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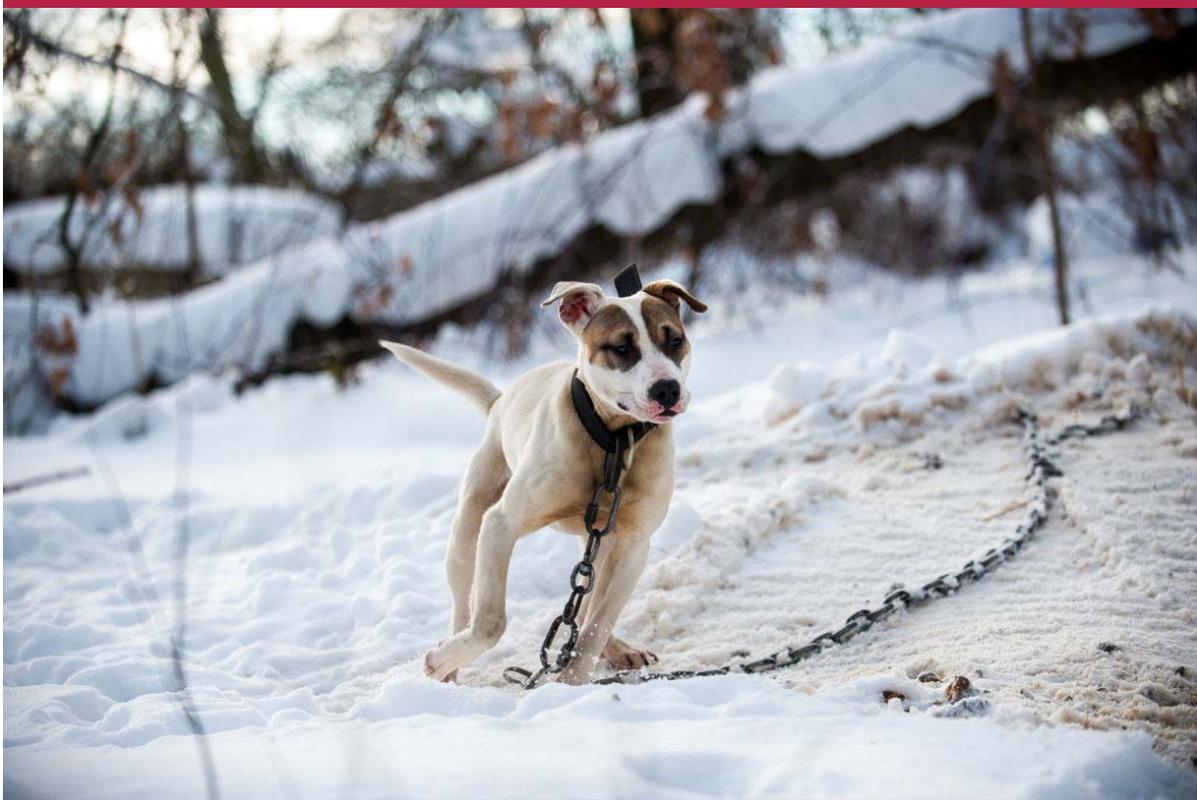
*CVA envisions a future where all animals live in peace
under the protection of strong laws.*

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What's in Store at the Capitol in 2022?

The 2022 session of the Connecticut General Assembly is off to a virtual start with lawmakers meeting remotely again for at least the first month. During this four-month “short” session, bills are restricted to only those introduced by a committee, which limits the number of bills debated. CVA's legislative priorities are also supported by the bi-partisan Legislative Animal Advocacy Caucus.

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Putting More 'Teeth' Into Extreme Weather Protections for Dogs

Harsh weather conditions like the frigid temperatures we've seen in CT this winter cause tremendous suffering and even death for many dogs left outside without shelter. The State's cruelty and tethering law offers some protections but they are unclear and don't offer enough guidance for action. CVA is advocating this session for additional safeguards and greater clarification of the statute so animal control officers (ACOs) have more tools to intervene – before it's too late.

Bi-partisan legislation sponsored by Reps. Laura Devlin (R-134) and Jennifer Leeper (D-132) would bring CT's protective sheltering requirements in line with many other states. Bill number HB 5170 is based on 2018 legislation that overwhelming passed the House but never made it to the Senate. The interest to bring it back this year stems from an incident in Fairfield that underscored the need for greater protections for dogs and clearer direction for ACOs. CVA's Executive Director Jo-Anne Basile has been working with the representatives to fine tune the 2018 bill.



Rep. Laura Devlin
R-134



Rep. Jenn Leeper
D-132

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Enlightening the Next Generation About CT's Black Bears

Have you ever had an experience with bears? What are your thoughts on CT's current bear hunting laws? In what way do you think we can improve the law? Those are a few of the questions posed by eighth-grade students at the Cornwall Consolidated School District during a video conference about black bears in CT.



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Vegan Mac & Cheese? You Bet!

When you're craving comfort food, but traditional macaroni and cheese is off limits, try whipping up this version from Esther's Kitchen, associated with the Happily Ever After Esther Farm Sanctuary.

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