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## **SPEAK UP FOR ANIMALS**

*CVA envisions a future where all animals live in peace under the protection of strong laws.*

### **Winter 2021 Newsletter**



## **Bears, Circus Animals, and 'Outside Dogs' on CVA's 2022 Legislative Agenda**

CVA has its priorities in order and its “advocacy voice” ready for the 2022 General Assembly session beginning in February. During the four-month “short” session, bills are restricted to only those introduced by a committee, which limits the number of bills debated. CVA is pleased to report that its priority issues are supported by the bi-partisan Legislative Animal Advocacy Caucus.

[See Agenda](#)

## **Joining Forces to Protect CT Bears**



A number of prominent animal and environmental advocacy groups have joined together to form the Connecticut Coalition to Protect Bears. CVA, the Humane Society of the United States - CT, the CT League of Conservation Voters, Friends of Animals, and the CT Wildlife Rehabilitators Association created the coalition because of misleading information circulating about black bears in the state, including that they need to be managed with a bear hunt.

Through educational outreach and legislative advocacy, the coalition will promote proven non-lethal strategies that allow people and CT's native black bears to co-exist peacefully. You can watch the group's first webinar, "[Becoming Bear Aware](#)" on CVA's website.

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## Year-End Giving: Double Your Gift!

CVA is pleased to announce that an anonymous donor is generously matching each gift up to \$20,000 until December 31, so if you act now your contribution will have twice the impact!

Each donation allows us to educate lawmakers about animal abuse, protect CT's black bears from being hunted, push for a ban on using exotic and wild animals in circuses and traveling shows, and demand that dogs captured in dogfighting cases get a decent chance for rehabilitation. These are just some of the issues advocated by our dedicated team of supporters.

Your support means so much to CVA; we can't do it without you. It's easy – just [click here](#) or send a check if you prefer. Either way, be assured that your gift is making a difference for CT animals.

Please give as generously as you can during this year-end appeal and help us make CT a better place for animals.

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## Holiday Gifts That Give to CVA

If you like this photograph, it can be yours – along with many other beautiful wildlife photos by noted CT animal photographer Britt Bosse. She has a new CT wildlife photography series “Surprisingly Wild” and is generously donating 10% of sales to CVA!

Consider a purchase for yourself or as a distinctive holiday gift. You can see Britt's stunning photographs at [BrittBosse.com](http://BrittBosse.com).

**CVA Recognized by Protectors of Animals**



“Honoring the Helpers” is the theme of the 2022 calendar produced by Protectors of Animals (POA), a CT no-kill animal shelter and rescue formed in 1975. CVA is among the 12 groups or individuals honored with a narrative and photo in the inspirational calendar.

POA’s statement reads: “Whether it’s feeding feral cat colonies, creating safe places for our pets to gather and be social, helping to find lost pets, championing animal rights, or offering hearts and homes to foster pets in need, we have a network of helpers that are empathetic, compassionate, and tenacious in their devotion to helping local animals...Thanks for all you do.”

You can purchase the inspirational calendar on [POA’s website](#).



## Vegan Holiday Recipe: Cauliflower Steaks

If you're looking for something a little different for your holiday table this year, check out this tasty roasted cauliflower dish. A sprinkle of green herbs and red pomegranate seeds adds to the festive look!

Don't forget to share your favorite vegan recipe. Email us at [info@ctvotesforanimals.org](mailto:info@ctvotesforanimals.org).

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