2019 LEGISLATIVE REPORT
AND SCORECARD

Desert Nesting Bald Eagle photo by Robin Silver
The 2019 session of the Arizona Legislature provided a long, hard-fought victory for the felony animal cruelty bill. After four years of failed attempts, a measure to strengthen penalties for egregious animal cruelty passed the Legislature and was signed by Governor Ducey. HB2671 was sponsored by Rep John Kavanagh, who sponsored previous versions of the bill. The new law, which became effective on August 9th, protects pets, families, and communities throughout Arizona.

Humane Voters of Arizona (HVA) is a member of the Humane Legislative Coalition of Arizona (HLCA), an alliance of local animal advocacy organizations comprised of Animal Defense League of Arizona, Arizona Humane Society, the Humane Society of Southern Arizona, and HVA. The Coalition's government consultant, Brian Tassinari, was instrumental in getting the felony cruelty bill passed. Also, thanks to Kelsea Patton and Arizona Humane Society for their leadership and commitment to the bill.

Another bill to protect animals would have repealed the 2016 pet store bill language that overturned local laws and would have strengthened the puppy lemon law. HB2329, which was supported by the Humane Society of the United States – Arizona, died without being granted a committee hearing. HVA supported the bill.

Unfortunately, lawmakers continued to derail Arizona’s citizen initiative process -- the single most important tool for protecting animals. Although most of the damaging bills failed, the Legislature passed SB1451, which creates significant hurdles for petition circulators. The new law, combined with the strict compliance requirement passed in 2017, strikes yet another blow to grassroots citizen initiative campaigns.

The Legislature also ran a measure that could have negatively impacted HVA volunteers who register voters, which many groups including nonprofits do at outreach events. HB2616, sponsored by Rep Kelly Townsend would have charged people who register voters with a criminal penalty and substantial fines if they do not mail voter registration forms within ten days.

In the ‘bizarre bad bills’ category, Rep David Cook, a cattle rancher from Globe, sponsored the ‘fake meat’ bill which would have banned the use of the term meat or poultry unless the product is derived from slaughtered animals. Thankfully this measure died in the House.

**The Good Bills**

**HLCA Supported Bill**

HB2671 animal cruelty; domestic animals; classification (Kavanagh), strengthens penalties for egregious animal abuse. HVA and its partner groups in HLCA have worked with Maricopa County Attorney Bill Montgomery, bill sponsor Representative John Kavanagh, and others over the past several years to develop a bill to increase penalties for the worst cases of animal abuse. This session that legislation finally passed the Legislature and was signed into law.

Why is this law needed?

Violent crimes against family pets are often part of a larger pattern of domestic violence, but Arizona law only allowed even the most heinous crimes be charged at the lowest felony designation – felony 6, and in many cases is reduced to a misdemeanor with no jail time or supervised probation. That law was written before the relationship between animal abuse and domestic violence was well understood. That is no longer
the case. Countless studies over the past several decades have clearly demonstrated that violent offenders frequently have histories of serious and repeated animal cruelty. The FBI recognizes the connection between animal abuse and violence against people and now collects data on animal abuse. Research has shown consistent patterns of animal cruelty among perpetrators of other forms of violence, including child, spousal, and elder abuse.

After the original bill stalled, HB2671 was introduced as a strike-everything amendment, and granted a hearing by Senator Ugenti-Rita, chair of Senate Commerce Committee. Brian Tassinari with HLCA, Rep Kavanagh, Rebecca Baker, representing Maricopa County Attorney’s Office, and AZ Humane Society Field Operations Manager Tracey Miller testified in support of HB2671. Senators Tyler Pace, J.D. Mesnard, and Ugenti-Rita spoke in support of the bill, citing the link between animal abuse and human violence. You can watch the committee hearing here.

On the Senate floor, Senator Victoria Steele spoke in support of the bill and discussed her experience as a domestic violence counselor dealing with egregious animal abusers. The bill subsequently passed the Senate by a vote of 20-9-1.

Before the final House vote, Rep David Cook attempted to derail the bill. However, Rep Kavanagh did an excellent job of disputing Cook’s comments. Representatives Alma Hernandez, Bret Roberts, and Richard Andrade shared painful stories of extreme animal abuse. You can watch the floor debate here. HB2671 subsequently passed the House by a landslide margin of 42-18.

On May 8th Governor Ducey signed HB2671 into law, stating, “Animal cruelty is despicable — and Arizona will not tolerate it.”

This new law will prevent the most egregious cases of animal abuse from being reduced to misdemeanors. No longer will abusers be able to kill or torture a family pet and end up with zero jail time and no court supervised probation or treatment. It is well known that heinous crimes against animals are often part of a larger pattern of domestic violence. The law will not only help protect pets, but families and communities throughout Arizona.

HB2421 animal cruelty; working animal; harassment (Blackman) expands Arizona’ animal cruelty law to include intentionally or knowingly harassing a working animal in a law enforcement vehicle and classifies the violation as a class 1 misdemeanor. Rep Blackman and Brian Tassinari testified in committee that the bill is designed to address incidents of harassment of police dogs. This bill was supported by HLCA.

HB2421 passed the House unanimously and passed the Senate 29-1 and was signed by Governor Ducey.

HB2329 pet dealers; purchaser remedies (Payne: Butler, Shah) which was supported by the Humane Society of the United States – Arizona, would have made changes to the “Puppy Lemon Law” by updating financial and health safeguards for puppy buyers and placing the financial burden on the pet stores who sell unhealthy pets. The bill would also have repealed the provision of the current pet store law (passed in 2016) that strips localities of their right to prohibit the sale of puppy mill puppies in pet stores. That law’s consumer protection provisions were rendered useless after the USDA removed its public animal welfare inspection database and weakened enforcement of the animal welfare law as reported in this Washington Post article. As HSUS - AZ Director Kellye Pinkleton stated, “It is crucial that local governments (like Phoenix and Tempe that passed ordinances) regain the right to protect their constituents from ending up with sick and behaviorally challenged puppies, being duped into supporting cruel puppy mills, and falling prey to lending schemes, as well as the right to effectively regulate pet overpopulation.”

Unfortunately, HB2329 died without being granted a hearing in the House Commerce Committee.

HB2588 animal abuser registration; penalties (Kavanagh) would have created a registry of convicted animal abusers that would be posted on a central animal abuser website where the public could search for animal abusers by name or location, like Arizona’s sex-offender registry. This would assist shelters and rescue groups to ensure that their animals are not adopted to prior offenders, and allow pet owners to know if their neighbors have been convicted of animal...
abuse. Although HLCA supports the concept of animal abuse registries, there was concern that some language in the bill needed to be revised.

HB2588, which was supported by Don’t Leave Me.org, died without being granted committee hearings. HB2359 income tax; charitable deductions (Toma) would have alleviated negative impact to nonprofits, including those in HLCA, caused by the federal Tax Cuts & Jobs Act passed in 2017. This law doubled the standard deduction, so that only a small percentage of taxpayers will continue to itemize. The charitable deduction can only be taken by those who itemize, which could lead to a significant reduction in charitable giving. HB2359, supported by the Alliance of Arizona Nonprofits, would have allowed taxpayers to take the charitable deduction on their state taxes whether they itemize or not.

HB2359 passed the House but after being held in the Senate, the Legislature voted to include the Charitable Tax Deduction as part of the state budget. SB1132 G&F; appointment recommendation board; repeal (Mendez), would have repealed the special-interests-controlled board that recommends candidates to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission (AZGFC), charged with managing and protecting wildlife. In 2010, the Legislature passed a measure that created this recommendation board to appoint candidates to the AZGFC. The governor is limited to selecting only “board-endorsed” candidates. Since then, the AZGFC has become increasingly more extreme and each year AZGFC appears to view predators as competition rather than crucial components of healthy ecosystems, which has led to detrimental rulemaking and policies. Senator Mendez and others have introduced this legislation several times, but it has never been granted a committee hearing. This session was no exception – the bill died without being heard.

Although not related to the Legislature, there was some good news for wildlife. Thanks to efforts by a small grassroots coalition of groups and advocates, the Arizona Game and Fish Commission voted to ban predator killing contests statewide. Hundreds of animals in Arizona—including coyotes, foxes, bobcats, and mountain lions are killed at these events where participants compete for entertainment and prizes. The rule was approved by the Governor’s Regulatory Review Council (GRRC) and takes effect in November 2019. HVA thanks the Commission, GRRC, and the coalition of groups and wildlife advocates who worked tirelessly to end these inhumane, senseless events.

SB1281 predator control devices; prohibited chemicals (Mendez: Dalessandro, Gonzales, Peshlakai, Quezada, et al.) would have banned deadly Compound 1080 livestock collars and M-44 cyanide bombs, used by USDA Wildlife Services to kill predators primarily on behalf of the agriculture industry. Non-target victims include dogs, protected wildlife, and humans. These poisons cause agonizing deaths for animals and endanger the lives of children and pets, including a teenage boy who was injured, and his dog who was killed by an M-44 near his house in Idaho. That incident spurred a nationwide outcry, and in May 2019 Oregon banned M-44s, joining California and Washington. A federal bill has been introduced to prohibit Compound 1080 and M-44s.

SB1281 died without being granted a committee hearing.

The Bad Bills

Attack on Citizen Initiative Rights

Arizona’s citizen ballot measure process is the single most important tool for protecting Arizona’s animals.

Arizona’s initiative process is a constitutional right enacted at statehood in 1912. Thanks to grassroots citizen ballot measures, voters banned leghold traps, snares, and poisons on public lands in 1994. Cockfighting was outlawed in 1998. In 2006, voters prohibited the cruel confinement of pregnant pigs and calves raised for veal in industrial agriculture operations. All these measures failed in the Legislature, yet were passed by Arizona voters, most by large margins. In 1998 voters passed Proposition 105, the Voter Protection Act, to prevent the Legislature from undermining citizen initiatives and to protect measures passed by voters.

The Legislature has placed several referenda on the ballot that could have destroyed the public initiative process, including a measure in 2000 that would have required a two-thirds majority vote to pass wildlife-related initiatives, and another referendum in 2010 that would have given sole authority over wildlife policy to the Legislature, and could have
gutted initiative rights on wildlife issues, nullifying the ban on traps and poisons on public lands. Voters overwhelmingly defeated all damaging referenda, indicating the strong determination of citizens to defend voting rights.

As the latest polls indicate, Arizona voters strongly support animal protection and our public initiative process. However, each session legislators attempt to pass bills that could weaken or dismantle the citizen initiative process. These bills generally, with very few exceptions, are very partisan. The issue of citizen initiatives could be related to any number of issues unrelated to animal protection and it is possible that otherwise animal-friendly legislators are considering a bigger picture when supporting these bills. That is why one of HVA’s priority goals is to continually educate legislators on the importance of citizen initiatives for protecting large numbers of Arizona’s animals.

How the Legislature is Endangering Citizen Initiatives

In 2017, the Arizona Legislature passed two bills that have severely damaged our public initiative process. **HB 2404** prohibits initiative signature gatherers from being paid based upon the number of signatures collected and instead requires that they be paid by the hour, which greatly increases costs for grassroots citizen initiative campaigns. Lawmakers also passed **HB 2244**, which changed the State’s standard of ‘substantial compliance’ for initiatives to ‘strict compliance’, which could result in valid signatures being tossed out for even the smallest technical mistakes, such as using the wrong margin size.

The first casualty of these damaging measures was the citizen initiative to protect Arizona’s wild cats from trophy hunting and trapping in 2018. The Legislature’s passage of these two measures has made it even more difficult, time consuming, and expensive for Arizonans to place a measure on the ballot. The challenge proved insurmountable for wild cat initiative. That grassroots campaign which relied largely on volunteers, was suspended in 2018.

2019 Anti-Initiative Bills

**SB1451**: procedures; nomination petitions; registered circulators (Leach) creates several new requirements for petition circulators requiring all out of state circulators to register with the Secretary of State, even if they are volunteers. The bill makes it a class 1 misdemeanor, punishable by up to six months in jail and $2,500 in fines, to provide false information on a circulator registration. SB1451 also requires that petitions include the circulator’s phone number and email address. Any omission could result in legitimate signatures being tossed out for minor technical reasons.

As Grand Canyon Sierra Club Director Sandy Bahr stated, “This is a death-by-one-thousand-cuts strategy that makes it more difficult to get measures on the ballot and disenfranchises those who sign petitions as their signatures are not counted due to purely technical reasons beyond their control.”

The bill passed the Senate 16-10-4 and passed the House 31-29 and was signed by Governor Ducey.

**SCR1023** initiative; referendum; signatures; legislative districts (Kerr: S. Allen, Borrelli, Gowan, Leach et al.) and identical House bill **HCR2005** (Kavanagh) would have referred to the ballot a measure to require citizen initiative campaigns to collect signatures from 10% of electors from each legislative district. Currently, initiative campaigns must submit signatures from 10% of all voters statewide, not in each of the 30 legislative districts. This would make it virtually impossible for grassroots groups to place citizen initiatives or referenda on the ballot.

SCR1023 died after being held in the Senate and HCR2005 died after being retained on the House Committee of the Whole calendar.

Other Bad Bills

**HB2616** registration of voters; payment; prohibition (Townsend) would have imposed criminal penalties for people that help with voter registration. Under this bill if someone registers a person to vote and does not mail in the form within ten days, the volunteer could be charged with a Class 2 misdemeanor and fined $25 per day for each voter registration.

HVA and other groups sometimes register people to vote at outreach events, many of which are staffed by volunteers. This is a legal, nonpartisan activity for nonprofits. However, under HB2616 a volunteer could spend four months in jail and pay substantial fines for submitting voter registration forms after the ten-day deadline. If passed, this bill could have had a devastating effect on volunteer registration activity by nonprofit and other organizations.

HB2616 passed the House 31-27-2 but was defeated in the Senate 12-18.
HB2604 meat; poultry; sale; misrepresentation (Cook) would have banned the use of the term meat, or poultry, unless the product is derived from slaughtered animals. The large-scale agriculture industry has introduced similar bills across the country. In addition to meat-alternative companies and animal protection groups, these bills are opposed by other industries. Missouri passed a meat labeling law in 2018 which lead to a federal lawsuit filed by Animal Legal Defense Fund, the Good Food Institute, and other groups. Read NY Times article on meat labeling bills here.

Bill sponsor Rep David Cook, a cattle rancher, attempted to portray HB2604 as a consumer safety bill in committee, but his claims were refuted by Matt Ball with the Good Food Institute, and others.

On the House floor Rep Cook explained why milk would be included under the bill, stating that calling almond milk "milk" is confusing because "almonds don’t lactate". Rep Kirsten Engel responded that since butter would also be included, Skippy would have to re-label peanut butter for sale in Arizona. You can watch the floor debate here.

HB2604 failed in the House 22-36-2. Rep Kelly Townsend voted ‘no’ on the bill for the purpose of reconsideration. However, it was not brought back for another vote, so it died.

Superstar Legislators

HVA wishes to thank those special (we call them) “Superstar Legislators”, who expended efforts to protect animals and our public initiative process and were present for most or all key bill votes. Many of these legislators voted against all measures damaging to animals and citizen initiatives and voted for animal protection bills. Many also spoke out against anti-initiative bills and defended animal protection measures in committee and on the floor.

Legislators that voted favorably on all key bills:


Senators Lela Alston, David Bradley, Lupe Contreras, Andrea Dalessandro, Lisa Otondo, Jamescita Peshlakai, Martin Quezada, Rebecca Rios, and Victoria Steele

The following legislators missed one key vote but voted consistently to protect animals and citizens’ voting rights:

Representative Reginald Bolding, Jr.

Senator Sean Bowie (absence due to illness)

Congratulations to Representative Kelli Butler who was the recipient of HSUS – Arizona’s Humane Legislator of the Year Award for 2019.

Legislators who helped on specific animal related measures

HVA greatly appreciates the efforts of the following legislators who sponsored animal protection measures:

Representative John Kavanagh was the primary sponsor of HVA-supported HB2671, which strengthens penalties for egregious animal abuse (see report for details). The passage of this bill is a victory for pets and families – one that Rep Kavanagh has diligently worked on for over four years. While aspects of Rep Kavanagh’s voting record on wildlife and initiative bills could be improved, he is a powerful, longtime champion in fighting animal cruelty, and has been a consistently accessible resource for animal protection groups.

Senator Michelle Ugenti-Rita allowed the striker to HB2671 to be heard in the Commerce committee that she chairs. She also spoke in support of the bill at the hearing.
Thanks to the legislators that spoke in support of HB2671 on the floor and in committee including Representatives Alma Hernandez, Bret Roberts, Richard Andrade, and Senators J.D. Mesnard, Tyler Pace, and Victoria Steele.

Representative Walt Blackman was the primary sponsor of HB2421, which prohibits harassing law enforcement animals.

Representative Kirsten Engel was instrumental in helping to defeat HB2604 with her strong, creative arguments against the fake meat bill on the House floor.

Representative Kevin Payne sponsored HB2329 to revise the damaging pet store law passed in 2016.

Representative Ben Toma sponsored HB2539 to help nonprofits regarding charitable tax deductions.

Advocates


For their efforts to pass HB2671, HVA thanks bill sponsor Rep John Kavanagh, Bill Montgomery and Rebecca Baker with Maricopa County Attorney’s Office, Kelsea Patton, Dr. Steve Hansen, Heather Beshears, Debbie McKnight, and Tracey Miller with AZ Humane Society, Stacy Pearson and Chad Campbell with Strategies 360, Scott Bonsall-Cargill, Tom Krepitch, and Michelle Lukasiewicz with Humane Voters of Arizona, Stephanie Nichols-Young: with Animal Defense League of AZ, Mike Duffey and Brandy Burke with Humane Society of Southern AZ, and Kellye Pinkleton, AZ Director of The Humane Society of the US for her efforts on legislation and for hosting the annual Humane Lobby Day.

Special recognition goes to Brian Tassinari with Willetta Partners. HVA also thanks the other legislators who helped on the bill and are included in the above section on HB2671.

Thanks to the Arizona Advocacy Network, Grand Canyon Sierra Club, AZ League of Women Voters, Save Our Schools, the AZ Secretary of State’s office, and the many other organizations, legislators, and citizens for their efforts opposing SB1451 and other anti-initiative bills.

HVA appreciates the efforts of the Alliance for Arizona Nonprofits on the charitable tax bill.

HVA thanks Sam Richard and Matt Ball with the Good Food Institute and Rep Kirsten Engel for their successful efforts to stop HB2604, the fake meat bill.

As always, HVA appreciates the tireless efforts of Sierra Club Arizona Director Sandy Bahr to protect wildlife, habitat, and citizens’ initiative rights.

Finally, thanks to Stephanie Nichols-Young, Tom Krepitch, Martha German, Heather Moos, Don Bentley, and Scott Bonsall-Cargill for their valuable input on this report.

For more information on legislation visit the HVA website. Thanks to Strategies 360 for their efforts on the updated HVA website which was designed by Lavana Tirtaguna.
**Legislative Scorecard**

Voting records are provided on key bills affecting animals, including citizen initiative measures. There are no actual points or grades assigned. It took four years for the Legislature to finally pass the bill to increase penalties for egregious animal abuse, which is a significant victory for pets, families, and communities in Arizona. For that reason, special emphasis has been given to HB2671 in this legislative report. HB2671 votes are in bold type in the report.

**Animal Bills**

A checkmark ✓ indicates a vote in favor of animal protection, while an “x” represents a vote that negatively impacts animals.

**Voting/Initiative Bills**

A checkmark ✓ indicates a vote that supports citizen initiative rights, while an “x” represents a vote that negatively affects the initiative process and in turn voters’ ability to protect animals.

**All Bills**

An asterisk * indicates that the legislator’s vote was for the purpose of reconsideration. After a bill vote takes place, a legislator who voted with the prevailing side may move to reconsider it. This tactic is a final attempt to save a bill that failed the House or Senate but can also be used to kill a bill that passed.

NV indicates that the legislator did not vote on a bill.

A blank column under a bill indicates that the legislator did not have the opportunity to vote on that measure. This applies to legislators who replaced another one who left office during the session. In that case the new legislator is included in the scorecard but will have a blank column for bills voted on prior to the replacement.

Bill voting records represent one public aspect of the legislative process. However, many factors that affect measures are not subject to public scrutiny and are sometimes beyond the scope of this legislative report. The efforts of lawmakers, lobbyists, and others to influence legislation largely take place within the “hidden” political process. That is why additional actions by lawmakers were also taken into consideration, such as sponsoring bills or influencing the passage or defeat of animal-related measures.

Those actions are represented in the OTHER column by positive icon ☺ or negative icon ☹. In the COMMENTS column, PS means that the legislator was the primary sponsor of the bill. Cosponsors are not included in the scorecard.

Please click on the bill number in the main legislative report for all information including status, primary and co-sponsors, language versions, committee and floor votes, and videos.

Although animal protection and initiative bills provide a gauge for reviewing lawmakers, other bills that impact animals are those that affect wildlife habitat. For legislative information on conservation measures, including voting records and scorecards visit the Arizona Sierra Club’s legislative page.

For more information on this legislative report please email humanevotersarizona@cox.net
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### Vote Symbols

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### Other

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- ✗ Action taken opposing animal protection or initiative rights

### Comments

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### NAME | LD | Party | HB 2671 | HB 2421 | HB 2604 | HB 2616 | SB 1451 | OTHER | COMMENTS
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## ARIZONA STATE SENATE 2019 SCORECARD

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