



# 2021 Scorecard

## for the Colorado General Assembly

In 2021, CVA's primary focus was on the successful passage of the Traveling Animal Protection Act, which prohibits the use of wild animals for entertainment in traveling performances such as circuses, fairs and festivals. CVA also collaborated with other animal welfare organizations to help pass two other pieces of pro-animal legislation, and testified in support of several other bills that, while not directly animal related, would have a tangential impact on animals.

## 2021 Bills

### SB-135 Prohibit Exotic Animals In Traveling Animal Acts

Position: **Support**  
Outcome: **signed into law**

This bill ends traveling wild animal performances in circuses and similar venues where animals are used for entertainment, rides, or photo opportunities. The animals covered by the law include elephants, wild cats, primates, bears and other non-domesticated species. These animals have historically suffered from lengthy confinement in cages or trailers, the lack of adequate veterinary care, and being forced to perform through the use of abusive training methods. The bill contains several exemptions, including qualified education programs, sanctuaries, and zoos. The passage of this law is an important milestone for animal protection in Colorado, and although CVA was the primary organization behind the legislation, we gratefully acknowledge the efforts of all those who have campaigned on this issue. Senators Joann Ginal and Rachel Zenzinger introduced SB-135, and Reps. Meg Froelich and Monica Duran were the prime sponsors in the House.



### HB-1102 Consumer Protection For Dog & Cat Purchasers

Position: **Support**  
Outcome: **signed into law**

This bill was introduced by Reps. Monica Duran and Matt Soper, and was sponsored in the Senate by Sen. Sonya Jaquez Lewis. This legislation is part of ongoing efforts to curtail the trade in animals bred in puppy and kitten "mills," and establishes certain disclosure requirements for retail pet stores. The bill requires pet stores that sell dogs and cats to provide consumers with information on an animal's breeder, as well as any state or federal violations against the breeder, broker, or transporter that have occurred within the prior two years. It also protects consumers by requiring pet stores to disclose the purchase price of an animal in any advertisement and to disclose the full terms of financing agreements.



### HB-1160 Care Of Dogs And Cats In Pet Animal Facilities

Position: **Support**  
Outcome: **signed into law**

CVA testified in support of this bill, which requires that any dog or cat housed in a shelter or rescue receives needed veterinary care to address and prevent pain and suffering, and is not housed in a manner that is likely to foster stereotypic or self-mutilating behavior (such as severe confinement). The bill also makes it unlawful to import a dog or cat for sale by a pet animal facility without a veterinary health certificate and proof of Rabies vaccination. The prime sponsors of this bill were Reps. Monica Duran and Matt Soper, and the Senate sponsors were Sens. Joann Ginal and Don Coram.

## Other Bills (Not Scored):

### HB-1162 Management of Plastic Products

Position: **Support** Outcome: **signed into law**

CVA testified in support of this bill that will phase out certain single use plastics including carryout bags and Styrofoam type containers. Animals can become trapped in bags or ingest plastics mistaken for food (including when scavenging for leftover food in discarded containers). Reps. Alex Valdez and Lisa Cutter were the prime House sponsors of this bill, and Sens. Julie Gonzalez and Leroy Garcia were the sponsors in the Senate.



### HB-1235 Regulation of Fireworks

Position: **Support** Outcome: **signed into law**

CVA testified in support of this bill at the request of the sponsors. The intent of the bill is to reduce, and hopefully eliminate, the indiscriminate, year-round setting off of illegal fireworks. In

addition to frightening our animal companions, fireworks can be traumatic for wildlife and pose a wildfire risk. The bill clarifies that it is unlawful for a licensed retailer, wholesaler, or exporter to offer for sale or otherwise furnish fireworks to anyone who is not licensed to purchase, resell, or own them. The bill's sponsors were Reps. Shannon Bird and Adrienne Benavidez, and Sen. Tammy Story.

## About the Voting Scores

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, bill sponsorship, and any "behind-the-scenes" efforts affecting animal-related legislation. The "Other Factors" column recognizes some of these efforts, including sponsorship of bills that did not make it through the committee process.

NOTE: the CLAW column normally indicates which legislators attended one or more meetings of the Colorado Legislative Animal Welfare Caucus during the session. Because the COVID-19 crisis required this session's caucus meetings to be held via Zoom, it was not possible to accurately determine which lawmakers or aides attended. As a result, we are not including CLAW attendance in the 2021 scorecard, except to indicate the four legislators who served as the caucus co-chairs.

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Bill Number			SB-135 Traveling Animal Acts		HB-1102 Dog & Cat Purchasers		HB-1160 Pet Animal Facilities		Voting Score	Other Factors	CLAW Chairs	Letter Grade
Colorado State Representatives	Party	District	Votes	Sponsors	Votes	Sponsors	Votes	Sponsors				
Armabile, Judy	D	13	✓	*	✓		✓	*	100%			A+
Arndt, Jeni James*	D	53	✓		✓		✓		100%			A
Bacon, Jennifer	D	7	✓		✓		✓		100%			A
Baisley, Mark	R	39	✗		✗		✗		0%			F
Benavidez, Adrienne	D	32	✓		✓		✓		100%			A
Bernett, Tracey	D	12	✓		✓	*	✓	*	100%			A+
Bird, Shannon	D	35	✓	*	✓	*	✓	*	100%			A+
Bockenfeld, Rod	R	56	✗		✗		✗		0%			F
Boeseneker, Andrew*	D	53							n/a			n/a
Bradfield, Mary	R	21	✗		✗		✗		0%			F
Caraveo, Yadira	D	31	✓		✓		✓		100%			A
Carver, Terri	R	20	✗		✗		✗		0%			F
Catlin, Marc	R	58	✗		✗		✗		0%			F
Cutter, Lisa	D	25	✓	*	✓		✓	*	100%			A+
Daugherty, Lindsey	D	29	✓		✓		✓		100%			A
Duran, Monica	D	24	✓	<b>PS</b>	✓	<b>PS</b>	✓	<b>PS</b>	100%		✓	A++
Esgar, Daneya	D	46	✓		✓		✓		100%			A
Exum, Tony	D	17	✓		✓		✓		100%			A

\* Representative Arndt resigned on April 16, 2021, after being elected Mayor of Fort Collins. Her "Yes" vote on SB-135 occurred in Committee. Her replacement, Representative Boeseneker, took office after CVA's three priority bills had already passed.

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Colorado State Representatives continued	Party	District	Votes	Sponsors	Votes	Sponsors	Votes	Sponsors				
Froelich, Meg	D	3	✓	PS	✓		✓		100%			A++
Garnett, Alec	D	2	✓		✓		✓		100%			A
Geitner, Tim	R	19	✗		✗		✗		0%			F
Gonzales-Gutierrez, Serena	D	4	✓	*	✓		✓		100%			A+
Gray, Matt	D	33	✓		✓		✓		100%			A
Hanks, Ron	R	60	✗		✗		✗		0%			F
Herod, Leslie	D	8	✓		✓		✓		100%			A
Holtorf, Richard	R	64	✗		✗		✗		0%			F
Hooton, Edie	D	10	✓	*	✓		✓	*	100%			A+
Jackson, Domimique	D	42	✓	*	✓	*	e		100%			A+
Jodeh, Iman	D	41	✓		✓	*	✓	*	100%			A+
Kennedy, Chris	D	23	✓		✓	*	✓	*	100%			A+
Kipp, Cathy	D	52	✓	*	✓	*	✓		100%			A+
Larson, Colin	R	22	✗		✗		✓		33%			D
Lontine, Susan	D	1	✓		✓		✓	*	100%			A+
Luck, Stephanie	R	47	✗		✗		✗		0%			F
Lynch, Mike	R	49	✗		✗		✗		0%			F
McCluskie, Julie	D	61	✓		✓	*	✓		100%			A+
McCormick, Karen	D	11	✓	*	✓	*	✓	*	100%			A+
McKean, Hugh	R	51	✗		✗		✗		0%			F
McLachlan, Barbara	D	59	✓		✓		✓		100%			A
Michaelson Jenet, Dafna	D	30	✓	*	✓	*	✓		100%			A+
Mullica, Kyle	D	34	✓		✓		✓	*	100%			A+
Neville, Patrick	R	45	✗		✗		✗		0%			F
Ortiz, David	D	38	✓		✓		✓		100%			A
Pelton, Rod	R	65	e		✗		✗		0%			F
Pico, Andres	R	16	✗		✗		✗		0%			F
Ransom, Kim	R	44	✗		✗		✗		0%			F
Rich, Janice	R	55	✗		✗		✗		0%			F
Ricks, Naquetta	D	40	✓		✓	*	✓	*	100%			A+
Roberts, Dylan	D	26	✓		✓		✓		100%			A
Sandridge, Shane	R	14	✗		✗		✗		0%			F
Sirota, Emily	D	9	✓	*	✓	*	✓		100%			A+
Snyder, Marc	D	18	✗		✓		✓		67%			C+
Soper, Matt	R	54	✗		✓	PS	✓	PS	67%		✓	A+
Sullivan, Tom	D	37	✓		✓		✓		100%			A
Tipper, Kerry	D	28	✓		✓		✓		100%			A
Titone, Brianna	D	27	✓	*	✓		✓		100%			A+
Valdez, Alex	D	5	✓	*	✓	*	✓	*	100%			A+
Valdez, Donald	D	62	✓		✓		✓		100%			A
Van Beber, Tonya	R	48	✗		✗		✗		0%			F
Van Winkle, Kevin	R	43	✗		✗		✗		0%			F
Weissman, Mike	D	36	✓		✓		✓		100%			A
Will, Perry	R	57	✗		✗		✓		33%			D
Williams, Dave	R	15	✗		✗		✗		0%			F
Woodrow, Steven	D	6	✓		✓		✓	*	100%			A
Woog, Dan	R	63	✗		✗		✗		0%			F
Young, Mary	D	50	✓		✓		✓		100%			A

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Bridges, Jeff	D	26	✓	*	✓	*	✓		100%			A+
Buckner, Janet	D	28	✓	*	✓		✓		100%			A+
Coleman, James	D	33	✓		✓		✓		100%			A
Cooke, John	R	13	✗		✗		✗		0%			F
Coram, Don	R	6	✗		e		✓	<b>PS</b>	50%			B-
Danielson, Jessie	D	20	e		✓		✓		100%			A
Donovan, Kerry	D	5	✓		✗		✓		67%			C+
Fenberg, Stephen	D	18	✓		✓		✓		100%			A
Fields, Rhonda	D	29	✓	*	✗		✓		67%			B-
Garcia, Leroy	D	3	✓		✓		✓		100%			A
Gardner, Bob	R	12	✗		✗		✗		0%			F
Ginal, Joann	D	14	✓	<b>PS</b>	✓	*	✓	<b>PS</b>	100%		✓	A++
Gonzales, Julie	D	34	✓		✓		✓		100%			A
Hansen, Chris	D	31	✓		✓		✓		100%			A
Hisey, Dennis	R	2	✗		✗		✗		0%			F
Holbert, Chris	R	30	✗		✗		✗		0%			F
Jaquez Lewis, Sonya	D	17	✓		✓	<b>PS</b>	✓		100%			A++
Kirkmeyer, Barbara	R	23	✗		✗		✗		0%			F
Kolker, Chris	D	27	✓	*	✓		✓		100%			A+
Lee, Pete	D	11	✓	*	✓		✓		100%			A+
Liston, Larry	R	10	✗		✗		✓		33%		✓	D
Lundeen, Paul	R	9	✗		✗		✗		0%			F
Moreno, Dominick	D	21	✓		✓	*	✓		100%			A+
Pettersen, Brittany	D	22	✓	*	✓		✓		100%			A+
Priola, Kevin	R	25	✓		✗		✗		33%			D
Rankin, Bob	R	8	✗		✗		✗		0%			F
Rodriguez, Robert	D	32	✓		✓		✓		100%			A
Scott, Ray	R	7	✗		✗		✗		0%			F
Simpson, Cleave	R	35	✗		✗		✗		0%			F
Smallwood, Jim	R	4	✗		e		✗		0%			F
Sonnenberg, Jerry	R	1	✗		✗		✗		0%			F
Story, Tammy	D	16	✓	*	✓		✓		100%			A+
Winter, Faith	D	24	✓		✓		✓		100%			A
Woodward, Rob	R	15	✗		✗		✗		0%			F
Zenzinger, Rachel	D	19	✓	<b>PS</b>	✓		✓		100%			A++

**NOTE: The scores don't tell the whole story!** Sometimes a legislator is either more or less animal friendly than their score indicates. This is especially true during years when there are few animal-related bills available for scoring.

### About Colorado Voters for Animals

Colorado Voters for Animals is committed to animal protection through effective legislation.

We support candidates and incumbents who align with these values. We advocate for humane legislation, oppose inhumane legislation, and educate the public on issues that affect animals.

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