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2004 State Legislative Summary 🐾 🐾 🐾 🐾 🐾 🐾 🐾 🐾 🐾 🐾 🐾 🐾

The 2004 session of the Colorado Legislature was a relatively uneventful but positive one for animal-related legislation. All of the top-priority bills followed by PVA resulted in a positive outcome for animals!

We would like to recognize Senator Ron Tupa (D-18) for sponsoring two important PVA-supported pieces of legislation, as well as co-sponsoring a third. The importance of this level of initiative and effort in advancing humane legislation cannot be overstated.

HB-1135 PVA position: Support ~ Outcome: Good

This bill authorized the licensing of non-profit wildlife sanctuaries. HB-1135 was introduced by Representative Paul Weissmann (D-12) (see related article) and sponsored in the Senate by Senator Ron Tupa (D-18). Previously, the Colorado Statutes listed several categories of facilities to be overseen by the Division of Wildlife (DOW) and non-profit wildlife sanctuaries did not fit into any of them. The DOW had been licensing these facilities under the classification of “commercial” wildlife parks, but in 2003, the DOW ruled that it did not have the authority to do so. Existing sanctuaries would be allowed to continue, but could never expand or change location, and no new non-profit facilities would be licensed.



With the passage of HB-1135, Colorado law now recognizes non-profit wildlife sanctuaries as a necessary type of facility, distinct from commercial operations. Commercial facilities contribute to the problem of unwanted exotic “pets” by breeding and otherwise exploiting these animals. HB-1135 stipulates that organizations must refrain from these activities to qualify for licensing as a non-profit sanctuary, and also requires frequent veterinary inspections.

SB-207 PVA position: Support ~ Outcome: Good

This bill authorized the extension of Colorado’s Pet Overpopulation Fund income tax check-off program. It also authorized the Commissioner of Agriculture to deny license renewal to individuals who have failed to pay civil penalties under the Pet Animal Care and Facilities Act. Senator Jack Taylor (R-8) was the main sponsor of this bill, which was sponsored in the House by Representative Diane Hoppe (R-65). Despite the seemingly uncontroversial nature of this bill, it still managed to garner a handful of “no” votes.

SCR-008 PVA position: Oppose ~ Outcome: Good

SCR-011 PVA position: Oppose ~ Outcome: Good

These were “Concurrent Resolutions,” which means they would amend the state constitution, and therefore must be referred to the voters and approved in order to become law. Both of these resolutions proposed to weaken the ability of Colorado voters to change the state constitution through the ballot initiative process. SCR-008 would have required a 2/3 vote of the people to pass an initiated or referred constitutional amendment, instead of the simple majority now required. SCR-011 would have done the same, although it also would have encouraged initiated *statutes* over constitutional changes, by requiring a 2/3 vote of the legislature to change or repeal an initiated statute for five years after its passage. (Proponents of ballot initiatives frequently opt to change the constitution because of the legislature’s ability to immediately change or repeal an initiated statute). SCR-008 and SCR-011 were both sponsored by Senator Ron Teck (R-7), and both were P.I.’ed (postponed indefinitely) by the Senate Committee on State, Veterans and Military Affairs.

The initiative process is important to animal advocacy because of its proven effectiveness in protecting animals from the disproportionate power of entrenched (continued on next page)

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special interests. It is frequently argued that it should be harder for voters to amend the constitution than to amend the statutes. However, certain laws, including many that govern wildlife, are already written into Colorado's constitution and **MUST** be amended there. (The trapping ban passed by voters in 1996 is an example of this.)

Three bills dealing with "vicious" dogs were also introduced this session, and were followed closely by PVA. All three had both positive and negative components. Difficulty in determining the ultimate direct benefit or harm to animals of these bills led PVA to remain primarily neutral on them. However, we did lobby in favor of a portion of one bill, HB-1279, that would disallow bans on specific breeds. HB-1279 was signed into law with this provision intact, but the city of Denver (which bans the ownership of Pit Bulls and related breeds) has vowed to contest it.

2003 "Lobbying Your Legislators" Seminar and Brunch

PVA held our second "Lobbying Your Legislators" seminar and brunch on Saturday, October 18, 2003, in Denver. The brunch, which was delicious (if we do say so ourselves), was provided mainly by Lynn Halpern of The Leading Veg. After the brunch, PVA introduced the speakers for the event.



Representatives Cloer (left) and Frangas

Representatives Mark Cloer (R-17), who also spoke at our 2001 seminar, and Jerry Frangas (D-4) were the guest speakers. The two legislators spoke in general on ways to support animal-friendly candidates and specifically on how members of the Democratic and

Republican parties can be involved in the caucus process of candidate selection. Representatives Cloer and Frangas answered questions from the floor during and after their presentations. In addition, attendees had opportunities to speak individually with both representatives.



Both representatives volunteered to help us with this event and donated their time. Not only did they speak at the seminar and spend time talking individually to attendees, but also they helped before and after the event with preparation and packing up. It was a real pleasure to work with two legislators who are not only animal-friendly but also PVA-friendly.

The event was successful both as a public service and as a fundraiser. Thank you, representatives Cloer and Frangas!

By the way, both Representative Cloer and Representative Frangas are running for re-election in 2004. Please check out their views on other issues of interest to you and consider supporting their campaigns.

2004 Legislator of the Year



For the 2004 regular legislative session, PVA has selected Representative Paul Weissmann (D-12) as our Legislator of the Year. We chose Representative Weissmann for the following reasons.

- He sponsored House bill 1135 (HB04-1135), a bill to establish a process for authorization, licensing, and regulation of wildlife sanctuaries in Colorado.
- He withstood numerous attempts to undermine or weaken HB04-1135.
- He communicated with PVA, as well as with sanctuary supporters, throughout the process of getting HB04-1135 through the legislature.
- He has a voting score of 100% on our top-priority bills and an overall grade of A+.
- PVA has found him to be responsive and easy to work with.

We thank Representative Weissmann for his animal-friendly actions in the 2004 session, and hope to work with him on animal-related issues in the future.

Rummaging for a Good Cause... 🐾 🙌 🐾

PVA's annual yard sale will be held this year on July 9, 10, and 11, in Westminster. We are asking for donations of your discarded items, in salable condition. Here's your chance to unload that excess stuff and help animals at the same time! To arrange to drop off your items, please contact Dave at david@pva-colorado.org or 303.426.5377.

This sale will be a joint effort with Rocky Mountain Animal Defense so it will be much larger than those we have had in the past. Therefore, we will need extra volunteer help with the sale. If you can volunteer to work a shift, please contact us at pva@pva-colorado.org or 720.855.3040. Let us know on which day, or days, you can help, and during which hours, and we will get back to you with more details. We will need the most help on Friday morning (for set up) and Sunday afternoon (for close down).

Legislative Breakfast 🐾 🙌 🐾 🙌 🐾 🙌 🐾 🙌 🐾

This year PVA was once again selected to host a breakfast at the State Capitol. The event took place on April 7 and was well attended by legislators, capitol staff, and interested PVA members. We are grateful for what has been an annual opportunity to connect with state legislators and discuss humane legislation. PVA thanks Representative Jerry Frangas (D-4) for graciously introducing us on the House floor following the breakfast. Thanks are also due to PVA board members Jackie Hoke and Andrea Metzger for donating the beautiful carved fruit tray from Pad Thai restaurant (always a big hit), and to Lynn Halpern of Leading Veg Foods for donating her labor to produce yet another delicious, animal-product-free meal!

Colorado General Assembly Voting Scores, 2004 Regular Session

PVA works on animal-related and petition-related legislation. This report lists legislators' scores for the 2004 regular legislative session. The numerical score is the legislator's score on actual votes. The letter grade is our overall assessment of the legislator's performance; we considered votes, sponsorship or co-sponsorship of legislation that PVA supported or opposed, and how well the legislator works with PVA. For example, a legislator who scored 100% but did not sponsor or co-sponsor any PVA-supported legislation would receive a grade of A-.

A special "thank you" to our two "A++" legislators – Senator Ron Tupa and Representative Terrance Carroll. Each sponsored and co-sponsored PVA-supported legislation as well as having a voting score of 100%.

Only a few legislators had an opportunity to vote on any of

PVA's high-priority petition-related legislation during the 2004 session. Those legislators are indicated in the list below, and their scores on animal- and petition-related legislation are listed separately if they were different from the overall score. An asterisk (*) indicates that scores on animal- and petition-related legislation were the same as the overall score.

Note: The scores don't tell the whole story! Sometimes a legislator is either more or less animal-friendly than the score indicates. This is particularly true this session, as there were few animal-related bills used for scoring that were likely to highlight legislators' differences on animal issues. For information on votes on individual bills and on who sponsored the legislation PVA supported and opposed, please visit our "Scorecards" section at www.pva-colorado.org.

Colorado State Senate

Dist.	Name (party)	Score	Grade	Dist.	Name (party)	Score	Grade	Dist.	Name (party)	Score	Grade
01	Mark Hillman (R)	100%	A-	14	Peggy Reeves (D)	75%	C-	25	Stephanie Takis (D)	67%	D-
02	Ken Kester (R)	100%	B	15	Steve Johnson (R)	100%	A	26	Jim Dyer (R)	100%	A-
03	Abel Tapia (D)	100%	A	16	Joan Fitz-Gerald (D)	100%	A	27	John Andrews (R)*	100%	A-
04	Ken Chlouber (R)	100%	B	17	Terry Phillips (D)	100%	A-	28	Bruce Cairns (R)*	100%	A-
05	Lewis Entz (R)	67%	D	18	Ron Tupa (D)	100%	A++	29	Bob Hagedorn (D)	100%	A-
06	Jim Isgar (D)	80%	B	19	Sue Windels (D)	67%	D	30	John Evans (R)	67%	D
07	Ronald Teck (R)	100%	C+	20	Maryanne Keller (D)	83%	B+	31	Jennifer Veiga (D)	67%	D+
08	Jack Taylor (R)	80%	B+			75% on animal-related legislation		32	Dan Grossman (D)	100%	A
09	Doug Lamborn (R)*	100%	A-			100% on petition-related legislation		33	Peter Groff (D)	67%	C-
10	Ron May (R)*	100%	A-	21	Deanna Hanna (D)*	100%	A	34	Paula Sandoval (D)	67%	D-
11	Ed Jones (R)	100%	A-	22	Norma Anderson (R)	75%	D+	35	Ken Gordon (D)	100%	A-
12	Andy McElhany (R)	100%	A-	23	Ken Arnold (R)	33%	F				
13	David Owen (R)	100%	B	24	Alice Nichol (D)*	100%	A-				

Colorado State House of Representatives

Dist.	Name (party)	Score	Grade	Dist.	Name (party)	Score	Grade	Dist.	Name (party)	Score	Grade
01	Fran Coleman (D)	100%	A-	23	Ramey Johnson (R)	80%	B	44	Mike May (R)	67%	D
02	Michael Cerbo (D)	100%	A-	24	Cheri Jahn (D)	100%	A-			100% on animal-related legislation	
03	Anne McGihon (D)	100%	A	25	John Witwer (R)	100%	A-			0% on petition-related legislation	
04	K. Jerry Frangas (D)*	100%	A	26	Betty Boyd (D)	50%	F	45	Tom Wiens (R)	100%	A-
05	Joel Judd (D)	100%	A-	27	Bill Crane (R)	100%	B+	46	Dorothy Butcher (D)	100%	A-
06	Andrew Romanoff (D)	100%	A	28	Don Lee (R)	0%	F	47	Buffie McFadyen (D)	100%	A-
07	Terrance Carroll (D)	100%	A++	29	Bob Briggs (R)	100%	A-	48	Dale Hall (R)	100%	A-
08	Rosemary Marshall (D)	100%	A	30	Mary Hodge (D)	80%	B	49	Kevin Lundberg (R)*	0%	F
09	Alice Borodkin (D)	100%	A	31	Pam Rhodes (R)	100%	A-	50	Tambor Williams (R)	100%	B+
10	Alice Madden (D)	83%	B+	32	Valentin Vigil (D)	100%	A-	51	Jim Welker (R)	0%	F
11	John Pommer (D)	100%	A-	33	Shawn Mitchell (R)	50%	F	52	Bob McCluskey (R)	100%	A-
12	Paul Weissmann (D)*	100%	A+			100% on animal-related legislation		53	Angie Paccione (D)	100%	A
13	Tom Plant (D)	100%	A-			0% on petition-related legislation		54	Matt Smith (R)	100%	A-
14	David Schultheis (R)*	0%	F	34	Lois Tochtrop (D)	80%	B+	55	Gayle Berry (R)	100%	A-
15	Bill Cadman (R)*	0%	F	35	Ann Ragsdale (D)*	100%	A	56	Carl Miller (D)	80%	B-
16	Bill Sinclair (R)*	100%	A-	36	Frank Weddig (D)*	100%	A-	57	Al White (R)	100%	C+
17	Mark Cloer (R)	100%	A	37	Lauri Clapp (R)	100%	A-	58	Ray Rose (R)	80%	B
18	Mike Merrifield (D)	100%	A	38	Joe Stengel (R)	75%	C	59	Mark Larson (R)	100%	A
19	Richard Decker (R)	100%	A-	39	Nancy Spence (R)	100%	A-	60	Lola Spradley (R)	100%	A-
20	Lynn Hefley (R)	100%	B+	40	Debbie Stafford (R)	100%	A+	61	Gregg Rippy (R)	100%	A
21	Keith King (R)	100%	A-	41	Suzanne Williams (D)	100%	A-	62	John Salazar (D)	100%	A
22	Rob Fairbank (R)	75%	C	42	Michael Garcia (D)	100%	A	63	Greg Brophy (R)	80%	B+
		100% on animal-related legislation		43	Ted Harvey (R)	80%	B	64	Brad Young (R)	100%	B+
		0% on petition-related legislation						65	Diane Hoppe (R)	83%	A

Federal Legislation Update

There are several animal-related bills currently pending in the 108th Congress (2003-2004 Congress). We thank the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) for some of the legislation descriptions. For more information about any bill or resolution (including its complete text), please visit <http://thomas.loc.gov>.

At the end of this article we list Washington, D.C., telephone and fax numbers for Colorado's two U.S. senators and seven representatives. Your local voter information office can provide more information, including for local offices, but for federal legislation we recommend that you contact the Washington office rather than a local office.

Your congressional district is indicated on the mailing label of your newsletter; for example, "CD=6". In this article, the information in parentheses is the party, state, and congressional district; for example, if your address label says "CD=6", your U.S. representative is Tom Tancredo (R-CO-6).

In this update we will focus on legislation about animals in the food industry.

- The "American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act" (H.R. 857 & S. 2352) would prohibit the slaughter of horses for

human consumption and prohibit the trade and transport of horseflesh and live horses intended for human consumption. The HSUS informs us that powerful animal-use industry groups are lobbying members of Congress in an effort to turn them against the bill, and we need to counter this pressure and misinformation.

PVA position: Support.

Colorado co-sponsors of S.2352: None.

Colorado co-sponsors of H.R.857: Representative Diana DeGette, [CO-1], Representative Mark Udall [CO-2].

- Please contact senators Allard and Campbell and ask them to co-sponsor Senate Bill 2352, the "American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act".
- If your U.S. representative is listed above as a co-sponsor, please thank him or her for supporting the "American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act" (House bill 857). If your representative is not yet a co-sponsor, please ask him or her to co-sponsor the "American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act" (House bill 857).

- In response to the threat of "mad cow disease", the USDA recently banned the slaughter of "downed" cattle (cattle who are unable to walk) for human consumption. House bill 4121 (H.R. 4121) would weaken this ban to allow such slaughter if the reason for the animal's inability to walk is fatigue, stress, nerve paralysis, obesity, broken or fractured appendages, severed tendons or ligaments, or dislocated joints. This bill would raise both humane and public-health concerns.

PVA position: Oppose.

Colorado co-sponsors of H.R. 4121: none.

- Please ask your U.S. representative to oppose House bill 4121.

- The "Downed Animal Protection Act" (H.R. 2519 & S. 1298) would end the use of certain nonambulatory live-stock (cattle, sheep, swine, goats, or horses, mules, or other equines) in human food and require that these downed animals be humanely euthanized when presented at slaughter facilities.

PVA position: Support.

Colorado co-sponsors of S.1298: Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell.

Colorado co-sponsors of H.R.2519: Representative Mark Udall [CO-2].

- Please contact Senator Campbell and thank him for co-sponsoring Senate bill 1298.
- Please contact Senator Allard and ask him to co-sponsor Senate bill 1298.
- If your U.S. representative is listed above as a co-sponsor, please thank him for supporting House bill 2519. If your representative is not yet a co-sponsor, please ask him or her to co-sponsor House bill 2519.

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It's again time for PVA to begin identifying animal-friendly candidates to support in the August primaries and in the November election. That means that it's also time for our periodic plea for donations to the Pro-Animal PAC of Colorado.

It's important for humane-minded Colorado residents to support animal-friendly candidates, and financial support is one way to do this. You can contribute directly to a specific campaign, or you can donate to the Pro-Animal PAC of Colorado. PVA's board of directors selects candidates to support. Please note that our decisions are based only on animal issues and petition-rights issues. (Petition rights are important to PVA because we are a grassroots group that could use the petition process to enact humane legislation.)

The Pro-Animal PAC of Colorado is a state political committee of Political Voice for Animals (PVA). PVA makes no direct financial contributions to political campaigns. The Pro-Animal PAC does not currently contribute to federal campaigns. The PAC does contribute to state, county, and municipal campaigns.

To contribute to the Pro-Animal PAC of Colorado, please send a check or money order payable to Pro-Animal PAC of Colorado to the following address. Contributions to the PAC are not tax-deductible. Campaign finance laws require us to request and report occupation and employer information from donors of \$100 total or more (per two-year election cycle). The maximum allowable contribution to a PAC is \$500 per donor in each two-year election cycle.

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For more information on how to support animal-friendly candidates, please visit <http://www.pva-colorado.org/helpcand.shtml> or contact PVA.

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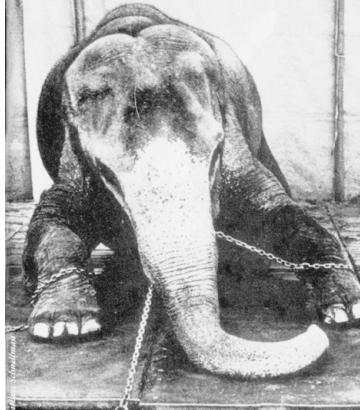
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Circuses, Yes! Animal Abuse, No! Vote YES on Initiative 100! 🐾🙌🐾🙌🐾🙌🐾🙌🐾🙌🐾🙌

Voters in the City and County of Denver have an unprecedented opportunity to protect captive wild and exotic animals, by voting YES on Initiative 100 in the August 10 primary. If passed, Initiative 100 will ensure that only properly accredited facilities (such as the Denver Zoo, Ocean Journey, and wildlife sanctuaries) display wild and exotic animals in Denver. The city will continue to welcome the growing number of circuses that entertain using only domestic animals and human performers. Several cities in the U.S. and Canada have passed similar ordinances.

Nearly 10,000 Denver citizens signed a petition to place Initiative 100 on the ballot. The campaign was initiated by high school student Heather Herman, after she learned about the abusive training methods and unnatural living conditions endured by circus animals, and the dangers that traveling exotic animal exhibits pose to the public. Elephants, tigers, bears, lions, and other animals spend months at a time subjected to the stress of travel, chained or confined to small cages between performances. For details of the proposed ordinance, as well as a wealth of documentation of the animal abuse and public hazards associated with traveling exotic animal displays, visit www.VoteYes100.org.



The Yes! 100 campaign expects to face powerful opposition that it cannot hope to outspend. That means that the dedication and participation of grassroots volunteers is crucial to reaching voters and winning for the animals in August. Distributing literature, talking to voters, hosting a “coffee” at your home, or helping to get out the vote on election day are just some of the ways you can help. Denver residents are especially encouraged to participate, but everyone who cares about the treatment of wild and exotic animals has a role to play in this campaign! To volunteer, request a yard sign (Denver residents only), or contribute, please contact the campaign:

Denver for Cruelty-Free Circuses
P.O. Box 202003, Denver, CO 80220
303-393-7826; info@VoteYes100.org
www.VoteYes100.org

Most importantly, if you live in the City and County of Denver, don't forget to vote YES on Initiative 100 in the August 10 primary election! If you are not yet registered to vote, the deadline is July 12. You can get registration forms at most state agency offices and public libraries, or at any county clerk's office. You may also download a form from the Colorado Department of State web site. (www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/main.htm).

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