

2008 Colorado Governor Action Record

Governor Bill Ritter (D)

Governor's Actions on High-Priority Animal-Related Legislation				
Bill or Resolution #	Description		CHVL Position(s)	Governor's action
HB08-1042	Exempts trained animal massage practitioners from the "Colorado Veterinary Practice Act." This means that trained animal massage therapists may not be prosecuted for "practicing veterinary medicine without a license," provided they do not perform veterinary functions such as diagnosing conditions or prescribing drugs.		Yes	Signed bill into law
HB08-1185	Requires that all dogs & cats adopted from shelters and rescue organizations in Colorado be spayed or neutered.		Yes	Signed bill into law
HB08-1200	Establishes criminal penalties for Internet hunting in Colorado. This applies not only to operating an Internet hunting facility (which was already made illegal by rule of the Colorado Wildlife Commission), but also to participating in a "hunt" from a computer located in Colorado.		Yes	Signed bill into law
HB08-1304	Increases the penalties for killing a bald eagle.		Yes	Signed bill into law
HB08-1308	Allows a veterinarian to certify that a required vaccination is dangerous to the life or health of a companion animal, and requires such certification to be accepted in lieu of proof of vaccination for animal licensing purposes. States that licensing authorities may not require rabies vaccination more frequently than once every three years.		Yes	Signed bill into law
SB08-201	Requires that calves raised for veal and pregnant pigs used by the pork industry be kept in a manner that permits such animals to stand up, lie down, and turn around without touching the sides of their enclosure.		Yes	Signed bill into law
SCORE				100%
Governor's Overall Score on CHVL's Top-Priority Legislation ~ 100% (6/6)				

Governor's CHVL History

Governor's scores in previous years tracked:

2007 ~ 100%

Governor's scores on candidate questionnaires:

2006 ~ Did not respond

General notes:

- o The governor can act only on legislation that has been passed by the legislature. Therefore, the governor's scorecard lists only CHVL's high-priority legislation that was passed by both the state Senate and the state House of Representatives.
- o We round scores to the nearest whole percentage point.