



Legislative Wins with You on Our Team

Together, we are improving protections for animals under the law to ensure their well-being and safety.

✓ **Pet Safety and Telemedicine Bills Progress in California**

California lawmakers have introduced a bill to help families with pets stay safe during natural disasters and extreme weather events. This bill would require local governments to designate pet-friendly sheltering sites, so families have a safe and comfortable place to go. When forced to flee their homes, people often face an impossible decision: evacuate without their beloved pets or risk sheltering in place to stay together. Since passing the State Assembly, the bill has received unanimous support.

Also passed by the State Assembly is California's veterinary telemedicine bill. While California is a leader in technological innovation, it is one of the most restrictive states in the country for the use of veterinary telemedicine. As the veterinary industry faces a critical shortage of professionals in the workforce, families are struggling to access care for their pets. As we have seen in human medicine, video calls help bridge gaps in care caused by workforce shortages or other barriers to healthcare access. The bill has received bipartisan support from its first State Senate committee.

✓ **Farm Animal Confinement Bill Passes New Jersey Senate**

New Jersey has passed a bill which prohibits companies from keeping calves and pregnant pigs in extreme confinement, like veal crates and gestation crates. This bill will help ease the suffering of pigs and calves in New Jersey and align New Jersey with 14 other states, including Maine, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, that have banned cruel confinement in some form. Governor Murphy signed the bill into law on July 26.

✓ **Pit Bull Ban Repealed in Missouri**

The Independence City Council finally voted in favor of repealing a discriminatory dog breed ban that has, for more than 15 years, prohibited people from owning pit bulls within city limits. With the removal of this ban, local Animal Services can better focus their resources on educating communities about pet and human safety, keeping pets and people together and other critical animal welfare issues.

Ready to fight for better laws that protect animals from cruelty? Visit aspca.org/advocacybrigade to get involved.

Pet Food Brands Are Committing to Help Farm Animals

Did you know that 25-30% of meat produced in the U.S. is used in food for dogs and cats? In fact, if they made up their own country, pets in the U.S. would rank fifth in the world in meat consumption. Historically, nearly all pet food has been made from animals who spent their lives confined in inhumane conditions on factory farms. But with your help, we are making progress. A handful of pet food companies are leading the way and helping to meet the growing demand for humane treatment of farm animals by ensuring ingredients are from animal-welfare certified farms and ranches.

The ASPCA® is launching a new initiative focused on improving this industry's sourcing practices. We are proud that 10 pet food brands have recently worked with us to commit to new, industry-leading standards that will improve millions of farm animals' lives, with more brands currently making progress toward this goal.

Every food purchase is a chance to change our food system. We make it easy for you to make informed decisions at the grocery store with our **Shop with Your Heart** initiative. As you're preparing for your holiday gatherings and celebrations, head over to aspca.org/grocerylist to search for more humane food brands for pets AND people.





Sharing the Love with Subaru

The ASPCA® is once again honored to have been selected by Subaru as a national charity partner for their 16th Subaru Share the Love® Event. The event, dating back to 2008, has brought an astounding \$33 million in donations to the ASPCA and through our longstanding partnership with Subaru, has made a difference for more than 116,000 animals in need.

You can help spread the word, share the love and help animals live better lives!

For more information about the ASPCA's participation in the Subaru Share the Love Event, please visit aspcas.org/sharethelove.

A Note from Matt Bershadker

I am so thankful for the support of dedicated Guardian members like you, today and every day. Our groundbreaking advancements in animal welfare are only possible with you by our side.

As I reflect on 2023, I'm deeply inspired by all we continue to accomplish together. Every animal, pet parent and community we have reached bring us one step closer to a future where all animals are safe from neglect and abuse.

Your compassion drives our work forward. On behalf of the animals we serve, thank you for your unwavering support.

Wishing you all the best this holiday season,

– Matt Bershadker, *President & CEO*



Share Your Story We love hearing from ASPCA Guardians! Did you adopt an amazing animal? Did you run a marathon on behalf of the ASPCA? Do you have an inspiring story of why you became a Guardian? Share your story with us today by visiting aspcas.org/shareyourstory.

Save the Date:
Giving Tuesday
Is November 28!



It's the biggest giving day of the year! Spread the ASPCA's message and share your love for animals by creating a special Giving Tuesday fundraiser on Instagram or Facebook. Let your family and friends know why you support the ASPCA and encourage them to take action on this global day of giving.

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