



Missouri Alliance for Animal Legislation

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The **Missouri Alliance for Animal Legislation** was founded in 1990. The following is a list of some key accomplishments the Alliance has made on behalf of animals.

- Instrumental in the passage of Proposition B (Puppy Mill Cruelty Prevention Act) which will improve standards of care for dogs in commercial breeding facilities (2010).
- Established the Large Carnivore Act that creates a comprehensive set of standards for owning certain dangerous exotic animals (2010).
- Defeated legislation that would have put farm animals (over 50 lbs.) at risk of needless suffering by requiring that only a state veterinarian can evaluate abused or neglected animals for possible impoundment (2006 - 2010).
- Defeated legislation that would make it a crime to photograph or video within an animal production facility, including puppy mills (2002 - 2006).
- Established a Missouri pet-friendly license plate. Proceeds are used for spaying and neutering dogs and cats from statewide animal shelters and animal control facilities (2002).
- Assisted efforts to outlaw bestiality (2002). In the 1970's, bestiality was inadvertently stricken from the statutes and legalized in Missouri.
- Amended the animal abuse laws to include all animals, not just mammals (2001). In 1995, the animal abuse laws were amended to apply only to mammals, thereby eliminating fighting birds from the statutes and protecting those who participate in cockfighting.
- Supported the passage of a law that makes it a felony to kill police or search-and-rescue dogs (1999).
- Clarified exemptions to Proposition A while maintaining the original intent to ban cockfighting (1999).
- Played the leading role in a successful ballot initiative campaign for the passage of Proposition A, which banned cockfighting and animal baiting/fighting in Missouri (1998).
- Clarified provisions and definitions within existing law to reduce animal neglect and suffering (1997).
- Amended existing law to increase the penalty for certain animal abuse violations from a misdemeanor to a felony (1995).
- Amended existing law to aid in the prompt disposition of seized animals to avoid lengthy impoundment during court proceedings (1993).
- Played a leading role in the passage of the Animal Care Facilities Act (ACFA), which requires the inspection and licensing of commercial pet breeders, pet stores, kennels, and animal shelters (1992).