



Petting zoos in WI

WI legislature's failure to pass
an Exotics Animal Bill

League of Humane Voters®-Wisconsin Chapter's

HUMANE SCORECARD

2015-2016

Wisconsin Legislative Session



2015-2016 Humane Scorecard Executive Summary



This year saw a total of 12 Bills, Motions and/or Resolutions affecting animals in Wisconsin.

The twelve items introduced this year can be defined as Bills or Motions affecting EXOTIC ANIMALS, FARM ANIMALS, DOMESTIC ANIMALS, AND WILDLIFE.

This humane scorecard is a snapshot of actions taken by legislators. It is impossible to reflect all the nuances involved in moving every piece of legislation thru the bill process and this scorecard reflects our best effort at transparency given the legislative website information.

For example, In Wisconsin a vast majority of the floor votes are “voice votes” with no records of who voted “Yea”, or “Nay”. BUT, if a legislator wants to go on record they can verbally request that (See Hesselbein & Shankland on AB 433). The majority party can request a roll call vote, if they wish, but this is seldom done.

The legislators’ scores (%) were weighted based on their commitment to each animal protection bill in the form of authorship, sponsorship, committee and floor votes. Their votes for anti-animal legislation were also weighted in negatively as well. Every state legislator has the opportunity to sign on as a sponsor of a bill. The question to ask your legislator is: “Will you commit to co-sponsor animal-friendly legislation next session?”

The intent of this scorecard is to not only highlight legislators’ sponsorship of these bills, but most importantly to engage WI citizens in the legislative process. If you don’t know who your legislators are, link to www.legis.wi.gov

LOHVWI WISHES TO THANK THE FOLLOWING STATE LEGISLATORS WHO MAINTAINED A PRO-ANIMAL PROTECTION SCORE OF 50% OR GREATER IN THE 2016 LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS.

Representatives: Sinicki (Dist. 20); Spreitzer (Dist. 45); Ohnstad, (Dist. 65); Taylor (Dist. 76); Berceau (Dist. 77); Subeck (Dist. 78); Wachs (Dist. 91)

Senators: Carpenter (Dist. 3); Risser (Dist. 26)

What can you do with a Humane Scorecard?

The election year is upon us and this humane scorecard can be a powerful tool to use when approaching candidates during their campaigns. Incumbents are back home and should be available to meet their constituents and their staff is in the office year round to help w/ contacts as well. Challengers can be contacted thru their campaign websites.

- If incumbents score low they should risk losing your vote.
- Will the challenger commit to stronger support of animal protective bills than the incumbent?
- If your legislator sponsors pro-animal bills, thank them for their support and promise your vote.

The only way to protect animals is to elect candidates that will commit to sponsor pro-animal legislation.

ASSEMBLY/SENATE BILL DESCRIPTIONS

AB 308/SB 230



Forcible vehicle entry to remove animals - Under this bill, a person is immune from liability if he or she used force in order to remove from a vehicle a domestic animal or human that they believed was suffering or would suffer bodily harm.

Total authors, coauthors, cosponsors = 23

LOHV position = Support

Lobbying principals:

Opposed = Dog Federation of Wisconsin, Inc.

Support = Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, HSUS, Nat'l Assoc. of Social Workers-WI, WI Chiefs of Police Assoc., WIAAP, WI Childcare Administrators Assoc.

Outcome: **Wisconsin Act 103 on 11/11/2015**

AB 976/SB 728

Items containing ivory or rhinoceros horn - This bill prohibits, with certain exceptions, a person from selling, offering for sale, possessing with the intent to sell, distributing, purchasing, obtaining, or trading an item containing ivory or rhinoceros horn.

Total authors, coauthors, cosponsors = 10

LOHV position = Support

Lobbying principals: None

Outcome: **Died in Comm. on Natural Resources & Sporting Heritage**



Senate Joint Resolution 112

October 2016 as Animal Safety & Protection Month

Total authors, coauthors, cosponsors = 9

LOHV position = Support

Lobbying principals = None

Outcome: **Died in Committee on Senate Organization**

AB 333/SB 241

The possession of certain wild animals and providing a penalty - This bill prohibits the possession, propagation, and sale of dangerous exotic animals. Under the bill, dangerous exotic animals are nonnative big cats, nonnative bears, apes and crocodilians. An amendment was introduced which weakened the original bill.

Total authors, coauthors, cosponsors = 28

LOHV position = Support

Lobbying Principals:

Support - League of WI Municipalities, HSUS, Sierra Club-John Muir Chapter, WI Ass'n of Local Health Dept's & Bds., WI Public Health Assoc., WI Towns Assoc.

Opposed - WI Bear Hunters Association

Outcome: **Died waiting for floor vote**



ASSEMBLY/SENATE BILL DESCRIPTIONS (pg. 2)



AB 141/SB 97

Household pets in restraining orders and injunctions

Courts may order the protection/removal of household pets from the person subject to the restraining order.

Total authors, coauthors, cosponsors = 34

LOHV position = Support

Lobbying Principals:

Support - End Domestic Abuse WI, HSUS, Legal Action of WI Inc., Nat'l Assoc. of Social Workers-WI Chapter, WI Humane Society, WI Veterinary Medical Ass'n.

Opposed - None

Outcome: **Wisconsin Act 253 on 03/01/2016**

SB 450/AB 487

Animals involved in crimes against animals, unclaimed animals & court orders relating to custody

- A stray or abandoned animal may be treated as unclaimed in 4 days although local guidelines supersede and can hold up to 7 days. Payment & petition guidelines established for animals.

Total authors, coauthors, cosponsors = 40

LOHV position = neutral

Lobbying principals:

Support - City of Milwaukee, HSUS, Wisconsin Humane Soc.

Opposed - Dog Federation of Wisconsin Inc.

Outcome - **Wisconsin Act 233 on 3/1/2016**



AB 125/SB 75

Possession of dogs by certain felony offenders and criminal penalties

- Fines & imprisonment for serious felony offenders possessing, controlling or residing with a "vicious dog".

Total authors, coauthors, cosponsors = 10

LOHV position = neutral

Lobbying principals = None

Outcome: **Died in Committees on Criminal Justice/**

SB 727

Reporting the mistreatment of animals - Immunity from civil liability for veterinarian reporting mistreatment of animals.

Total authors, coauthors, cosponsors = 12

LOHV position = Support

Lobbying principals = None

Outcome: **Died in Committee on Judiciary & Public Safety**



ASSEMBLY/SENATE BILL DESCRIPTIONS (pg. 3)



AB 433/SB 338

Hunting & First Amendment Rights - Recreational users of public lands and landowners as well are now at risk of penalties under this overreaching law written to protect hound hunters.

Total authors, coauthors, cosponsors = 26

LOHV position = Opposed

Lobbying principals:

Support - NRA, Safari Club, White Tails of Wisconsin, WI Bear Hunters Ass'n, WI Wildlife Federation, WI FORCE

Opposed - The Humane Society of the United States

Outcome: **Wisconsin Act 346 on 4/2/2016**

AB 719/SB 605

Shining Wild Animals - A person may use a battery operated light attached to clothing, the body or mounted to firearm while hunting unprotected animals (Raccoon, Fox, Coyote...) Wild animals are in search of food for their young @ night.

Total authors, coauthors, cosponsors = 12

LOHV position = Opposed

Lobbying principals:

Support - WI Bear Hunter's Ass'n, WI Wildlife Federation

Opposed - None

Outcome: Wisconsin Act 249 on 3/2/2016



SB 513

Terminology & regulations including inspections, exemptions and fees - Wisconsin agriculture, as w/ all states, continues to whitewash the gruesome realities for farm animals w/ it's use of language. Under this bill, farm animals are officially no longer "animals" they are "livestock". Dead animals or "carcasses" are now "products". Agriculture has insulated itself from the Animal Welfare Act and rather than attempting to meet the concerns of the public they continue to circle the wagons. (not included on scorecard)

Motion to 2015 Budget bill

Senator Tiffany & Representative Czaja introduced a motion into the finance bill to delete the B license requirement for training hound dogs on bears or baiting bears. The motion passed w/ the signing of the finance bill. Consequently, the DNR will not be able to monitor this lethal and unethical, inhumane activity.

Training hound dogs on bears begins July 1st and lasts 60 days. The same Bears are run for hours in the two hottest months of the year. Cubs are often separated from their mothers.



ASSEMBLY/SENATE BILL DESCRIPTIONS (pg. 4)



AB 700/SB 542

Wolf hunting & trapping - This bill changes the date for killing Wolves from October 15th to the first Saturday of November if the Wolf is not listed as an endangered species. By moving the date back, hound hunters will have more opportunities to put hound dogs on wolves and this leads to dog & wolf fights. In addition, breeding season begins the latter half of December and the chances increase that a pregnant female will be killed in addition to the increase in fights/deaths of wolves & dogs as wolves can be more territorial during breeding season.

Total authors, coauthors, cosponsors = 22

LOHV position = Opposed

Lobbying principals:

Support - WI Bear Hunter's Ass'n, WI Cattlemen's Ass'n, WI Wildlife Federation, WI Independent Business, Inc.

Oppose - None

Outcome: Wisconsin Act 285 on 3/29/2016



SB 361 & 362

Prohibiting hunting & trapping in state parks

Total authors, coauthors, cosponsors = 9

LOHV position = Support

Lobbying principals:

Support - Humane Society of the United States

Oppose - WI Bear Hunter's Ass'n, Nat'l Rifle Ass'n (NRA), Safari Club

Outcome: Died in Committee on Sporting Heritage, Mining and Forestry

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1	Joel Kitchens (R)	FV			CS	FV	FV			FV	FV	FV		10%
2	Andre Jacque (R)	FV				A	FV	A		FV	FV	FV		35%
3	Alvin R. Ott (R)	CV			CS	CA	CA	CS		CA	A	CA		5%
4	David Steffen (R)	CS				CA	FV	CS		CA	FV	FV		15%
5	Jim Steineke (R)	FV				FV	FV			FV	FV	FV		15%
6	Gary J. Tauchen (R)	FV				FV	FV			FV	CA	FV		0%
7	Daniel Riemer (D)	FV				FV	CA			FV	FV	FV		10%
8	JoCasta Zamarripa (D)	FV				FV	CS			FV	FV	FV		5%
9	Josh Zepnick (D)	CA		CS	CS	CS	FV			FV	FV	FV		35%
10	David Bowen (D)	CS				FV	A			FV	FV	FV		20%
11	Mandela Barnes (D)	FV				FV	FV			FV	FV	FV		0%
12	Frederick Kessler (D)	CA				FV	CV			FV	FV	FV		10%
13	Rob Hutton (R)	FV				FV	FV			FV	FV	CA		0%
14	Dale Kooyenga (R)	FV				FV	FV			FV	FV	FV		0%
15	Joe Sanfelippo (R)	FV				FV	FV			FV	FV	FV		0%
16	Leon D. Young (D)	FV				FV	FV			FV	FV	FV		0%
17	LaTonya Johnson (D)	FV			CA	CS	CA			FV	FV	FV		30%
18	Evan Goyke (D)	CV				CV	CA		CS	FV	FV	FV		20%
19	Jonathan Brostoff (D)	FV				CA	CS			FV	FV	FV		15%
20	Christine M. Sinicki (D)	CS	CA		CS	CA	CA	CS	CS	FV	FV	FV	A (2)	110%
21	Jessie Rodriguez (R)	FV				FV	CV			FV	FV	FV		0%
22	Janel Brandtjen (R)	FV				FV	FV			FV	CA	FV		0%
23	Jim Ott (R)	FV				CV	CV			FV	FV	FV		15%
24	Daniel Knodl (R)	FV				FV	FV			FV	FV	CA		0%
25	Paul Tittl (R)	FV				FV	FV			FV	CV	CA		0%
26	Terry Katsma (R)	FV				FV	FV			A	FV	FV		0%
27	Tyler Vorpapel (R)	FV				FV	FV			FV	FV	FV		0%
28	Adam Jarchow (R)	FV				FV	FV			FV	FV	A		0%
29	John P. Murtha (R)	FV				FV	FV			FV	FV	FV		0%
30	Dean Knudson (R)	FV				FV	FV			FV	FV	FV		0%
31	Amy Loudenbeck (R)	FV				FV	FV			FV	FV	FV		0%
32	Tyler August (R)	FV				FV	FV			FV	FV	FV		0%
33	Cody Horlacher	CV				CV	CV			CA	CA	CA		0%
34	Rob Swearingen (R)	FV				FV	FV			FV	CA	FV		0%
35	Mary Czaja (R)	FV				FV	FV			CA	FV	CA		0%
36	Jeffrey Mursau (R)	FV				FV	FV			FV	CA	CA		0%
37	John Jagler (R)	FV				FV	CA			FV	FV	CA		0%
38	Joel Kleefisch	FV				FV	CA			FV	CA	CA		0%
39	Mark Born (R)	FV				FV	CV			FV	CV	CA		0%
40	Kevin D. Petersen (R)	FV				FV	FV			FV	FV	FV		0%
41	Joan Ballweg (R)	FV				CS	FV			FV	FV	CA		0%
42	Keith Ripp (R)	FV				FV	FV			FV	CA	CV		0%
43	Andy Jorgensen (D)	CS		CS		FV	FV			FV	FV	FV		15%
44	Debra Kolste (D)	CS				FV	FV			FV	FV	FV		5%
45	Mark Spreitzer (D)	CS		CS	CS	CA	CS		CS	FV	CV	CV		50%
46	Gary Hebl (D)	CV				CV	CS			FV	FV	FV		5%
47	Robb Kahl (D)	CS				FV	FV			FV	FV	FV		5%
48	Melissa Sargent (D)	FV				FV	FV		CS	FV	FV	FV	CS	20%
49	Travis Tranel (R)	FV				FV	FV			FV	FV	FV		0%
50	Edward Brooks (R)	FV				FV	FV			FV	CA	FV		0%

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51	Todd Novak (R)	FV			CA	FV	CV			FV	FV	FV		15%
52	Jeremy Thiesfeldt (R)	CS			CS	CV	FV			CA	FV	FV		5%
53	Michael Schraa (R)	FV				FV	FV			FV	CA	FV		0%
54	Gordon N. Hintz (D)	FV			CS	CS	FV			FV	FV	FV		15%
55	Mike Rohrkaste (R)	FV				FV	CA			FV	FV	FV		10%
56	David Murphy (R)	FV			CS	FV	FV	CS		FV	FV	CA		10%
57	Amanda Stuck (D)	CS			CS	FV	FV			FV	FV	FV		15%
58	Rob Gannon (R)	FV				FV	CA			FV	FV	CA		0%
59	Jesse Kremer (R)	FV			CA	FV	CV			FV	CA	CA		10%
60	Robert Brooks (R)	FV				FV	CS			A	FV	FV		0%
61	Samantha Kerkman (R)	A			A**	CV	FV			FV	FV	FV		30%
62	Thomas Weatherston (D)	FV				FV	CA			FV	FV	FV		10%
63	Robin Vos (R)	FV				FV	FV			FV	FV	FV		0%
64	Peter Barca (D)	CA			CS	FV	FV			FV	FV	FV		20%
65	Tod Ohnstad (D)	A	A		CS	CA	CS		CS	FV	FV	FV	CS	80%
66	Cory Mason (D)	FV	A			FV	FV			FV	FV	FV		20%
67	Thomas Larson (R)	FV				CS	FV			CA	CA	CA		0%
68	Kathleen Bernier (R)	FV				FV	CS			FV	FV	FV		5%
69	Bob Kulp (R)	FV				FV	FV			FV	CA	CA		0%
70	Nancy VanderMeer (R)	FV				FV	FV			FV	FV	FV		0%
71	Katrina Shankland (D)	FV			CS	CS	FV			FV	CV	CV*		25%
72	Scott Krug (R)	FV				FV	FV			FV	FV	CA		5%
73	Nick Milroy (D)	CS		CS		FV	CA		CS	FV	CA	CV		25%
74	Beth Meyers (D)	FV				FV	FV			FV	FV	FV		0%
75	Romaine Quinn (R)	CS				FV	FV			CA	CA	CA		0%
76	Chris Taylor (D)	FV	CA	CS		CS	CS		CS	FV	FV	FV	CS	55%
77	Terese Berceau (D)	CS	CA	A		A	FV		A	FV	FV	FV	CS (2)	95%
78	Lisa Subeck (D)	CS	CA		CS	CS	CA	CS	CS	FV	FV	FV		65%
79	Diane Hesselbein (D)	CS				FV	FV			FV	CV	CV*		15%
80	Sondy Pope (D)	CS				FV	FV			FV	FV	FV	CS (2)	25%
81	Dave Considine (D)	FV				FV	FV			FV	FV	FV		0%
82	Ken Skowronski (R)	FV				FV	FV			FV	CA	CV		0%
83	David Craig (R)	FV				FV	FV			FV	FV	FV		0%
84	Mike Kuglitsch (R)	FV				FV	FV			FV	FV	FV		0%
85	David Heaton (R)	CV			CS	CV	FV			FV	FV	FV		10%
86	John Spiros (R)	CS			CS	FV	A	CS		FV	FV	FV		40%
87	James Edming (R)	FV			A	FV	FV			FV	CA	CA		0%
88	John Macco (R)	FV				FV	FV			FV	CA	FV		0%
89	John A. Nygren (R)	FV				FV	FV			FV	CA	FV		0%
90	Eric Genrich (D)	CA			CS	FV	CS			FV	FV	FV		25%
91	Dana Wachs (D)	CV	CA		CS	CV	CS	CS		FV	FV	FV	CS	50%
92	Chris Danou (D)	FV				FV	FV			FV	A	CV		0%
93	Warren L. Petryk (R)	FV				FV	FV			FV	FV	CA		0%
94	Steve Doyle (D)	FV			CS	FV	FV			FV	FV	FV		10%
95	Jill Billings (D)	CA				FV	FV			FV	FV	FV		10%
96	Lee Nerison (R)	FV				FV	FV			FV	CV	CV		0%
97	Scott Allen (R)	FV				CA	CA			FV	FV	A		5%
98	Adam Neylon (R)	FV				FV	FV			FV	FV	FV		0%
99	Cindi Duchow (R)	FV				FV	CV			FV	FV	FV		0%

* On record as "No" vote; **Introduced amendment that weakened bill

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1	Frank Lasee (R)	FV				CV	CV			FV	FV	FV		0%
2	Robert L. Cowles (R)	FV				FV	FV			FV	FV	FV		0%
3	Tim Carpenter (D)	CS				A	CS	A	CA	FV	FV	FV		60%
4	Lena C. Taylor (D)	FV		A		CV	CV			FV	FV	FV		20%
5	Leah Vukmir (R)	FV				CV	CV			FV	FV	FV		0%
6	Nikiya Harris Dodd (D)	FV				CS	FV			FV	FV	FV		0%
7	Chris Larson (D)	FV	CS		CS	CS	FV			FV	FV	FV		25%
8	Alberta Darling (R)	FV				FV	FV			FV	FV	FV		0%
9	Devin LeMahieu (R)	FV				FV	FV			FV	CA	FV		0%
10	Sheila Harsdorf (R)	FV				FV	FV			CS	FV	FV		0%
11	Stephen Nass (R)	FV				CS	FV			FV	FV	FV		5%
12	Tom Tiffany (R)	FV				FV	FV			CV	A	FV	(-2)	0%
13	Scott Fitzgerald (R)	FV				FV	FV			FV	FV	FV		0%
14	Luther S. Olsen (R)	CS				FV	FV			CS	FV	FV		0%
15	Janis Ringhand (D)	FV				FV	FV		A	FV	FV	FV		20%
16	Mark Miller (D)	FV				FV	FV			FV	FV	FV	CA(2)	30%
17	Howard Marklein	FV				FV	FV			FV	A	CS		0%
18	Rick Gudex (R)	FV				FV	FV			CS	FV	FV		0%
19	Roger Roth (R)	FV				FV	FV			CV	CV	FV		0%
20	Duey Stroebel (R)	FV				FV	FV			FV	FV	FV		0%
21	Van H. Wanggaard (R)	FV			A*	A	CV			FV	FV	FV		30%
22	Robert W. Wirsch (D)	A				FV	FV			CV	CV	FV		15%
23	Terry Moulton (R)	FV				FV	FV			A	CV	CS		0%
24	Julie Lassa (D)	CS			CS	FV	FV			FV	FV	FV		15%
25	Janet Bewley (D)	FV				FV	FV			FV	FV	FV		0%
26	Fred A. Risser (D)	FV	A	A	A	CS	CV		A	FV	FV	FV	A (2)	125%
27	Jon Erpenbach (D)	FV				FV	FV			FV	FV	FV		0%
28	Mary Lazich (R)	FV				FV	FV			FV	FV	FV		0%
29	Jerry Petrowski (R)	FV				FV	A			FV	FV	FV		15%
30	Dave Hansen (D)	FV				FV	FV	A		FV	FV	FV		20%
31	Kathleen Vinehout (D)	FV		CA		FV	FV			CV	CV	FV		15%
32	Jennifer Shilling (D)	FV				FV	FV			FV	FV	FV		0%
33	Chris Kapenga (R)	FV				FV	FV			CS	FV	FV		0%

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