Dan (R-8)						X	NV				0
Davis, Donald (D-1)		✓				✓	✓		✓		50
Edwards, Chuck (R-11)						X	X				0
Foushee, Valerie (D-4)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100
Fox, Virginia (R-5)						X	X				0
Hudson, Richard (R-9)					✓	X	NV				13
Jackson, Jeff (D-14)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100
Manning, Kathy (D-6)	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			88
McHenry, Patrick T. (R-10)					✓	X	NV				13

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Murphy, Gregory Francis (R-3)						NV	X				0
Nickel, Wiley (D-13)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓				75
Ross, Deborah (D-2)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▲	100+
Rouzer, David (R-7)						X	X				0
North Dakota											
Armstrong, Kelly (R-At Large)						X	X		✓		13
Northern Marianas											
Sablan, Gregorio (D-Delegate)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	•	•	✓		▲	100
Ohio											
Balderson, Troy (R-12)						X	X				0
Beatty, Joyce (D-3)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			▲	88
Brown, Shontel M. (D-11)		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓				63
Carey, Mike (R-15)	✓		✓	✓	✓	X	X				50
Davidson, Warren (R-8)						X	X				0
Johnson, Bill (R-6)	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##			##
Jordan, Jim (R-4)						X	X				0
Joyce, David (R-14)				✓	✓	X	X	✓		▲	38
Kaptur, Marcy (D-9)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲	100
Landsman, Greg (D-1)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				88
Latta, Robert E. (R-5)						X	X				0
Miller, Max (R-7)						X	X				0
Rulli, Michael A. (R-6)						#	X	#			#
Sykes, Emilia (D-13)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓			88
Turner, Michael (R-10)	✓			✓	✓	X	NV	✓			50
Wenstrup, Brad (R-2)						X	X				0
Oklahoma											
Bice, Stephanie (R-5)						X	X				0
Brecheen, Josh (R-2)						X	X				0
Cole, Tom (R-4)						NV	X				0
Hern, Kevin (R-1)						X	X				0
Lucas, Frank (R-3)						X	X				0
Oregon											
Bentz, Cliff (R-2)						X	X				0
Blumenauer, Earl (D-3)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	SP	★	▲	100
Bonamici, Suzanne (D-1)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲	100
Chavez-DeRemer, Lori (R-5)		✓	✓			X	X	✓			25
Hoyle, Val (D-4)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	★		100+
Salinas, Andrea (D-6)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100
Pennsylvania											
Boyle, Brendan (D-2)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲	100
Cartwright, Matt (D-8)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		★	▲	100
Dean, Madeleine (D-4)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▲	100+
Deluzio, Christopher (D-17)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100
Evans, Dwight (D-3)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓			88
Fitzpatrick, Brian (R-1)	✓	✓	SP	✓	SP	✓	✓	✓	★	▲	100+
Houlahan, Chrissy (D-6)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲	88
Joyce, John (R-13)						X	X				0
Kelly, Mike (R-16)					✓	X	X				13
Lee, Summer (D-12)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100
Meuser, Daniel (R-9)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X				50
Perry, Scott (R-10)				✓		X	X				13
Reschenthaler, Guy (R-14)	SP	✓	SP	✓	✓	X	X	✓	★	▲	100
Scanlon, Mary Gay (D-5)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▲	100+
Smucker, Lloyd (R-11)		✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X		✓		50
Thompson, Glenn "GT" (R-15)						X	X				0
Wild, Susan (D-7)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲	100
Puerto Rico											
González-Colón, Jenniffer (R-Res. Comm.)			✓	✓		•	•		✓		50
Rhode Island											
Amo, Gabe (D-1)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100
Magaziner, Seth (D-2)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV**	✓	✓		▲	88
South Carolina											
Clyburn, James E. (D-6)						✓	✓				25
Duncan, Jeff (R-3)						X	X				0

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Fry, Russell (R-7)					X	X					0
Mace, Nancy (R-1)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	★	▲		100
Norman, Ralph (R-5)					X	X					0
Timmons, William (R-4)					X	X					0
Wilson, Joe (R-2)					X	X					0
South Dakota											
Johnson, Dusty (R-At Large)					X	X					0
Tennessee											
Burchett, Tim (R-2)					X	X					0
Cohen, Steve (D-9)	✓	✓	✓	✓	SP	✓	✓	✓	★	▲	100+
DesJarlais, Scott (R-4)					X	X					0
Fleischmann, Chuck (R-3)					X	X					0
Green, Mark (R-7)					X	X					0
Harshbarger, Diana (R-1)					X	X					0
Kustoff, David (R-8)					X	X					0
Ogles, Andrew (R-5)					X	X					0
Rose, John W. (R-6)					X	X					0
Texas											
Allred, Colin (D-32)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲	100
Arrington, Jodey (R-19)						NV	X				0
Babin, Brian (R-36)						X	X				0
Burgess, Michael (R-26)						X	X				0
Carter, John (R-31)						X	X				0
Casar, Greg (D-35)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			88
Castro, Joaquin (D-20)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓			88
Cloud, Michael (R-27)						X	X				0
Crenshaw, Dan (R-2)						X	X				0
Crockett, Jasmine (D-30)			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			75
Cuellar, Henry (D-28)					✓	X	✓				25
De La Cruz, Monica (R-15)						X	X				0
Doggett, Lloyd (D-37)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▲	100+
Ellzey, Jake (R-6)						X	X				0
Escobar, Veronica (D-16)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▲	100+
Fallon, Pat (R-4)						X	X				0
Fletcher, Lizzie (D-7)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100+
Garcia, Sylvia (D-29)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100+
Gonzales, Tony (R-23)						X	X				0
Gonzalez, Vicente (D-34)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓		100
Gooden, Lance (R-5)				✓	✓	X	X				25
Granger, Kay (R-12)						X	NV	✓			13
Green, Al (D-9)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				88
Hunt, Wesley (R-38)						X	X				0
Jackson Lee, Sheila (D-18)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	###	✓	✓	▲	###
Jackson, Ronny (R-13)						X	X				0
Luttrell, Morgan (R-8)						X	X				0
McCaul, Michael T. (R-10)						X	X				0
Moran, Nathaniel (R-1)						X	X				0
Nehls, Troy (R-22)		✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	X	✓	✓		75
Pfluger, August (R-11)						X	X				0
Roy, Chip (R-21)						X	X				0
Self, Keith (R-3)						X	X				0
Sessions, Pete (R-17)						X	X				0
Van Duyn, Beth (R-24)						X	X				0
Veasey, Marc (D-33)			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲	75
Weber, Randy (R-14)						X	X				0
Williams, Roger (R-25)						X	X				0
Utah											
Curtis, John R. (R-3)					✓	X	X				13
Maloy, Celeste (R-2)						X	X				0
Moore, Blake (R-1)						X	X				0
Owens, Burgess (R-4)						X	X				0
Vermont											
Balint, Becca (D-At Large)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100
Virgin Islands											
Plaskett, Stacey (D-Delegate)					✓	•	•				17
Virginia											
Beyer, Don (D-8)	✓	SP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	★	▲	100+
Cline, Ben (R-6)						X	X				0
Connolly, Gerald E. "Gerry" (D-11)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲	100

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Good, Bob (R-5)					X	X					0
Griffith, Morgan (R-9)					X	X					0
Kiggans, Jennifer (R-2)	✓				X	X					13
McClellan, Jennifer (D-4)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100
Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" (D-3)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100
Spanberger, Abigail (D-7)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲	100
Wexton, Jennifer (D-10)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲	100
Wittman, Robert J. (R-1)				✓	X	X					13
Washington											
DelBene, Suzan (D-1)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	★	▲	100+
Jayapal, Pramila (D-7)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲	100
Kilmer, Derek (D-6)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲	100
Larsen, Rick (D-2)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			88
Newhouse, Dan (R-4)					X	X					0
Perez, Marie Gluesenkamp (D-3)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓			88
Rodgers, Cathy McMoris (R-5)					X	X					0
Schrier, Kim (D-8)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100
Smith, Adam (D-9)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▲	100
Strickland, Marilyn (D-10)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲	100
West Virginia											
Miller, Carol (R-1)					X	X					0
Mooney, Alex (R-2)					X	X					0
Wisconsin											
Fitzgerald, Scott (R-5)					X	X					0
Gallagher, Mike (R-8)	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##			##
Grothman, Glenn (R-6)				✓		X	X				13
Moore, Gwen (D-4)	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			88
Pocan, Mark (D-2)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		▲	100
Steil, Bryan (R-1)					X	X					0
Tiffany, Thomas P. (R-7)					X	X					0
Van Orden, Derrick (R-3)					X	X					0
Wyoming											
Hageman, Harriet (R-At Large)					X	X					0

Key to House Chart

SP Prime sponsor
(pro-animal legislation)

✓ Took pro-animal position through co-sponsoring a bill, voting, signing a letter or leading on pro-animal issue

★ Led on multiple legislative and/or regulatory efforts or led on a top priority measure

X Took anti-animal position on a vote

NV Did not vote due to absence or abstention

100+ Pro-animal position on 8 scored items plus extra credit for leading on pro-animal issue(s)

▲ Member of the Congressional Animal Protection Caucus (does not affect numerical score)

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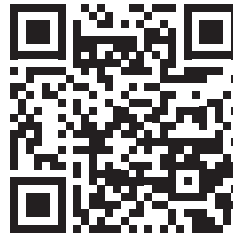
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