

## 2007 Colorado State Legislature Voting Record

*State House District 55 - Bernie Buescher (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	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 <sup>1</sup>	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.		No	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 <sup>1</sup>	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 <sup>1</sup>	Yes	Yes	Signed into law
<b>SCORES</b>		<b>100%</b>	<b>83%</b>		
<b>Legislator's Overall Score on CHVL's Top-Priority Legislation ~ 89% ~ B+</b> (Numeric score is the legislator's score on actual votes. Letter grade reflects overall evaluation.)					

1. House Committee on Appropriations

*(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 ~ 67% (D+) | 2006 ~ 100% (A-)

Legislator's scores on candidate questionnaires:

2004 ~ Did not respond | 2006 ~ Did not respond