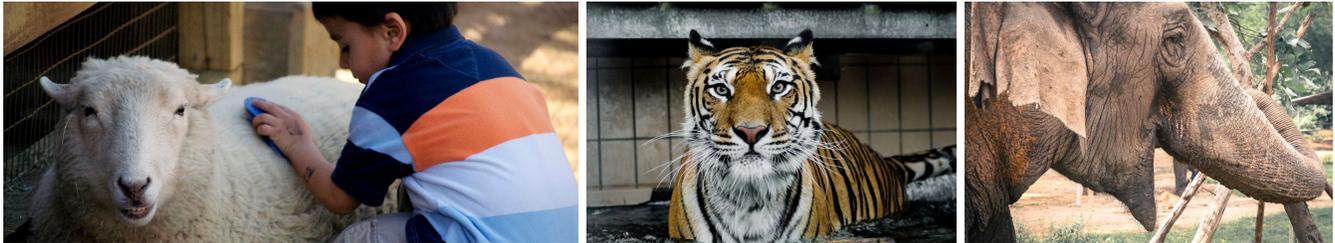


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# ANIMAL ISSUES LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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## IN THE NEWS

### Illinois bans elephants in traveling exhibitions

On Friday 8/11, Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner signed into law SB 1342, a bill banning the use of elephants in traveling exhibitions, including circuses. The law goes into effect January 1, 2018, and exempts zoos or any other permanent institution that “ensures adequate conditions for the animals.” [Press Release from bill sponsor Senator Linda Holmes](#) (8/11)

### RBBB closure hasn't stopped advocates from trying to ban other circus animals

Thank you to Ben Johnson for sharing this article from the journal of the American Bar Association, regarding the continued push for local ordinances and state legislation to ban performing animals. [ABA Journal article](#) (8/1)

### Federal court dismisses Animal Legal Defense Fund lawsuit against USDA

A federal district court judge in California tossed out a lawsuit this week that animal rights activists filed to force the USDA to restore the animal welfare records it pulled from its website in February. [The Hill](#) (8/16)

### Head of marine trainers association speaks out against AZA's invite to Wayne Pacelle

Joan Galvin caught the following Op-Ed piece written by Grey Stafford, President of the International Marine Animal Trainers Association (IMATA). [Partnering With Animal Rights Ensures Extinction of Zoos and Aquariums](#) (8/9).

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## New Costa Rican law restricts animal interactions

A new law in Costa Rica prohibits photos or videos of people feeding and touching wild animals at zoos and other animal attractions. The law applies to advertising campaigns, documentaries, films, and other public-facing images. My thanks to Bob Johnson for forwarding the article:

[La Nacion \(Costa Rica\)](#) (8/8)

## PENDING LEGISLATION

Note: new legislative activity since last week is highlighted in yellow.

### Local Ordinances:

Bill No.	Summary	Latest Action
AZ – Kingman City	City Council is considering a ban on using circus animals, using West Hollywood, CA as a template.	7/21/17: an ordinance might be presented to City Council on August 15. Kingman City is located in Mohave County (see below). <a href="#">Contact information for City Council Members.</a>
AZ – Mohave County	Proposed ordinance banning animals in traveling circuses.	4/19/17: Mohave County Supervisors voted to send the draft ordinance to the County Attorney’s Office for review.
CA – Los Angeles	Would prohibit exhibition of wild and exotic animals for entertainment or amusement, including circuses and other wild or exotic animal shows (exempts zoos, films, research facilities and conservation-related programs).	4/25/17: City Council voted to have the City Attorney prepare an Ordinance to present to Council.
MD – Montgomery County	Would ban the use of animals in circuses or other businesses that “exhibit or financially benefit” from the exhibition of those animals. Includes the use of camels, bears, primates, wildcats, crocodiles, and snakes.	7/18/17: first public hearing held. Work Session for the Public Safety Committee tentatively scheduled for 9/11/17. <a href="#">Text of bill</a>

Bill No.	Summary	Latest Action
NM – Santa Fe	Would ban animals in circuses and other traveling acts.	6/28/17: draft ordinance introduced. 7/31/17: passed Finance Committee; tentatively scheduled to go before full City Council on 9/13/17. (Note: the ordinance sponsor, Signe Lindell, has announced she will be seeking a 2nd term in 2018.)

### State Bills:

State Legislatures Still in Session for 2017: CA, MA, MI, NJ, NY, OH, PA, WI

Bill No.	Summary	Latest Action	Adjournment Date
<a href="#">CA AB 485</a>	Requires pet store operators to only sell dogs, cats, and rabbits obtained from a shelter or rescue group. Would be effective Jan. 1, 2019.	7/19/17: amended and ordered to third reading.	9/15/17, bills carry over to 2018 session
<a href="#">CA ACR 106</a>	This concurrent resolution would “recognize the humane treatment of companion animals through the eradication of neglect and cruelty and the fostering of kindness and empathy toward companion animals as core principles of the State of California.”	7/10/17: referred to the Committee on Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism, and Internet Media.	9/15/17, bills carry over to 2018 session
IL SB 1342	Prohibits the use of elephants in traveling animal acts. Exempts exhibition of elephants at a non-mobile, permanent institution.	8/11/17: billed signed into law; effective date is January 1, 2018. Public Act 100-0090	5/31/17, bills carry over to 2018 session.
MA HB 418	Prohibits the use of elephants in traveling animal acts. Companion bill to MA SB 1898.	5/2/17: Hearing held before Joint Committee; no vote taken.	11/15/17, bills carry over to 2018 session
<a href="#">MA HB 2290</a>	An Act changing the legal status of pets from personal property to companion animals.	7/18/17: hearing was held before the <a href="#">Joint Committee on the Judiciary</a>	11/15/17, bills carry over to 2018 session

Bill No.	Summary	Latest Action	Adjournment Date
<a href="#">MA HB 3561</a>	An Act relative to the importation of animals for rescue, shelter, foster, adoption, or remote sale. Requires organizations to apply for import registrations through the Department of Agricultural Resources.	1/23/17: referred to <a href="#">Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture</a>	11/15/17, bills carry over to 2018 session
<a href="#">MA SB 460</a>	An Act to prevent animal suffering by irresponsible breeding practices.	1/23/17: referred to <a href="#">Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture</a>	11/15/17, bills carry over to 2018 session
<a href="#">MA SB 470</a>	An Act banning the sale of dogs and cats in commercial pet shops	1/23/17: Referred to <a href="#">Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture</a>	11/15/17, bills carry over to 2018 session
MA SB 490	To protect wild and exotic animals from cruel and inhumane treatment, and to protect the public from dangers inherent to traveling exhibitions and acts featuring wild and exotic animals.	5/2/17: Hearing held before Joint Committee; no vote taken.	11/15/17, bills carry over to 2018 session
MA S 1898	Prohibits the use of elephants in traveling animal acts. Also MA HB 418.	5/2/17: Hearing held before Joint Committee; no vote taken.	11/15/17, bills carry over to 2018 session
NJ A 430	Requires registration and reporting to prevent illegal trade of tigers.	1/27/16: Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee. (Carried over from 2016.)	1/9/18
<a href="#">NJA 437</a>	Revises criteria for determining a vicious/potentially dangerous dog.	1/27/16: Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee. (Carried over from 2016.)	1/9/18
<a href="#">NJA 1876</a>	Responsible Dog Ownership Act; leashing and fencing requirements.	1/27/16: Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee. (Carried over from 2016.)	1/9/18

Bill No.	Summary	Latest Action	Adjournment Date
NJ A 4386	“Nosey’s Law” – prohibits the use of elephants in traveling animal acts. See also NJ S 2508.	12/12/16: Referred to Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee.	1/9/18
<a href="#">NJ A 4722</a>	Establishes certain requirements concerning animal rescue organizations, breeders, importation of dogs and cats, and sale or adoption of dogs and cats.	3/20/17: Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	1/9/18
NJ S 323	Requires liability insurance for permit to possess certain dangerous animals.	5/15/17: reported from Senate Commerce Committee with amendments	1/9/18
NJ S 2508	“Nosey’s Law” – prohibits the use of elephants in traveling animal acts. See also NJ A 4396.	10/20/16: Passed Senate by vote of 32-5 and referred to Assembly Agriculture Committee.	1/9/18
NY A 464	“Elephant Protection Act” – prohibits the use of elephants in entertainment.	6/5/17: substituted for SB 2098. Passed Assembly and returned to Senate. 6/6/17: passed both chambers and sent to Governor for signature.	12/31/17
NY A 3517	Prohibits circuses from conducting shows or other performances in the state for two years where a circus has been found to be in violation or in non-compliance with the AWA.	1/27/17: Referred to Economic Development Committee	12/31/17
NY S 1283	Prohibits tethering, restraining, caging or penning of dogs or animals between 7:00PM-6:00AM; pen or cage must be 4x the height/length of dog/animal.	1/9/17: Referred to Agriculture Committee	12/31/17
NY S 2098	“Elephant Protection Act” – prohibits the use of elephants in entertainment.	6/6/17: Passed full Assembly and returned to Senate.	12/31/17

Bill No.	Summary	Latest Action	Adjournment Date
NY SB 5426	Would prohibit circuses from conducting shows or other performances in the state for two years where a circus has been found to be in violation or in non-compliance with the Animal Welfare Act of 1966.	6/5/17: passed third reading and sent to Rules Committee. Committed to Rules on 6/21.	12/31/17
PA SB 248	Bans the for-profit display, of any animal that traveled in a mobile housing facility in the 15 days preceding the display. Exempts zoos and educational and research activities.	1/27/17: Referred to Judiciary Committee.	12/31/17
<a href="#">PA SB 816</a>	Amends the 1982 Dog Law regarding dangerous dogs; further providing for court proceedings, certificate of registration and disposition, and providing for muzzled dogs.	7/6/17: Referred to <a href="#">Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee</a>	12/31/17

**Federal Bills:**

Bill No.	Summary	Latest Action
HR 1759	<a href="#">Traveling Exotic Animal And Public Safety Protection Act</a> ; to amend the Animal Welfare Act to restrict the use of exotic and wild animals in traveling performances.	4/11/17: Referred to the House Agriculture Committee, <a href="#">Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture</a>
HR 1818 S 2541	<a href="#">Big Cat Public Safety Act</a> ; makes it unlawful (with certain exceptions) to import, export, transport, sell, breed, or possess lions, tigers, and other exotic cats.	4/11/17: Referred to the House Resources Committee, <a href="#">Subcommittee on Federal Lands</a>

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