

Humane PA



Giving animals a voice in Harrisburg

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WHAT IS HUMANE PA PAC?

Humane PA is Pennsylvania's political voice for animals. If you are from Pennsylvania and care about animals, please join us in "Giving Animals a Voice in Harrisburg!" Humane PA is the nonpartisan political arm of the animal protection movement in Pennsylvania. We support candidates from all parties based on a single criterion: their support for animal protection. Legislators know that we are an involved and educated voting block that they need to listen to. Humane PA is dedicated to electing candidates who demonstrate an understanding and a willingness to work to amend Pennsylvania laws to eliminate animal cruelty within the Commonwealth. It is also dedicated to encouraging everyone who cares about animals to get political for animals. Humane PA is a resource for all groups and individuals in Pennsylvania who care about animals.

MISSION

The PAC's mission is to increase the engagement of the animal community in public policy and to elect officials who will support anti-cruelty legislation. We also raise funds and combine individual contributions into one political action committee election fund to financially support the election of candidates who believe that all living creatures should be treated compassionately and that deliberate acts of cruelty to animals are not acceptable in a civilized society. We firmly believe that a critical step in achieving our goal of eliminating cruelty to animals within our Commonwealth is to elect candidates who willingly demonstrate an understanding of the issues and the courage to support legislation, ordinances, and the regulations necessary to address and criminalize deliberate acts of cruelty.

PENDING LEGISLATION SUPPORTED BY HUMANE PA:

- **SB 510: Live Animals as Targets** - Bans the launching or tethering of live animals for target practice, including ending heinous live pigeon shoots or live turkey "block" shoots, where live turkeys are tethered to bales of hay and shot at for contests.
- **SB 82: Puppy Lemon Law** – Provides for dog purchaser protection. This bill gives people who purchase sick puppies more time to discover, treat and report their puppy's condition to the seller to demand a refund or replacement and grants greater consumer protection to people whose families purchase sick or dying puppies so that sellers can be held responsible.
- **SB 340: Banning the Sale of Shark Fins** – shark finning is an illegal process during which poachers catch sharks, remove their fins to sell, and then dump their bodies back into the ocean. Though the sharks are still alive, they are unable to swim without their fins and, ultimately, they suffocate, starve to death or are killed by another animal.

- **SB 521: Exotic Animals** – Eliminates the private ownership of exotic animals and restricts other types of ownership.
- **SB 522: Anti-Tethering** - addresses tethering a dog outside and unattended to any stationary object by use of a restraint and fails to satisfy a certain number specified requirements detailed in the legislation, including tethering outside below 32 or above 90 degrees. In addition, this legislation provides for a misdemeanor of the third degree if an individual violates any offense of cruelty to animals in conjunction with the tethering of dogs.
- **HB 164: Possession of Animal Fighting Paraphernalia** - an act that will close down any illicit operations that make or sell animal fighting paraphernalia; from the razor-sharp knives used to make cockfights bloodier, to the conditioning equipment used to prepare dogs to fight.
- **HB 41: Anti-Tethering** - Prohibits tethering a dog outside between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.: prohibits tethering in extreme weather; with a poke, prong, or choke collar, and limits the type of tether which may be used.
- **HB 82: Cost of Care of Seized Animals** - this much-needed legislation will hold animal abusers responsible for the costs associated with caring for the abused animals. More importantly, the law will allow victims of animal cruelty to get into new homes faster.
- **HB 760: Animal Cruelty Penalties “Angel’s Law”** increased penalties for violations of the animal cruelty laws in Pennsylvania.
- **HB 850 Tax Credit** An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for a tax credit for adoption of dog or cat.

For a complete list and status of current 2013/14 bills, please visit the Humane PA Current Legislation web-page: <http://humane-pa.org/current-legislation/>

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