



# 2024 Scorecard

## for the Colorado General Assembly

2024 was another big year for animal-related legislation at the state capitol. CVA tracked a total of 13 bills, of which 8 were ultimately used for scoring. Highlights included a bill that further increases the penalties for injuring or killing a law enforcement animal, and a bill that creates a new state agency whose mission is to promote domestic animal welfare.

## 2024 Bills

### HB-1033 Emergency Plans for Individuals with Animals

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

This bill “strongly encourages” local governments to take people who have animals into consideration when adopting emergency management plans, including provisions for their evacuation, shelter and transport. It also encourages governments to make information regarding animal emergency preparedness readily available to the public.

### HB-1047 Veterinary Technician Scope of Practice

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

Colorado Voters for Animals testified in support of this bill, which will help address the shortage of veterinary care in Colorado by expanding the types of procedures veterinary technicians and veterinary technician specialists can perform. Allowing licensed veterinarians to delegate specific tasks will more effectively utilize the education and skills of their staff, helping them deliver care to more animals and to underserved communities.

### HB-1074 Aggravated Cruelty to Police Animals

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

CVA testified in support of this bill, which adds the crime of



intentionally killing or causing serious injury to a police animal to Colorado’s “Aggravated animal cruelty” law. This means the penalty for this crime will increase to a level 4 felony, in addition to payment of restitution for the animal’s veterinary care or replacement.

### HB-1117 Invertebrates & Rare Plants

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

Invertebrate species and native plants are essential to functioning ecosystems and the survival of many other species, and both are declining at an alarming rate due to climate change and other factors. However, Colorado Parks and Wildlife did not have statutory authority over these species. This bill authorizes CPW to study and determine the conservation needs of native rare plants and invertebrates and implement voluntary programs to protect them.

### HB-1354 Notification of Disease in Pet Facility

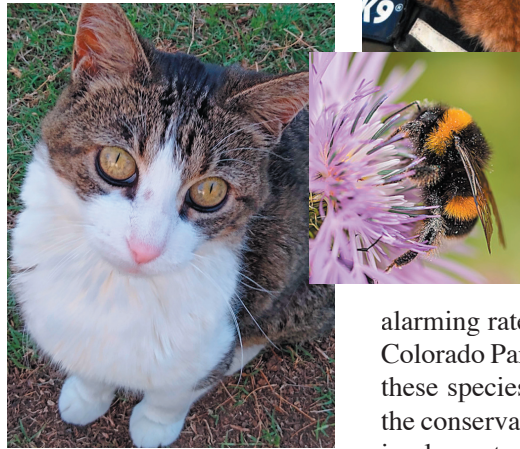
Position: **Support** Outcome: **signed into law**

Colorado Voters for Animals testified in support of this bill, which requires pet daycare, boarding and grooming facilities to notify their clients of any infectious disease outbreak at the facility, to which the client’s animal(s) may have been exposed.

### HB-1458 Division of Animal Welfare

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

This legislation creates a new, separate agency, the Division of Animal Welfare (under the Colorado Department of Agriculture), which will oversee the Bureau of Animal Protection (BAP) and the Pet Animal Care Facilities Act (PACFA). The division’s mission will be to promote domestic animal welfare by providing education and outreach, creating voluntary programs and awarding grants. The new division will soon be conducting a stakeholder process to receive input about future programs and CVA is excited to be a participant in this process.



## SB-045

### Sterilization of Adopted Dogs & Cats

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

Current Colorado law requires animals adopted from shelters and rescues to be spayed or neutered prior to adoption. This bill closes a loophole that some organizations that bring animals in from out of state were using to circumvent the mandatory spay and neuter requirement.

## SB-171

### Reintroduction of Wolverines

Position: **Support**

Outcome: **signed into law**

The North American wolverine was recently listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act, and there are believed to be only around 300 left in the lower 48 states. This bill authorizes Colorado Parks & Wildlife to develop a plan to reintroduce the species in Colorado, where we have some of the best remaining wolverine habitat available.



## Other Bills (Not Scored):

### SB-067 Animal Research Reporting

Position: **Support** Outcome: **defeated in committee**

CVA testified in support of his bill, which would have required animal research facilities to report the number and type of animals they use, and to make “retired” research animals available for adoption. Although CVA did not use this bill for scoring, we are crediting the bill’s sponsors in our “Other Factors” column.

### HB-1048 Veterinary Telehealth

Position: **Neutral** Outcome: **signed into law**

This bill establishes guidelines for telehealth in veterinary medicine and requires that an animal first have an in-person examination before telehealth can be used. CVA felt that this provision places an undue burden on those in rural communities and chose to remain neutral on the bill.

CVA opposed three additional animal bills this session, which, although well intended, came with unintended consequences that ultimately would not serve the best interests of animals. None of these bills made it out of committee.

## 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. The CLAW column indicates which legislators attended one or more meetings of the Colorado Legislative Animal Welfare Caucus during the session.

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Colorado State Representatives			HB-1033 Emergency Plans	HB-1047 Veterinary Practice	HB-1074 Police Animals	HB-1117 Invertebrates	HB-1354 Pet Care Facilities	HB-1458 Div. Animal Welfare	SB-045 Pet Sterilization	SB-171 Wolverines	Voting Score	Other Factors	CLAW Attendance	Letter Grade
	Party	District												
Amabile, Judy	D	49	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	88%			B+
Armagost, Ryan	R	64	✓	✓	PS	✗	✓	PS	✓	✗	75%		✓	A++
Bacon, Jennifer	D	7	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	75%			B-
Bird, Shannon	D	29	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			A
Bockenfeld, Rod	R	56	e	✓	✓	✗	e	e	e	e	67%			C+
Boesenecker, Andrew	D	53	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			A
Bottoms, Scott	R	15	✓	✓	✓	✗	e	✗	✗	✗	43%			D+
Bradfield, Mary	R	21	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	75%			B-
Bradley, Brandi	R	39	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	50%			C-
Brown, Kyle	D	12	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			A
Catlin, Marc	R	58	✓	PS	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	75%			A-
Clifford, Chad	D	37	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			A
Daugherty, Lindsey	D	24	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			A
DeGraaf, Ken	R	22	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	38%			D
deGruy Kennedy, Chris	D	30	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	88%			B+
Duran, Monica	D	23	✓	✓	PS	✓	PS	PS	✓	✓	100%		✓	A++
English, Regina	D	17	✓	✓	✗	✓	e	✓	e	✓	83%			B

**Colorado State  
Representatives**  
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	Party	District	HB-1033 Emergency Plans	HB-1047 Veterinary Practice	HB-1074 Police Animals	HB-1117 Invertebrates	HB-1354 Pet Care Facilities	HB-1458 Div. Animal Welfare	SB-045 Pet Sterilization	SB-171 Wolverines	Voting Score	Other Factors	CLAW Attendance	Letter Grade
Epps, Elizabeth	D	6	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	88%			B+
Evans, Gabe	R	48	✓	✓	✓	e	✓	✗	✓	✗	71%			B-
Frizell, Lisa	R	45	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	63%			C+
Froelich, Meg	D	3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			A
Garcia, Lorena	D	35	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	88%	PS		A+
Hamrick, Eliza	D	61	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			A
Hartsook, Anthony	R	44	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	63%			C+
Hernandez, Tim	D	4	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	88%			B+
Herod, Leslie	D	8	✓	✓	✗	✓	PS	✓	✓	✓	88%			A+
Holtorf, Richard	R	63	✓	✓	✓	e	e	✗	✓	✗	67%		✓	C+
Jodeh, Iman	D	41	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			A
Joseph, Junie	D	10	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			A
Kipp, Cathy	D	52	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			A
Lieder, Sheila	D	28	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			A
Lindsay, Mandy	D	42	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%		✓	A
Lindstedt, William	D	33	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			A
Luck, Stephanie	R	60	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	25%			D-
Lukens, Meghan	D	26	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			A
Lynch, Mike	R	65	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	75%			B-
Mabrey, Javier	D	1	e	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	86%			B+
Marshall, Bob	D	43	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	88%			B+
Martinez, Matthew	D	62	✓	✓	✓	e	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			A
Marvin, Julia	D	31	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			A
Mauro, Tisha	D	46	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	PS	100%			A++
McCluskie, Julie	D	13	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			A
McCormick, Karen	D	11	✓	PS	✓	PS	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%		✓	A++
McLachlan, Barbara	D	59	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	PS	100%			A++
Ortiz, David	D	38	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			A
Parenti, Jennifer	D	19	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			A
Pugliese, Rose	R	14	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	88%			B+
Ricks, Naquetta	D	40	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	88%			B+
Rutinel, Manny	D	32	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	PS	✓	88%	PS	✓	A++
Sirota, Emily	D	9	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			A
Snyder, Marc	D	18	PS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			A++
Soper, Matt	R	54	✓	✓	✓	PS	✓	e	✓	✓	100%		✓	A++
Story, Tammy	D	25	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%		✓	A
Taggart, Rick	R	55	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	PS	✓	100%			A++
Titone, Brianna	D	27	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			A
Valdez, Alex	D	5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			A
Velasco, Elizabeth	D	57	PS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%		✓	A++
Vigil, Stephanie	D	16	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	88%		✓	B+
Weinberg, Ron	R	51	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	38%			D
Weissman, Mike	D	36	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			A
Willford, Jenny	D	34	e	e	e	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			A
Wilson, Don	R	20	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	50%			C-
Winter, Ty	R	47	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	63%			C+
Woodrow, Steven	D	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	e	✓	✓	✓	100%			A
Young, Mary	D	50	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			A

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Baisley, Mark	R	4	✗	✗	✓	✗	e	✗	✓	✗	29%			D-
Bridges, Jeff	D	26	✓	✓	✓	PS	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			A++
Buckner, Janet	D	29	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	e	e	100%			A
Coleman, James	D	33	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			A
Cutter, Lisa	D	20	PS	✓	✓	✓	e	✓	✓	✓	100%			A++
Danielson, Jessie	D	22	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			A
Exum, Tony	D	11	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			A
Fenberg, Stephen	D	18	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			A
Fields, Rhonda	D	28	✓	✓	e	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%		✓	A
Gardner, Bob	R	12	✗	✓	PS	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	50%			B-
Ginal, Joann	D	14	✓	✓	PS	✓	PS	✓	✓	✓	100%		✓	A++
Gonzales, Julie	D	34	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	88%			B+
Hansen, Chris	D	31	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			A
Hinrichsen, Nick	D	3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			A
Jaquez Lewis, Sonya	D	17	PS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	PS	✓	A++
Kirkmeyer, Barbara	R	23	✗	✓	e	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	57%			C
Kolker, Chris	D	16	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			A
Liston, Larry	R	10	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	PS	✓	63%		✓	B+
Lundeen, Paul	R	9	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	50%			C-
Marchman, Janice	D	15	✓	✓	✓	PS	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			A++
Michaelson Jenet, Dafna	D	21	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			A
Mullica, Kyle	D	24	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			A
Pelton, Byron	R	1	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	50%			C-
Pelton, Rod	R	35	✗	✓	✓	✗	e	✗	✓	✗	43%			D+
Priola, Kevin	D	13	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			A
Rich, Janice	R	7	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	50%			C-
Roberts, Dylan	D	8	✓	PS	✓	✓	✓	PS	✗	PS	88%			A++
Rodriguez, Robert	D	32	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			A
Simpson, Cleave	R	6	✓	PS	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	88%			A+
Smallwood, Jim	R	2	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	50%			C-
Sullivan, Tom	D	27	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%			A
Van Winkle, Kevin	R	30	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	50%			C-
Will, Perry	R	5	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	PS	63%			B+
Winter, Faith	D	25	✓	e	✓	✓	✓	✓	e	✓	100%			A
Zenzinger, Rachel	D	19	✓	e	✓	✓	✓	PS	✓	✓	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 about issues that affect animals.

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