

2023 Virginia Humane Scorecard

## **2023 Scored Virginia Legislation**

## **Animal Testing Transparency (SB 1271)**

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**Sponsors:** Sen. Jennifer B. Boysko (D); Sen. William M. Stanley, Jr. (R); Sen. Joseph D. Morrissey (D); Sen. Scott F. Surovell (D)

Status: Signed by the Governor and is effective on July 1, 2023.

#### Pets in Housing (SB 1384)

A √ indicates a vote in favor of SB 1384, concerning Virginia housing authorities and household companion animals. Housing agencies often ban or restrict dogs because of their breed, or, more commonly, what is perceived to be their breed--founded on myths and misinformation, breed-based policies force dogs away from their families and into shelters, a devastating scenario that also increases the burden on struggling shelter operations. This bill requires each housing authority to permit tenants to own or maintain one or more common household pets, barring any prohibition based on breed or weight of the animal.

Sponsors: Sen. Jennifer L. McClellan (D); Sen. T. Montgomery "Monty" Mason (D); Sen. Jennifer B. Boysko (D); Sen. Scott F. Surovell (D); Del. Kaye Kory (D)

Status: Passed the Senate with a 30-10 vote. Left in the House General Laws Committee as of February 2023.

### **Animal Testing Transparency (HB 2348)**

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Sponsors: Del. Michael Webert (R); Del. Kaye Kory (D)

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### **Animal Seizure (HB 2331)**

A √ indicates a vote against HB 2331, an Act to add zoo animals to the exceptions in standards for seizure or impoundment of companion animals. If zoo animals were made exceptions to the current seizure and impoundment procedures, law enforcement officials would be required to notify the state veterinarian before seizing zoo animals from cruel conditions, a step that is only applied to agricultural animals. This added step would only impede the rescue of suffering animals in need of swift removal from inhumane conditions.

Sponsors: Del. Ellen H. Campbell (R)

Status: Passed the House with a 52-47 vote. Defeated in the Senate by a 17-23 vote in February 2023.

# **Humane Society Legislative Fund**

The Humane Society Legislative Fund was formed in 2004 as a separate lobbying affiliate of The Humane Society of the United States. HSLF works to pass animal protection laws at the state and federal levels, to educate the public about animal protection issues, and to support humane candidates for office.

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T. Montgomery "Monty" Mason (D-1)					
Mamie E. Locke (D-2)	√ 	√ 	√ 	√ 	100%
Thomas K. Norment, Jr. (R-3)	√	√	<b>√</b>	√ 	100%
Ryan T. McDougle (R-4)	√ ••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	√ 	√	X	75%
Lionell Spruill, Sr. (D-5)	NV	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	75%
Lynwood W. Lewis, Jr. (D-6)	√	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	100%
Aaron R. Rouse (D-7)	√	√ 	<b>√</b>	√ 	100%
Bill DeSteph (R-8)	√	Х	<b>√</b>	Х	50%
Jennifer L. McClellan (D-9)	<b>√</b>	SP	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	100%
Ghazala F. Hashmi (D-10)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Amanda F. Chase (R-11)	✓	Х	√	Х	50%
Siobhan S. Dunnavant (R-12)	✓	√	√	Х	75%
John J. Bell (D-13)	√	✓	✓	✓	100%
John A. Cosgrove, Jr. (R-14)	✓	Х	✓	Х	50%
Frank M. Ruff, Jr. (R-15)	✓	✓	✓	Χ	75%
Joseph D. Morrissey (D-16)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Bryce E. Reeves (R-17)	✓	✓	✓	Х	75%
L. Louise Lucas (D-18)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
David R. Suetterlein (R-19)	✓	Χ	✓	Χ	50%
William M. Stanley, Jr. (R-20)	SP	✓	✓	X	75%
John S. Edwards (D-21)	✓	<b>✓</b>	✓	<b>✓</b>	100%
Mark J. Peake (R-22)	✓	Х	✓	Х	50%
Stephen D. Newman (R-23)	✓	✓	✓	Х	75%
Emmett W. Hanger, Jr. (R-24)	✓	Х	✓	Х	50%
R. Creigh Deeds (D-25)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Mark D. Obenshain (R-26)	✓	Х	✓	Х	50%
Jill Holtzman Vogel (R-27)	✓	✓	✓	Х	75%
Richard H. Stuart (R-28)	✓	Х	✓	Х	50%
Jeremy S. McPike (D-29)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Adam P. Ebbin (D-30)	√	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	100%
Barbara A. Favola (D-31)	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	100%
Janet D. Howell (D-32)	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	100%
Jennifer B. Boysko (D-33)	SP	SP	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	100%
J. Chapman Petersen (D-34)	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	100%
Richard L. Saslaw (D-35)	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	100%

## <u>Key</u>

✓ Took pro-animal position through vote or cosponsorship

**SP** Served as prime sponsor of pro-animal legislation

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Virginia Humane Scorecard Senate	Anin	d Resting Transf	Arency 158 277	Seal Restine Transf	atency Line 12 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	*
Scott A. Surovell (D-36)	SP	SP	✓	✓	100%	
David W. Marsden (D-37)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	
T. Travis Hackworth (R-38)	✓	X	✓	X	50%	
George L. Barker (D-39)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	
Todd E. Pillion (R-40)	✓	X	✓	X	50%	<u>Key</u>

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Terry G. Kilgore (R-1)	<b>√</b>	Х	<b>√</b>	67%	
Candi Mundon King (D-2)	✓	✓	NV	67%	
James W. Morefield (R-3)	✓	Х	✓	67%	
William C. Wampler, III (R-4)	✓	Х	Х	33%	
Israel D. O'Quinn (R-5)	✓	Х	✓	67%	
Jeffrey L. Campbell (R-6)	✓	Х	✓	67%	✓ Took p
Marie E. March (R-7)	✓	Х	✓	67%	through v
Joseph P. McNamara (R-8)	✓	Х	✓	67%	
Wren M. Williams (R-9)	✓	Х	✓	67%	SP Served
Gwendolyn W. Gooditis (D-10)	✓	✓	NV	67%	pro-anim
Sam Rasoul (D-11)	✓	✓	✓	100%	
Jason S. Ballard (R-12)	✓	Х	✓	67%	X Took a
Danica A. Roem (D-13)	✓	✓	✓	100%	through v
Daniel W. Marshall, III (R-14)	✓	Х	✓	67%	
C. Todd Gilbert (R-15)	✓	Х	✓	67%	<b>NV</b> Did no
Leslie R. Adams (R-16)	✓	Х	✓	67%	or absten
Christopher T. Head (R-17)	✓	Х	✓	67%	
Michael J. Webert (R-18)	SP	Х	✓	67%	Note: In s
Terry L. Austin (R-19)	✓	Х	✓	67%	must mis
G. John Avoli (R-20)	✓	Х	✓	67%	personal death in t
Kelly K. Convirs-Fowler (D-21)	✓	✓	✓	100%	illness, bi
Kathy J. Byron (R-22)	✓	Х	✓	67%	emergen
Wendell S. Walker (R-23)	✓	Х	✓	67%	
Ellen H. Campbell (R-24)	✓	Х	✓	67%	
Chris Runion (R-25)	✓	Х	✓	67%	
Tony O. Wilt (R-26)	✓	Х	✓	67%	
Roxann L. Robinson (R-27)	✓	Х	✓	67%	
Tara A. Durant (R-28)	✓	Х	✓	67%	
William D. Wiley (R-29)	✓	Х	✓	67%	
Nicholas J. Freitas (R-30)	✓	Х	✓	67%	
Elizabeth R. Guzman (D-31)	✓	✓	✓	100%	
David A. Reid (D-32)	✓	✓	✓	100%	
David A. LaRock (R-33)	✓	Х	<b>√</b>	67%	
Kathleen J. Murphy (D-34)	✓	✓	✓	100%	
Holly M. Seibold (D-35)	✓	✓	<b>√</b>	100%	

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Kenneth R. Plum (D-36)	✓	✓	✓	100%	
David L. Bulova (D-37)	✓	✓	✓	100%	
Kaye Kory (D-38)	SP	✓	✓	100%	
Vivian E. Watts (D-39)	✓	✓	✓	100%	
Daniel I. Helmer (D-40)	✓	✓	✓	100%	
Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41)	✓	✓	✓	100%	✓ Took pr
Kathy KL Tran (D-42)	✓	✓	✓	100%	through v
Mark D. Sickles (D-43)	✓	✓	✓	100%	
Paul E. Krizek (D-44)	✓	✓	✓	100%	<b>SP</b> Served
Elizabeth B. Bennett-Parker (D-45)	✓	✓	✓	100%	pro-anima
Charniele L. Herring (D-46)	✓	✓	✓	100%	
Patrick A. Hope (D-47)	✓	✓	✓	100%	X Took ar
Richard C. Sullivan, Jr. (D-48)	✓	✓	✓	100%	through v
Alfonso H. Lopez (D-49)	✓	✓	✓	100%	
Michelle Lopes Maldonado (D-50)	✓	✓	✓	100%	<b>NV</b> Did no
Briana D. Sewell (D-51)	✓	✓	✓	100%	or absten
Luke E. Torian (D-52)	✓	✓	✓	100%	<u> </u>
Marcus B. Simon (D-53)	✓	✓	✓	100%	Note: In s
Robert D. Orrock, Sr. (R-54)	✓	Х	✓	67%	must miss
Hyland F. Fowler, Jr. (R-55)	✓	Х	✓	67%	personal i death in t
John J. McGuire, III (R-56)	✓	Х	✓	67%	illness, bii
Sally L. Hudson (D-57)	✓	✓	✓	100%	emergend
Robert B. Bell (R-58)	✓	Х	✓	67%	<u> </u>
C. Matthew Fariss (R-59)	Х	Х	Х	0%	
James E. Edmunds, II (R-60)	✓	Х	✓	67%	
Thomas C. Wright, Jr. (R-61)	Х	Х	Х	0%	
Carrie E. Coyner (R-62)	✓	Х	✓	67%	
Kimberly A. Taylor (R-63)	✓	Х	✓	67%	
Emily M. Brewer (R-64)	✓	Х	✓	67%	
R. Lee Ware (R-65)	✓	Х	✓	67%	
Mike A. Cherry (R-66)	✓	Х	✓	67%	
Karrie K. Delaney (D-67)	✓	✓	✓	100%	
Dawn M. Adams (D-68)	✓	✓	✓	100%	
Betsy B. Carr (D-69)	✓	✓	✓	100%	
Delores L. McQuinn (D-70)	✓	✓	✓	100%	

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Jeffrey M. Bourne (D-71)	✓	✓	<b>√</b>	100%			
Schuyler T. VanValkenburg (D-72)	✓	✓	✓	100%			
Rodney T. Willett (D-73)	✓	✓	✓	100%			
Lamont Bagby (D-74)	✓	✓	✓	100%			
Howard Otto Wachsmann, Jr. (R-75)	✓	Х	✓	67%			
Clinton L. Jenkins (D-76)	✓	✓	✓	100%	✓ Took pr		
C. E. Hayes, Jr. (D-77)	NV	NV	✓	33%	through v		
James A. Leftwich, Jr. (R-78)	✓	Х	✓	67%			
Nadarius Clark (D-79)	✓	✓	✓	100%	<b>SP</b> Served		
Don L. Scott, Jr. (D-80)	✓	✓	✓	100%	pro-anima		
Barry D. Knight (R-81)	✓	Х	✓	67%			
Anne Ferrell H. Tata (R-82)	✓	Х	✓	67%	X Took ar		
Tim Anderson (R-83)	✓	X	✓	67%	through v		
Glenn R. Davis, Jr. (R-84)	✓	Х	✓	67%			
Karen S. Greenhalgh (R-85)	✓	X	✓	67%	<b>NV</b> Did no		
Irene Shin (D-86)	✓	✓	✓	100%	or absten		
Suhas Subramanyam (D-87)	✓	✓	✓	100%			
Phillip A. Scott (R-88)	✓	X	✓	67%	Note: In s		
Jackie Hope Glass (D-89)	✓	✓	✓	100%	must miss personal i death in t illness, bir emergenc		
Angelia Williams Graves (D-90)	✓	✓	✓	100%			
A.C. Cordoza (R-91)	✓	X	✓	67%			
Jeion A. Ward (D-92)	✓	✓	✓	100%			
Michael P. Mullin (D-93)	✓	✓	✓	100%			
Shelly A. Simonds (D-94)	✓	✓	✓	100%			
Marcia S. Price (D-95)	✓	✓	✓	100%			
Amanda E. Batten (R-96)	✓	X	✓	67%			
Scott A. Wyatt (R-97)	✓	Х	✓	67%			
M. Keith Hodges (R-98)	✓	Х	✓	67%			
Margaret B. Ransone (R-99)	✓	Х	✓	67%			

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Robert S. Bloxom, Jr. (R-100)