

## 2009 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
HB09-1294	Extends the state income tax checkoff program that benefits the nongame and endangered wildlife fund.		Yes	Signed bill into law
SB09-024	Makes several changes to laws governing how the Division of Wildlife (DOW) responds to landowners' claims of wildlife damage, including making it easier for a landowner to obtain a "kill permit" for wildlife. Provides an incentive for landowners to allow hunting on their property. An amendment added by the House Agriculture Committee would have mandated that the DOW issue kill permits when wildlife damage is "excessive." (This amendment was removed from the final version of the bill.)		No	Signed bill into law
SB09-118	Re-authorizes the "Pet Animal Care and Facilities Act" (PACFA), a licensing and inspection program for various facilities that house or handle "pet" animals. Raises facility license fees by a sufficient amount to hire an additional PACFA inspector. Adds rats and gerbils to the definition of "pet" animal. Requires licensed facilities to publicly post the contact information for the department that enforces PACFA. Expands the PACFA advisory committee to include a representative from the dog daycare industry. Changes the next sunset review date for the act to		Yes	Signed bill into law
<b>SCORE</b>				<b>67%</b>
<b>Governor's Overall Score on CHVL's Top-Priority Legislation ~ 67% (2/3)</b>				

### Governor's CHVL History

Governor's scores in previous years tracked:

2007 ~ 100% | 2008 ~ 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.