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2025 Arizona Humane Scorecard

2025 Scored Arizona Legislation

Failure to Treat (SB 1658)

A ✓ indicates a vote in favor of SB 1658. SB 1658 strengthens Arizona’s animal cruelty laws by removing outdated loopholes and setting clear, humane standards. By eliminating the requirement that suffering be “protracted,” it allows swifter intervention before neglect turns deadly. Redefining “cruel neglect” to include lack of potable water, edible food, and adequate shelter reflects Arizona’s climate and animals’ basic needs. Requiring medical care to prevent unreasonable suffering ensures animals don’t endure preventable pain. Together, these changes give law enforcement better tools, protect animals from needless harm, and make Arizona a leader in compassionate, commonsense protections.

Sponsors: Sen. Shawwna Bolick (R-2)

Status: Signed into law

Animal Cruelty Felony Classification (SB 1198)

A ✓ indicates a vote in favor of SB 1198. SB 1198 raises the most serious animal cruelty offenses to felony status, sending a clear message that Arizona will not tolerate severe neglect or abuse. Treating egregious cruelty as a felony gives law enforcement and prosecutors stronger tools to hold offenders accountable, deters future abuse through tougher penalties, and aligns animal protection laws with the seriousness of the crime. By elevating these offenses, Arizona strengthens public safety, reflects community values of compassion, and ensures that the worst cases of cruelty are met with meaningful consequences.

Sponsors: Sen. Kevin Payne (R-27)

Status: Signed into law

Assistance Animals (HB 2068)

A ✓ indicates a vote in favor of HB 2068. HB 2068 provides clarity and fairness around the use of assistance animals, including emotional support animals, in housing. The bill establishes reasonable documentation standards to confirm legitimate needs while protecting tenants from unnecessary barriers. At the same time, it clearly defines landlord obligations, ensuring that individuals who rely on assistance animals have equal access to housing without discrimination. By balancing tenant rights with clear guidance for landlords, HB 2068 reduces confusion, prevents abuse of the system, and promotes both housing stability and animal welfare. This measure strengthens Arizona’s commitment to accessibility, fairness, and compassion.

Sponsors: Rep. Nickolas Kupper (R-25)

Status: Signed into law

Brand Inspectors and Animal Damage Control (HB 2544)

A ✓ indicates a vote in favor of HB 2544. HB 2544 increases funding and appropriations for the Arizona Department of Agriculture to strengthen critical programs that protect both animals and communities. Additional resources for brand inspectors ensure better livestock tracking, theft prevention, and food supply integrity. Expanded support for animal damage control, including fire ant mitigation, safeguards Arizona's ecosystems, agriculture, and public health. By investing in these essential services, HB 2544 helps ranchers, farmers, and families alike while promoting responsible stewardship of the state's land and animals. This bill reflects a proactive approach to maintaining Arizona's agricultural economy, protecting animal welfare, and ensuring public safety.

Sponsors: Rep. Lupe Diaz (R-19)

Status: Passed state house

Boards and Commissions (HB 2031)

A ✓ indicates a vote against HB 2031. The bill proposed a sweeping repeal and restructuring of numerous state boards, commissions, and statutes, including key sections in Titles 3 and 32 that regulate agriculture, animal services, and veterinary practices. The bill would have consolidated oversight into a reorganized Department of Agriculture with an "animal services division," while eliminating existing boards and regulatory safeguards. While framed as government streamlining, the measure raised major concerns for animal welfare because it risked weakening enforcement of cruelty laws, reducing specialized oversight of animal health and welfare, and creating statutory gaps that could leave animals more vulnerable to neglect or exploitation. Ultimately, HB 2031 failed to pass the house, but it highlighted the risks of broad deregulation to Arizona's ability to protect animals.

Sponsors: Rep. Alexander Kolodin (R-3)

Status: Failed to pass state house

Game and Fish Commission Membership (HB 2083)

A ✓ indicates a vote against HB 2083. The bill would require that at least one member of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission be a cattleman or rancher, thereby formalizing agricultural representation in decisions over wildlife and habitat regulation. While supporters claim the change adds stakeholder voice, opponents warn it risks tilting the Commission's priorities toward livestock interests over conservation or animal protection. This could lead to weaker regulation of conflicts between livestock operations and native wildlife, more pressure to permit harmful predator control methods (like lethal removal), and less emphasis on habitat protection or non-lethal conflict mitigation. Embedding a mandated agricultural voice may reduce the Commission's independence from special interests, undermine decisions grounded in science and animal welfare, and accelerate policy bias that disadvantages wild animals and conservation goals.

Sponsors: Rep. Gail Griffin (R-19)

Status: Held in state senate

Egg-Laying Hens (SB 1721)

A ✓ indicates a vote against SB 1721. The bill sought to block Arizona and local governments from setting housing size standards for egg-laying hens, leaving producers free to use restrictive cages. While framed as ensuring uniform rules, the bill would have stripped communities of the ability to adopt stronger welfare protections and allowed continued confinement practices harmful to hens.

Sponsors: Sen. Shawnna Bolick (R-2)

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

Humane World Action Fund

Humane World Action Fund, formerly Humane Society Legislative Fund, was formed in 2004 as a separate lobbying affiliate of Humane World for Animals, formerly 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.

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Arizona Humane Scorecard
State Senate

	Failure to Treat (SB 1658)	Animal Cruelty Felony Classification (SB 1198)	Assistance Animals (HB 2068)	Egg-Laying Hens (SB 1721)	Score
Mark Finchem (R-1)	✓	✓	✓	X	75%
Shawnna Bolick (R-2)	SP	✓	✓	X	75%
John Kavanagh (R-3)	✓	✓	✓	NV	75%
Carine Werner (R-4)	✓	✓	✓	X	75%
Lela Alston (D-5)	✓	✓	X	✓	75%
Theresa Hataathlie (D-6)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Wendy Rogers (R-7)	✓	✓	✓	X	75%
Lauren Kubly (D-8)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Eva Burch (D-9)	##	##	##	NV	0%
Kiana Sears (D-9)	✓	✓	✓	#	100%
David C. Farnsworth (R-10)	X	X	✓	X	25%
Catherine Miranda (D-11)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Denise "Mitzi" Epstein (D-12)	✓	✓	X	✓	75%
J.D. Mesnard (R-13)	✓	✓	✓	X	75%
Warren Petersen (R-14)	✓	✓	✓	X	75%
Jake Hoffman (R-15)	X	X	X	X	0%
Thomas "T.J." Shope (R-16)	✓	NV	✓	X	50%
Venden "Vince" Leach (R-17)	✓	✓	✓	X	75%
Priya Sundareshan (D-18)	✓	✓	NV	✓	75%
David Gowan (R-19)	X	✓	✓	X	50%
Sally Ann Gonzales (D-20)	✓	✓	X	✓	75%
Rosanna Gabaldón (D-21)	✓	✓	X	NV	50%
Eva Diaz (D-22)	✓	✓	X	✓	75%
Brian Fernandez (D-23)	✓	✓	NV	✓	75%
Analise Ortiz (D-24)	✓	✓	X	✓	75%
Timothy "Tim" Dunn (R-25)	X	✓	✓	X	50%
Flavio Bravo (D-26)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Kevin Payne (R-27)	✓	SP	✓	X	75%
Frank Carroll (R-28)	X	✓	✓	X	50%
Janae Shamp (R-29)	✓	✓	✓	X	75%
Hildy Angius (R-30)	✓	✓	✓	X	75%

Key

✓ Took pro-animal position through vote, statement of vote, or cosponsorship

SP Served as prime sponsor of pro-animal legislation

X Took anti-animal position through vote, statement of vote, or cosponsorship

NV Did not vote due to absence or abstention

Joined legislature after vote occurred

Resigned during term

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.

Arizona Humane Scorecard
State House

Failure to Treat (SB 1658)

Animal Cruelty Felony Classification (SB 1998)

Assistance Animals (HB 2068)

Brand Inspectors and Animal Damage Control (HB 2344)

Boards and Commissions (HB 2031)

Game and Fish Commission Membership (HB 2083)

Egg-Laying Hens (SB 1721)

Score

Selina Bliss (R-1)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	71%
Quang H. Nguyen (R-1)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	71%
Stephanie Simacek (D-2)	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	86%
Justin Wilmeth (R-2)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	71%
Joseph Chaplik (R-3)	X	NV	✓	✓	X	X	NV	29%
Alexander Kolodin (R-3)	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	29%
Pamela Carter (R-4)	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	X	X	57%
Matt Gress (R-4)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	71%
Sarah Liguori (D-5)	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	86%
Aaron Marquez (D-5)	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	86%
Mae Peshlakai (D-6)	X	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	NV	57%
Myron Tsosie (D-6)	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	NV	57%
Walt Blackman (R-7)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	71%
David Marshall (R-7)	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	43%
Janeen Connolly (D-8)	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	NV	71%
Brian Garcia (D-8)	NV	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	71%
Lorena Austin (D-9)	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	86%
Seth Blattman (D-9)	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	NV	71%
Ralph Heap (R-10)	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	43%
Justin Olson (R-10)	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	43%
Junelle Caverio (D-11)	✓	NV	X	NV	✓	✓	NV	43%
Oscar De Los Santos (D-11)	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	86%
Patricia Contreras (D-12)	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	86%
Stacey Travers (D-12)	✓	NV	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	71%
Jeff Weninger (R-13)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	71%
Julie Willoughby (R-13)	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	57%
Laurin Hendrix (R-14)	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	29%
Khyl Powell (R-14)	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	29%
Neal Carter (R-15)	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	29%
Michael Way (R-15)	NV	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	29%
Chris Lopez (R-16)	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	57%
Teresa Martinez (R-16)	X	✓	✓	✓	NV	X	X	43%
Rachel Keshel (R-17)	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	43%
Kevin Volk (D-17)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Nancy Gutierrez (D-18)	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	71%
Christopher Mathis (D-18)	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	86%
Lupe Diaz (R-19)	X	✓	✓	SP	✓	X	X	57%
Gail Griffin (R-19)	X	✓	✓	NV	✓	X	X	43%
Alma Hernandez (D-20)	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	71%
Betty J. Villegas (D-20)	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	71%
Consuelo Hernandez (D-21)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	86%
Stephanie Stahl-Hamilton (D-21)	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	86%
Lupe Contreras (D-22)	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	86%
Elda Luna-Nájera (D-22)	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	86%
Michele Peña (R-23)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	71%
Mariana Sandoval (D-23)	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	71%
Anna Abeytia (D-24)	✓	X	X	✓	✓	NV	NV	43%
Lydia Hernandez (D-24)	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	71%
Michael Carbone (R-25)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	71%
Nick Kupper (R-25)	X	✓	SP	X	✓	NV	X	43%
Cesar Aguilar (D-26)	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	71%
Quantá Crews (D-26)	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	71%
Lisa Fink (R-27)	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	29%
Tony Rivero (R-27)	NV	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	43%
David Livingston (R-28)	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	43%
Beverly Pingerelli (R-28)	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	43%

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James Taylor (R-29)	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	57%
Leo Biasiucci (R-30)	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	NV	57%
John Gillette (R-30)	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	43%

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