



VOTE FOR THE ANIMALS

With one week remaining before Election Day, Nov. 3, CVA wants to remind supporters of the importance of this election. Not only is this a vote for the presidential office, but also for every seat in the CT General Assembly. Those winners will have a profound impact on laws governing the treatment of animals in Connecticut.

This year, voting is easier than ever. Here are a few useful links from the CT Secretary of the State's website:

- [Register online or in person by Oct. 27.](#)
- [Request an absentee ballot.](#)
- [Check on receipt of your mail-in ballot.](#)

Remember, all absentee ballots are due by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. Because Nov. 3 is drawing near, consider dropping off your absentee ballot in the official CT voter drop boxes in your town.



HOW THEY VOTED*



The most powerful expression of support or disagreement with legislators is with your vote on Election Day. We have selected votes on a couple of key CVA bills during the 2019 session to highlight those state senators and representatives who, through their votes, demonstrated that animals are a priority. We believe they deserve your support this election year.

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Save the Bears & Wildlife. Kill the Bill.

Animals don't vote. People do. Tell your State Senator & Representative to vote NO on SB 586! Their lives depend on it.



Vote **NO**
on **Senate**
Bill 586

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Nuisance Wildlife & Bear Hunting

SB 586. CVA strongly opposed this bill – introduced by Senators Eric Berthel R-32), Henri Martin (R31), and Craig Miner (R-30), and Representative David Wilson (R-66) – as it would greatly expand the definition and terms under which animals could be considered a nuisance and killed.

[See How They Voted](#)

Stop the retail sale of cruelly bred puppy mill dogs, cats and rabbits in CT pet stores



Please co-sponsor the Allie-Brennan/Doucette Amendment to HB 5386

Pet Shops and Puppy Mills: HB 5386, introduced by Representatives Raghieb Allie Brennan (D-2) and Jason Doucette (D-13)) would stop the sale of inhumanely bred cats, dogs and rabbits in CT pet shops. There was no vote on the bill, but we were able to gain support and lay the groundwork for future action. A special thanks to those lawmakers at the forefront of efforts in support of this bill.

[See Supportive Lawmakers](#)

In 2019, CVA awarded its second annual Animal Champion award to State Representative David Michel (D-146) and State Representative Fred Camillo (R-retired). The award is presented for their outstanding contribution in championing the humane treatment of animals and creating better laws to protect the lives of Connecticut's animals.

Pet Leasing

SB 594 puts an end to the predatory lending practice of leasing dogs and cats. A special thanks to Senator Len Fasano (R-34) for introducing and shepherding this bill which passed overwhelmingly by both the Senate and the House. CVA believes this is a fitting legacy for the Senator's final term in the CT General Assembly.



The bill passed the Senate overwhelmingly with only four Senators voting against it: Miner, Berthel, Sampson and Champagne. Unfortunately it was never raised in the House, but Senator Duff deserves credit for



reintroducing it again in 2020. Our guess is he will again until it passes!

Big Five African Trophies Act: SB 20, introduced by Senator Bob Duff, would ban the importation, possession, sale, or transportation of the trophies of African giraffes, leopards, lions, elephants, black and white rhinos, and their body parts throughout Connecticut.

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