

Maryland Humane Scorecard

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THE MARYLAND HUMANE Scorecard is designed to provide citizens with information on how Maryland state legislators voted on legislation affecting animals during the 2005 legislative session. While much of the negotiation, drama, and discussion on the following bills occurred behind the scenes, it's important to know how your legislators stood on animal protection issues and what the animals gained or lost at the end of the day—and this session. **Please thank legislators who voted to protect animals and call to task those who worked against animal protection policies.**

This edition of the *Maryland Humane Scorecard* includes:

- a brief description of the bills that were considered during the 2005 session
- an account of how each state legislator voted on the floor
- an account of how legislators on critical committees voted
- a record of legislators who spoke in support of or against animal protection during debates
- a record of legislators who sponsored and cosponsored legislation affecting animals
- a description of the legislative process in Maryland and contact information for legislators and grassroots assistance

Importance of Committee Votes

The Maryland legislature has a committee system. Because the legislature meets for just 90 days and considers more than 2,300 bills in that short time, most legislators rely on committees specializing in the specific subject matter of a bill to delve into the details of each piece of legislation.

Under this system the committees have the first option to kill or pass a bill. Once a bill gets to the floor, many legislators will simply vote the way of the committee unless they hear otherwise from constituents, lobbyists, or colleagues. Bills that make it to the floor are likely to pass, so committee votes recorded here are critical.

Bill Summaries

1. Sunday Hunting in Anne Arundel County—HB 128

Sponsored by the Anne Arundel County Delegation

This bill would have removed Anne Arundel from the list of counties that prohibit deer hunting on Sundays. During the four-month-long hunting season, Sunday is the only day of the week when wildlife watchers, hikers, and equestrians can venture into the woods without fear of stray bullets or arrows. Evidence indicates that Sunday hunting would have nothing more than a temporary effect on deer populations, which would likely rebound through increased birth rates and immigration.

Final Status: Died. Passed the House Environmental Matters Committee and the Senate Committee on Education,



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Health and Environmental Affairs (EHEA). The bill was recommitted (sent back) to the Senate EHEA Committee by Sen. Joan Carter Conway (D-43). This bill was reintroduced in 2006.

2. Leghold Trap Restriction in Howard County—HB 258

Sponsored by the Howard County Delegation

This bill would have added Howard County to the list of four counties that prohibit the use of steel-jaw leghold traps in all places except on farmland and underwater.

Final Status: Passed the House Environmental Matters Committee and the full House, but died in the Senate EHEA Committee when Chair Paula C. Hollinger (D-11) failed to bring it to a vote. This bill was reintroduced in 2006.

3. Prohibition on Dangerous Exotic Animals as Pets—HB 339/SB 296

Sponsored by Del. Pauline Menes (D-21) and Sen. Norman R. Stone Jr. (D-6)

These bills would have prohibited people from acquiring certain wild animals—including tigers, lions, venomous snakes,

bears, wolves, and primates—as private pets. Wild animals kept as pets pose a public health and safety threat, but there are few restrictions on this activity in Maryland. Appropriate care for such animals is beyond the ability of the average owner, and many exotic pets end up languishing in basements and backyard cages. Private ownership of wild exotic animals as pets is outside the purview of federal law and must be addressed at the state level.

Final Status: House Judiciary Committee Chair Joseph Vallario (D-27A) sent the bill to summer study; Del. Menes has continued to work with advocates and has brought this legislation back in 2006 with significant amendments. No vote was taken in the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

4. Black Bear Hunt—Prohibition on an Open Season—HB 371

Sponsored by Dels. Barbara Frush (D-21) and Jon S. Cardin (D-11)

This bill would have removed black bears from the state “game list,” thus requiring legislative approval for an open hunting season on bears. Under this legislation, any bear damaging property or pos-



A bill to remove black bears from the state “game list” died in committee, leaving this still fragile population open for sport hunting.

ing an immediate threat to the health or safety of people, pets, or livestock could have been removed by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) or by individuals in immediate danger.

For 50 years, Maryland’s black bears were protected from trophy hunting after the population plummeted to just 12 in the 1950s. Current estimates indicate that fewer than 450 black bears exist in the state. These animals face threats from development, habitat fragmentation, and intensive hunting in bordering states, in addition to being among the slowest mammals to reproduce. As the population has begun to reestablish itself and more people see bears, hunt proponents have worked with the administration to allow a sport hunt. Basing the need for a hunt on human-bear conflicts and bear sightings is erroneous and ill-advised, since a hunt won’t solve such conflicts and may exacerbate some of them. Reinstilling bears’ natural fear of humans and educating people on proper conflict control are the proven ways to control human-bear conflicts, but the MDNR has insisted on a trophy hunt.

Final Status: Died in the House Environmental Matters Committee. This bill was reintroduced in 2006.



More states are recognizing the public safety and animal welfare concerns of the exotic pets craze. Maryland bills banning tigers, lions, and other dangerous exotic animals as pets didn’t make it out of committee this year, but lawmakers reintroduced the legislation in 2006.

5. Hunting Heritage Protection Act—HB 1086

Sponsored by Del. Michael Weir Jr. (D-6)

This bill requires the MDNR to keep public lands under its management open for sport hunting. It changes the MDNR's policy focus from management of conservation areas to the support, promotion, and enhancement of hunting opportunities and requires the department to manage the land in such a way that there's never a loss of land available for hunting opportunities. This policy takes Maryland in the wrong direction for sound biological management and habitat conservation.

Final Status: Signed into law after passing the House Environmental Matters Committee, the full House, the Senate EHEA Committee, and the full Senate.

6. Injury to or Death of a Pet—HB 941/SB 347

Sponsored by Del. Susan McComas (D-35B) and Sen. Norman R. Stone Jr. (D-6)

These bills established that a person who tortiously causes injury to or death of a pet is liable to the owner for compensatory damages of not more than \$7,500.

Final Status: Signed into law.



H.B. 372, which would have extended steel-jaw leghold traps restrictions, failed by a narrow margin in the House Environmental Matters Committee.



Signed into law, the Hunting Heritage Protection Act ignores sound principles of scientific management and requires the MDNR to manage public lands in a manner that strengthens and promotes recreational hunting and trapping in the state.

7. Steel-Jaw Leghold Trap Restriction—HB 372

Sponsored by Del. Barbara Frush (D-21)

This bill would have extended the current four-county restriction on steel-jaw leghold traps to the entire state while allowing individuals to obtain trapping permits under certain circumstances. No special trapping permit is currently required in Maryland, and no records are kept on the numbers of trappers or animals trapped. Animals caught in steel-jaw leghold traps—including “nontarget” animals such as family pets or protected species—often suffer crushed bones, torn tendons, and other serious injuries. Victims sometimes twist or chew off their own limbs to escape. Others linger and die from predation or exposure, and the majority are clubbed, beaten, or suffocated by the trapper when found. The American Veterinary Medical Association, the World Veterinary Association, and the American Animal Hospital Association have declared steel-jaw leghold traps to be inhumane. Eighty-nine other nations have banned the use of these notoriously inhumane and barbaric devices.

Final Status: Failed in the House Environmental Matters Committee by a vote of 9 to 10.

8. Improper Transport of Horses—HB 721

Sponsored by Del. J. B. Jennings (R-7) (for a full list of cosponsors, visit <http://mlis.state.md.us/2005rs/billfile/hb0721.htm>)

This bill would have banned the use of double-decker trailers for transporting horses, helping to ensure their safe and humane transport. Horses can't stand in a normal position or maintain their balance in double-decker trailers. Experts with the U.S. Department of Agriculture acknowledge that the use of double-decker trailers—which were designed for shorter species such as cows, sheep, and pigs—causes equines to “frequently sustain injuries from being forced up or down steep inclines.”

Final Status: Failed in the House Judiciary Committee by a vote of 11 to 8 (12 votes are needed to pass).

9. Bear Hunt Moratorium—HB 1609

Sponsored by Del. Richard S. Madeleno (D-18)

This bill would have created a five-year moratorium on bear hunting in the state.

Final Status: Died; never brought to a vote.

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A bill to reduce penalties for cruelty to police animals didn't make it out of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

10. Reduced Penalties for Cruelty to a Police Animal—SB 391

Sponsored by Sen. Alexander X. Mooney (R-3)

This bill would have repealed an element of the felony-level animal cruelty law passed in 2001 that made Maryland one of 41 states to recognize the link between animal cruelty and violence toward people. This legislation would have downgraded penalties for cruelty to police animals from a felony to a misdemeanor at a time when many states are increasing penalties for such crimes and enacting laws to provide for restitution when police animals are killed.

Final Status: Failed in the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

11. Minimum Crate Size for Confined Animals—SB 470

Sponsored by Sen. Sharon Grosfeld (D-18)

This bill would have required producers using intensive confinement farming systems to give pregnant pigs at least enough room to turn around. A handful of hog producers in Maryland keep their breeding stock of female pigs confined to two-foot-wide metal crates—commonly called gestation crates—for up to 80 percent of their lives. They're confined during each pregnancy—almost four months—then reim-

pregnated and confined again. This cycle can go on for up to five years.

Such intensive confinement practices cause prolonged animal suffering and result in tremendous air and water pollution. For the handful of Maryland farms that use gestation crates, a 10-year phase-out was included in the bill.

Final Status: Failed in the Senate EHEA Committee.

12. Ferret Protection Act—HB 620

Sponsored by Del. John W. Cluster Jr. (R-8) (for a full list of cosponsors, visit <http://mlis.state.md.us/2005rs/billfile/hb0620.htm>)

This bill would have prohibited the sale of ferrets under the age of eight weeks.

Final Status: Died; never brought to a vote.

13. Cruelty to Animals—Increase in Penalties—HB 1330

Sponsored by Del. Norman Conway (D-38)

This bill would have increased penalties for animal cruelty—in cases where the animal died as a result of injuries—from a maximum of three years and \$5,000 to five years and \$10,000.

Final Status: Passed the House Judiciary Committee and the full House but died in the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee when Chair Brian Frosh (D-16) failed to bring it up for a vote.

14. Animal Cruelty Law—Infliction of Unnecessary Pain—HB 1415

Sponsored by Dels. Murray Levy (D-28), Sally Jameson (D-28), and Daniel Mayer (R-28)

This bill would have effected a technical change to the misdemeanor animal cruelty law by clarifying that a person doesn't have to own, possess, or have custody or charge of an animal to be guilty of the crime of inflicting unnecessary suffering or pain on an animal.

Final Status: Passed the House Judiciary Committee and the full House but died in the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee with no vote taken.

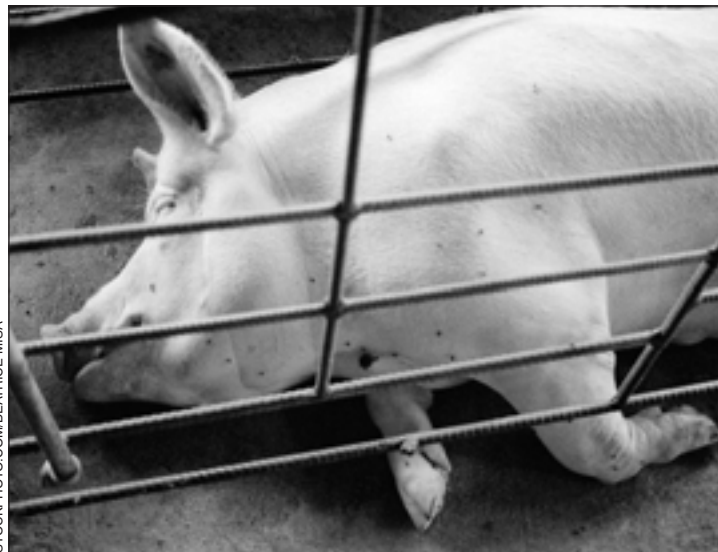
15. Protection of Wildlands—Crabtree Creek—HB 1244

Sponsored by Del. Karen Montgomery (D-14) (for a full list of cosponsors, visit <http://mlis.state.md.us/2005rs/billfile/hb1244.htm>)

This bill would have designated the Crabtree Creek forest as a "wildland"—forever protected from logging, motorized vehicles, and construction of new roads or buildings. Recreational activities such as hiking, canoeing, kayaking, hunting, and rafting are permitted in designated wildlands.

Final Status: Held in the Senate and not voted on. Passed the House Environmental Matters Committee, the full House, the Senate EHEA Committee, and the full Senate; the House concurred but sent the bill back to the Senate, where it was held.

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Modeled after Florida's successful anticruelty initiative of 2002, S.B. 470 would have given pregnant sows confined in two-foot-wide "gestation" crates at least enough room to turn around, but it failed in the Senate EHEA Committee.

Quick Reference

The Legislative, Committee, and Bill Process in Maryland*

IDEAS FOR BILLS (PROPOSED LAWS) COME FROM MANY sources: the governor, government agencies, legislative committees, study commissions, special interest groups, lobbyists, professional associations, and—most importantly—constituents. The bill process is as follows: a constituent or coalition of organizations and individuals will contact a legislator with an idea. If the legislator likes the idea, he or she may request that it be drafted to meet constitutional standards and translated into appropriate “language” as a bill. The legislator, now called the “sponsor” of the bill, “drops” the bill (meaning that it is officially proposed) and it is assigned a number. The bill is assigned to a legislative committee that specializes in related subject matter. This committee will have a public hearing on it, presenting an opportunity for the sponsor and anyone who has interest in the legislation to come forward and voice support or opposition. The committee then considers the bill, often amending it by adding new language or removing portions of it. The final committee vote may be favorable (with or without amendment), unfavorable, or without recommendation. If voted out of committee (passed), the bill returns to the floor accompanied by a report of committee action. The leadership of the chamber the bill is in decides whether or not to bring it up for a vote. The bill can be altered on the floor, as well. If the entire House passes a bill, it will cross over to the Senate for consideration by the appropriate committee and

then by the full Senate. In each chamber the bill will be voted on three times (once in committee and twice on the floor). It can be altered at any time up until the third reading, when the vote is pass or fail. The bill must receive a majority vote of the elected membership to pass.

If amended in the second chamber, the bill is returned to the chamber of origin for consideration of the amendments. If the amendments are agreed to, the bill is voted on as amended and action is complete. The bill is reprinted, or “enrolled,” to include the amendments before being submitted to the governor. If the amendments are rejected, the amending chamber may be asked to withdraw its amendments. If it refuses, either chamber may request that a conference committee be appointed to resolve the differences between the two chambers. If both chambers agree on the amended version or have passed identical legislation, the bill goes to the governor for signature into law or veto. If vetoed, the legislature can take up the vetoed bill among its first order of business the next time it meets, either in a special session or at the start of the next session. A vetoed bill requires a vote passed by three-fifths of the legislature to become law. Vetoed bills are not taken up in a new general assembly, which immediately follows an election.

*Adapted from www.mdarchives.state.md.us/msa/mdmanual/07leg/html/proc.html

Scoring Explanation

THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF CHARTS in this document: one with committee votes and another that lists how each legislator voted when animal protection bills were considered by the full floor of the Senate and House.

Final scores on the committee charts are listed as fractions. Final scores for votes in the full Senate and House were calculated as follows:

Full Floor Vote Scoring

Senate: Because few bills advanced to the floor, committee votes are included in the final score in the Senate chart.

Pro-animal floor vote: +50 points

Anti-animal committee vote: -10 points

Perfect committee score: +20 points

Sponsored pro-animal bill:

+10 bonus points

Cosponsored pro-animal bill:

+5 bonus points

Sponsored anti-animal bill: -10 points

Cosponsored anti-animal bill: -5 points

House of Delegates: Note that committee scores are not included in delegates’ final scores. They appear as fractions for reference only and should be considered, along with the numerical score, when evaluating a legislator’s performance.

Pro-animal floor vote: +20 points

Sponsored pro-animal bill:

+10 bonus points

Cosponsored pro-animal bill:

+5 bonus points

Sponsored anti-animal bill:

-10 points

Cosponsored anti-animal bill:

-5 points

100 points is a perfect score. Legislators who earned extra credit for sponsoring or cosponsoring animal bills received a + after their total scores. Final scores for members with one excused absence were calculated by increasing the points awarded on other actions.

Key for Terms and Symbols

Sponsor

The legislator who takes the initial interest in the issue, requests that it be drafted and introduced as legislation, and provides leadership for the bill

Cosponsor

A legislator who signs his or her name to a bill after the sponsor has drafted it, lending official support and real commitment to the legislation

Symbols

- ✓ A vote for the animals
- x A vote against the animals
- ◇ Excused absence from the vote
- ▼ Present but chose not to register a vote
- Publicly spoke against animal protection bills
- * Publicly spoke in support of animal protection bills
- + Extra credit for sponsoring or cosponsoring pro-animal bills
- N/A Members who were excused from voting on two or more bills didn’t receive a final score

Committee Votes

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

The Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee considers legislation on a variety of topics, including the commercial code, criminal and civil laws, penalties and procedures, ethics, juvenile justice, landlord and tenant laws, legal rights and immunities, public safety, real property, and vehicle laws.

Committee Members	S.B. 347 Injury to Pet	S.B. 391 Lowers Cruelty Penalties	Score
Brian E. Frosh (D-16) Chair	✓	✓	2/2
Leo E. Green (D-23) Vice Chair	✓	✓	2/2
Jennie M. Forehand (D-17)	✓	✓	2/2
Robert J. Garagiola (D-15)	✓	✓	2/2
John A. Giannetti Jr. (D-21)	✓	✓	2/2
Larry E. Haines (R-5)	✓	✓	2/2
Ralph M. Hughes (D-40)	✓	✓	2/2
Nancy Jacobs (R-34)	✓	✓	2/2
Philip C. Jimeno (D-31)	✓	✓	2/2
Alexander X. Mooney (R-3)	✗	Sponsor ✗	0/2
Norman Stone (D-6)	Sponsor	✓	2/2

Senate Committee on Education, Health and Environmental Affairs

The Senate Committee on Education, Health and Environmental Affairs considers bills on wildlife and animals in agricultural operations.

Committee Members	H.B. 128 Sunday Hunting	S.B. 470 Minimum Crate Size	H.B. 1086 Hunting Heritage Protection Act	Score
Paula C. Hollinger (D-11) Chair	✗	▼	✗	0/3
Joan Carter Conway (D-43) Vice Chair	✗	▼	✓	1/3
Gwendolyn Britt (D-47)	✗	✓	✓	2/3
Jim Brochin (D-42)	✗	✓	✓	2/3
Richard Colburn (R-37)	✗	✗	✗	0/3
Roy Dyson (D-29)	✗	✗	✗	0/3
Janet Greenip (R-33)	✗	✗	✗	0/3
Sharon Grosfeld (D-18)	✓	Sponsor	✓	3/3
Andrew P. Harris (R-7)	✗	✗	✗	0/0
Allen Kittleman (R-9)	✗	✗	✗	0/0
Paul G. Pinsky (D-22)	✗	✓	✓	2/3

Howard County Delegation

House and Senate members representing Howard County.

Committee Members	H.B. 258 Leghold Traps
Sen. Edward Kasemeyer	✓
Del. Neil Quinter	✓
Del. Gail Bates	✗
Del. Elizabeth Bobo	✓
Del. Steven DeBoy Sr.	✓
Sen. Allan Kittleman	✗
Del. James Malone Jr.	✓
Del. Warren Miller	✗
Del. Shane Pendergrass	✓
Sen. Sandra Schrader	✓
Del. Frank Turner	✓

House Environmental Matters Committee

The House Environmental Matters Committee considers bills on wildlife and animals in agricultural operations.

Committee Members

Committee Members	H.B. 258 Howard County Leghold Traps	H.B. 372 Restrict Leghold Traps	H.B. 371 Reclassify Bears as Non-Game	H.B. 128 Sunday Hunting	H.B. 1086 Hunting Heritage Protection Act	Score
Maggie McIntosh (D-43) Chair	Doesn't ordinarily register a committee vote					
James Malone Jr. (D-12A) Vice Chair	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	3/5
John Arnick (D-6)	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	1/5
Kumar Barve (D-17)	✓	❖	✓	✗	✗	2/4
Elizabeth Bobo (D-12B)	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	3/5
William Bronrott (D-16)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	4/5
Rudolph Cane (D-37A)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0/5
Virginia Clagett (D-30)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	4/5
John Cluster Jr. (R-8)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0/5
Barbara Frush (D-21)	✓	Sponsor	✓	✓	✗	4/5
Tony Fulton (D-40) <i>Retired</i>	✓	❖	❖	✗	❖	1/2
Barry Glassman (R-35A)	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	1/5
Patrick Hogan (R-3A)	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	1/5
Marvin Holmes (D-23B)	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	3/5
J. B. Jennings (R-7)	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	1/5
Tony McConkey (R-33A)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0/5
Karen Montgomery (D-14)	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	3/5
Rosetta C. Parker (D-47)	✓	✓	✗	✗	❖	2/4
Richard Sossi (R-36)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0/5
Joan Stern (D-39)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	4/5
Paul Stull (R-4A)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0/5
Michael Weir Jr. (D-6)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0/5

House Judiciary Committee

The House Judiciary Committee considers bills that involve criminal prosecution or that are under the criminal code.

Committee Members

Committee Members	H.B. 721 Horse Transport
Joseph Vallario (D-27A) Chair	
Sandy Rosenberg (D-41) Vice Chair	✗
Anthony Brown (D-25)	❖
Curt Anderson (D-43)	✗
Jill Carter (D-41)	✓
Kathleen Dumais (D-15)	✓
Don Dwyer (R-31)	✓
Ana Sol Gutierrez (D-18)	✗
Darryl Kelley (D-26)	✗
Kevin Kelly (D-1B)	✓
Susan Lee (D-16)	✗
W. Daniel Mayer (R-28)	✓
Susan McComas (R-35B)	✓
Herb McMillan (R-30)	✓
Pauline Menes (D-21)	✗
Carol Petzold (D-19)	✗
Neil Quinter (D-13)	❖
Christopher Shank (R-2B)	✓
Tanya Shewell (R-5A)	✓
Michael Smigiel Sr. (R-36)	Cosponsor
Luiz Simmons (D-17)	✗
Theodore Sophocleus (D-32)	❖
Robert Zirkin (D-114)	✓

Votes in the Maryland Senate

Senators	H.B. 941 Injury to Pet—Floor Vote	S.B. 470 Minimum Crate Size— Sponsor & Cosponsor	H.B. 1086 Hunting Heritage Protection Act—Floor Vote	S.B. 296 Exotic Pets— Sponsor & Cosponsor	Committee Score	Total
Mike Miller <i>President</i>	✓		✗			50
John Astle (D-30)	✓		✗-			50-
David Brinkley (R-24)	✓		✗			50
Gwendolyn Britt (D-47)	✓	Cosponsor	✓	Cosponsor	2/3	100
Jim Brochin (D-42)	✓		✓		2/3	90
Richard Colburn (R-37)	✓		✗-		0/2	30-
Joan Carter Conway (D-43)	✓		✓		1/3	80
Ulysses Currie (D-25)	✓		✗			50
James DeGrange Sr. (D-32)	✓		✗			50
George Della Jr. (D-46)	✓		✓			100
Roy Dyson (D-29)	✓		✗		0/3	20
Nathaniel Exum (D-24)	✓		▼			50
Jennie Forehand (D-17)	✓		✗		2/2	70
Brian Frosh (D-16)	✓		✓*		2/2	100**
Rob Garagiola (D-15)	✓		✗	Cosponsor	2/2	75
John Giannetti Jr. (D-21)	✓		✗	Cosponsor	2/2	75
Lisa Gladden (D-41)	✓		✓			100
Leo Green (D-23)	✓		✓		2/2	100
Janet Greenip (R-33)	✗		✗		0/3	-30
Sharon Grosfeld (D-18)	✓	Sponsor	✓*	Cosponsor	3/3	100**
John Hafer (R-1)	✓		✗			50
Larry Haines (R-5)	✓		✗		2/2	70
Andrew P. Harris (R-7)	✓		✗		0/3	20
Patrick Hogan (R-39)	✓		✗			50
Paula C. Hollinger (D-11)	✓		✓		0/3	70
J. Robert Hooper (R-35)	✓		✗			50
Ralph Hughes (D-40)	✓		✗		2/2	70
Nancy Jacobs (R-34)	✓		✗		2/2	70
Philip Jimeno (D-31)	✓		✗		2/2	70
Verna Jones (D-44)	✓	Cosponsor	✓			100+
Edward Kasemeyer (D-12)	✓		✓		1/1	100+
Delores Kelley (D-10)	✗		✓			50
Robert Kittleman (R-9)	✗		✗		0/2	-20
Katherine Klausmeier (D-8)	✓		✗			50
Rona Kramer (D-14)	✓		✗			50
Gloria Lawlah (D-26)	✓		✗			50
Nathaniel McFadden (D-45)	✓		✗			50
Thomas Middleton (D-28)	✓		✗			50
Alexander Mooney (R-3)	✓		✗		0/2	20
Donald Munson (R-2)	✓		✗			50
Paul Pinsky (D-22)	✓	Cosponsor	✓	Cosponsor	2/3	100
E. J. Pipkin (R-36)	✓		✗			50
Ida Ruben (D-20)	✓		✓*			100*
Sandra B. Schrader (R-13)	✓		✓		1/1	100+
J. Lowell Stoltzfus (R-38)	✓		✗			50
Norman R. Stone Jr. (D-6)	Sponsor	Cosponsor	✗	Sponsor	2/2	95
Leonard Teitelbaum (D-19)	✓		✓			100

Votes in the Maryland House of Delegates

Delegates	H.B. 128 Sunday Hunting— Floor Vote	H.B. 258 Howard County Leghold Traps—Floor Vote	H.B. 941 Injury to Pet—Floor Vote	H.B. 1086 Hunting Heritage Protection Act—Floor Vote	H.B. 1330 Animal Cruelty Penalties— Floor Vote	H.B. 339 Exotic Pets— Sponsor & Cosponsor	H.B. 371 Reclassify Beavers as Non- Game—Sponsor & Cosponsor	H.B. 372 Restrict Leghold Traps— Sponsor & Cosponsor	Total	Committee Score
Michael Busch (D-30)	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓				60	
Curt Anderson (D-43)	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓				60	0/1
John Arnick (D-6)	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗				40	1/5
Susan L. Aumann (R-42)	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓				40	
Charles Barkley (D-39)	✓	✓	✓	✓*	✓	Cosponsor	Cosponsor	Cosponsor	100**	
Joseph Bartlett (R-4A)	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓				40	
Kumar Barve (D-17)	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	Cosponsor	Cosponsor	Cosponsor	95	2/4
Gail Bates (R-9A)	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓				40	0/1
Joanne Benson (D-24)	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓				80	
Elizabeth Bobo (D-12B)	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	Cosponsor		Cosponsor	90	4/6
John Bohanan Jr. (D-29B)	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓				60	
David Boschert (R-33A)	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	Cosponsor			65	
Joseph C. Boteler (R-8)	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓				45	
Charles Boutin (R-34A)	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓				40	
K. Bennett Bozman (D-38B)	✗	✓	✓	✗	Cosponsor				60	
Talmadge Branch (D-45)	▼	✓	✓	✗	✓				60	
Eric Bromwell (D-8)	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓				40	
William Bronrott (D-16)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Cosponsor	Cosponsor	Cosponsor	100+	4/5
Anthony Brown (D-25)	✦	✦	✦	✦	✦	✦			✦	✦
Emmett Burns Jr. (D-10)	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓				80	
Joan Cadden (D-31)	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓				60	
Rudolph Cane (D-37A)	✗	✓	✓	Cosponsor ✗	Cosponsor	Cosponsor			65	0/5
Jon S. Cardin (D-11)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Sponsor		100+	
Jill Carter (D-41)	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓				60	1/1
Galen Claggett (D-3)	✗	✦	✓	✗	✓				50	
Virginia Claggett (D-30)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				100	4/5
John W. Cluster Jr. (R-8)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓				20	0/5
Mary Conroy (D-23A)	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	Cosponsor	Cosponsor	Cosponsor	95	
Norman Conway (D-38)	✗	✓	✓	✗	Sponsor				70	
Bob Costa (R-33B)	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓				60	
Jean Cryor (R-15)	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	Cosponsor	Cosponsor	Cosponsor	95	
Clarence Davis (D-45)	✦	✦	✓	✦	✗				N/A	
Dereck Davis (D-25)	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓				60	
Steven J. DeBoy Sr. (D-12A)	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓				60	1/1
John Donoghue (D-2C)	✗	✓	✓	✗	Cosponsor				65	
Ann Marie Doory (D-43)	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓				80	
Kathleen Dumais (D-15)	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	Cosponsor	Cosponsor	Cosponsor	95	1/1
Don Dwyer (R-31)	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓				60	1/1
Adelaide Eckardt (R-37B)	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓				40	
George Edwards (R-1A)	✦	✦	✓	✗	✓				N/A	
Donald Elliot (R-4B)	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓				40	
D. Page Elmore (R-38A)	✗	✗	✓	Cosponsor ✗	Cosponsor				35	
Brian Feldman (D-15)	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	Cosponsor	Cosponsor	Cosponsor	95	
Peter Franchot (D-20)	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓				80	
William Frank (R-42)	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓				40	
Barbara Frush (D-21)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Cosponsor	Sponsor	Sponsor	100+	4/5
Tony Fulton (D-40) <i>Retired</i>	✗	✓	✦	✦	✦				N/A	1/2

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Tawanna Gaines (D-22A)	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓				80	
Terry Gilleland Jr. (R-32)	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓				60	
Barry Glassman (R-35A)	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓				60	1/5
Marilyn Goldwater (D-16)	✗	✓	❖	✓	❖	Cosponsor	Cosponsor		N/A	
Marshall T. Goodwin (D-40)	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓				60	
Michael R. Gordon (D-17)	▼	✓	✓	✓	✓				80	
Melony Griffith (D-25)	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓				60	
Ana Sol Gutierrez (D-18)	✗	✓	✓	▼	✓				60	0/1
Peter Hammen (D-46)	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓				60	
Hattie Harrison (D-45)	✗	✓	❖	✗	❖				N/A	
Keith E. Haynes (D-44)	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓				60	
Anne Healey (D-22)	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	Cosponsor			85	
Henry Heller (D-19)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				100	
Sheila Ellis Hixson (D-20)	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓				80	
Patrick Hogan (R-3A)	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	Cosponsor			65	1/5
Marvin Holmes (D-23B)	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	Cosponsor			85	3/5
Carolyn Howard (D-24)	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓				80	
James Hubbard (D-23A)	✓	✓	❖	✓*	✓	Cosponsor	Cosponsor	Cosponsor	100*	
John Hurson (D-18)	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓				60	
Rick Impallaria (R-7)	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓				40	
Mary-Dulany James (D-34A)	▼	✓	✓	✗	✓				60	
Sally Jameson (D-28)	✗	✓	✓	❖	✓				80	
J. B. Jennings (R-7)	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓				40	1/5
Adrienne Jones (D-10)	✗	✓	✓	▼	✓				60	
A. Wade Kach (R-5B)	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	Cosponsor			85	
Ann Kaiser (D-14)	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓		Cosponsor		85	
Darryl A. Kelley (D-26)	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓				80	0/1
Kevin Kelly (D-1B)	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓				80	1/1
Nancy King (D-39)	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	Cosponsor	Cosponsor	Cosponsor	75	
Ruth Kirk (D-44)	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓				60	
Susan Krebs (R-9B)	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓				40	
Carolyn Krysiak (D-46)	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓				60	
Sue Kullen (D-27B)	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓				40	
Susan Lee (D-16)	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	Cosponsor	Cosponsor	Cosponsor	95	
John Leopold (R-31)	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓				60	
Murray Levy (D-28)	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓				60	
Mary Ann Love (D-32)	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	Cosponsor			65	
Richard S. Madaleno (D-18)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Cosponsor	Cosponsor	100+	
James Malone Jr. (D-12A)	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓				60	4/6
Adrienne Mandel (D-19)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Cosponsor	Cosponsor	Cosponsor	100+	
Salima Siler Marriott (D-40)	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓				80	
Daniel Mayer (R-28)	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓				60	
Susan McComas (R-35B)	✓	✓	Sponsor	✗	✓	Cosponsor			95	
Tony McConkey (R-33A)	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓				40	
Pat McDonough (R-7)	✗	✗	❖	✗	❖				N/A	
Brian McHale (D-46)	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓				60	
Maggie McIntosh (D-43)	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓				60	

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Robert McKee (R-2A)	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓				40	
Herb McMillan (R-30)	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓				60	1/1
Pauline Menes (D-21)	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	Sponsor	Cosponsor	Cosponsor	100	0/1
Warren E. Miller (R-9A)	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓				40	0/1
“Sonny” Minnick (D-6)	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓				40	
Brian Moe (D-21)	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓		Cosponsor	Cosponsor	90	
Karen Montgomery (D-14)	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	Cosponsor	Cosponsor	Cosponsor	95	3/5
Dan Morhaim (D-11)	✓	✓	✓	✓*	✓				100*	
Gareth Murray (D-20)	✗	✓	✓	▼	▼				40	
LeRoy E. Myers Jr. (R-1C)	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓				60	
Shirley Nathan-Pulliam (D-10)	✓	✓	✓	▼	✓	Cosponsor		Cosponsor	90	
Doyle Niemann (D-47)	✗	✓	▼	✗	✓				40	
Nathaniel Oaks (D-41)	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗				60	
Anthony O'Donnell (R-29C)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗				0	
Jeffery Paige (D-44)	✓	✓	❖	✓	✓				100	
Rosetta C. Parker (D-47)	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	Cosponsor	Cosponsor	Cosponsor	75	2/4
Joanne Parrott (R-35A)	✗	✗	▼	✗	✓				20	
Obie Patterson (D-26)	✗	✓	✓	▼	✓				60	
Shane Pendergrass (D-13)	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓				80	1/1
Carol Petzold (D-19)	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	Cosponsor			85	0/1
James Proctor Jr. (D-27A)	❖	❖	❖	❖	❖				N/A	
Neil Quinter (D-13)	✗	Sponsor	▼	✓	✓			Cosponsor	75	2/3
Victor Ramirez (D-47)	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓				60	
Samuel Rosenberg (D-41)	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓				80	0/1
Justin Ross (D-22)	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	Cosponsor	Cosponsor	Cosponsor	75	
David Rudolph (D-34B)	✗	✓	✓	✗	Cosponsor				65	
Christopher Shank (R-2B)	✗	▼	✓	✗	✓				40	1/1
Luiz Simmons (D-17)	▼	✓	✓	✗	✓				60	0/1
Michael D. Smigiel (R-36)	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓				40	1/1
Theodore Sophocleus (D-32)	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓			Cosponsor	65	0/1
Richard Sossi (R-36)	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓				60	0/5
Joan Stern (D-39)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Cosponsor	Cosponsor	Cosponsor	100+	4/5
Nancy R. Stocksdales (R-5)	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓				40	
Paul Stull (R-4A)	✗	✗	✓	Cosponsor ✗	✓				35	0/5
Herman Taylor (D-14)	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓				80	
John G. Trueschler (R-42)	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓				40	
Frank Turner (D-13)	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓		Cosponsor	Cosponsor	90	1/1
Veronica Turner (D-26)	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓				80	
Joseph Vallario Jr. (D-27A)	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓				60	
Michael Vaughn (D-24)	❖	❖	✓	✓	✓				N/A	
Mary Roe Walkup (R-36)	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓				60	
Michael Weir Jr. (D-6)	✗	✗	✓	Sponsor ✗	✓				30	0/5
Richard Weldon Jr. (R-3B)	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	Cosponsor			45	
John Wood Jr. (D-29A)	▼	✗	✓	✗	✓				40	
Robert Zirkin (D-11)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Cosponsor		100+	1/1

What You Can Do

On these and other issues, the powerful influence of business and big money can overwhelm the interests of concerned citizens. So we must combine our efforts and amplify our voices to be sure legislators hear our message. With so many issues to consider over the session, we must make sure that the animals don't get lost in the fray. Fortunately, Maryland legislators are easily accessible and must answer directly to the people! We can't succeed in making real and positive change for animals without your active participation and that of thousands of Marylanders like you.

We hope you'll study this scorecard and use it as a tool to ensure that your legislators represent your interests in Annapolis. Let legislators know that you're watching and you appreciate their support of pro-animal legislation. If they haven't done enough, let them know you'd like to see them do more. Make phone calls, write letters, and visit them whenever you can. A short letter from you may change how they vote on a bill. The HSUS acknowledges the inherent limitations of judging a legislator on the basis of a few select

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votes and cosponsorships. While many factors of public service are important, the votes recorded in this scorecard will have a tangible effect on animals. We hope you'll raise these issues in your dialogue with your legislators. Your efforts in bringing them to your legislators' attention may greatly improve their scores—and the lives of animals—in the future.

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