

## 2007 Colorado State Legislature Voting Record

State House District 29 - **Debbie Benefield (D)**

Legislator's Votes on High-Priority Animal-Related Legislation					
Bill or Resolution #	Description	Committee Vote(s)	Floor Vote(s)	CHVL Position(s)	Final outcome of legislation
HB07-1126	Authorizes physical therapists to perform physical therapy on animals after obtaining clearance from a licensed veterinarian.		Yes	Yes	Signed into law
HB07-1201	Extends the Colorado income tax checkoff program that benefits the pet overpopulation fund.	Yes <sup>1</sup>	Yes	Yes	Signed into law
HB07-1235	Permits euthanasia without a court order for animals in extreme pain or severely injured/diseased past recovery; establishes petty offense for owning a dangerous dog who damages the property of another person; allows Bureau of Animal Protection agent or peace officer to euthanize in some circumstances; allows restraining order for animal protection; specifies that sexual acts with animals constitute cruelty to animals; expands "domestic violence" definition to include acts against animals when used as coercion, again allowing animals to be protected in restraining orders; requires genetic testing of convicted aggravated cruelty to animals offenders.		Yes	Yes	Signed into law
HB07-1296	Exempts from the "Colorado Veterinary Practice Act" persons who provide humane care to animals, so long as such persons act only with the consent of the animal's owner; comply with Colorado's animal protection statutes; do not represent themselves as veterinarians or use a title associated with the practice of veterinary medicine; and do not prescribe drugs, perform surgery, or diagnose.		Yes	Yes	Killed by the Senate Agriculture, Natural Resources & Energy Committee
HB07-1298 Co-sponsor	Requires the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission to administer the oil and gas conservation law so as to minimize adverse impacts on wildlife.		Yes	Yes	Signed into law
SB07-187	Creates academic license to practice veterinary medicine as an employee of a veterinary school, not outside of it; requires vets to make veterinary records available in cruelty investigations; requires vets to report suspected cruelty to animals or animal fighting; and provides civil and criminal immunity for vets who comply.		Yes	Yes	Signed into law
<b>SCORES</b>		<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>		
<b>Legislator's Overall Score on CHVL's Top-Priority Legislation ~ 100% ~ A</b> (Numeric score is the legislator's score on actual votes. Letter grade reflects overall evaluation.)					

1. House Committee on Finance

*(CHVL also tracks petition-related legislation; however, this legislator did not have the opportunity to vote on any of CHVL's high-priority petition-related legislation during the 2007 session.)*

### Legislator's CHVL History

Legislator's overall voting record score in previous years tracked:

2005 ~ 100% (A) | 2006 ~ 100% (A-)

Legislator's scores on candidate questionnaires:

2004 ~ 46% | 2006 ~ 46%