

Federal Legislation in Committee

H.R.3501 "Humanity and Pets Partnered Through the Years HAPPY Act"

Title: To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for pet care expenses.

Bill Info:

- 63% of US households own a pet.
- Individuals will be allowed to take tax deductions equal to the qualified pet care expenses; not exceeding \$3,500.00
- Qualified pet care expenses means amounts paid in connection with providing care (including veterinary expenses).
- A qualified pet is a legally owned, domesticated, live animal not used for research or owned or utilized in conjunction with a trade or business.

Action Needed: Contact House Representative

H.R.503/S.727 "Prevention of Equine Cruelty Act of 2009"

Title: To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain conduct relating to the use of horses for human consumption.

Bill Info:

- Any person who knowingly transports or sells horses for human consumption shall be fined and/or imprisoned for no more than 3 years.
- Horse slaughter is outlawed in the US, however, horses are transported across the border for slaughter.

Action Needed: Contact House Representative and Senator.

H.R.1326 "Great Ape Protection Act of 2009"

Title: To prohibit the conducting of invasive research on great apes, and for other purposes.

Bill Info:

- Great apes are highly intelligent and social animals housed in laboratory environments that cannot meet their needs for the purpose of invasive research.
- This act will prohibit the breeding, transport, and use of Great Apes for invasive research.
- Great apes owned by the Federal Government will be placed in permanent retirement at a sanctuary.
- Violating the provisions in this act will result in a fine of \$10,000.0 per violation. Each day such violation continues will constitute as a separate violation.

Action Needed: Contact House Representative

H.R.2308 "Sportsmanship Hunting Act of 2009"

Title: To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain interstate conduct relating to exotic animals and certain computer-assisted remote hunting, and for other purposes.

Bill Info:

-A person who transports, transfers, and possesses an exotic animal for the purposes of allowing the killing or injuring the animal for entertainment or for the collection of a trophy shall be fined or imprisoned.

-Using the internet for computer assisted remote hunt shall be fined or imprisoned.

Action Needed: Contact House Representative

S.619/H.R.1549 "Preservation of Antibiotics for Medical Treatment Act of 2009"

Title: A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to preserve the effectiveness of medically important antibiotics used in the treatment of human and animal diseases.

Sponsor: Sen Kennedy, Edward M. [MA] (introduced 3/17/2009)

Bill Info:

-Antibiotic resistance is a growing menace and a threat to public health.

-Antibiotic resistance may significantly impair the US in responding to terrorist attacks involving bacterial infections or a large influx of hospitalized patients.

-An estimated 70% of medical antibiotics in the US are fed to farm animals for nontherapeutic purposes.

Action Needed: Contact House Rep and Senator

S.1076/H.R.2480 "Truth in Fur Labeling"

Title: A bill to improve the accuracy of fur product labeling, and for other purposes.

Bill Info:

-Eliminate exemption to fur labeling requirements for products containing relatively small amounts of fur.

-Permits states to enforce more restrictive labeling requirements.

-In China, thousands of cats and dogs are skinned alive every year for their fur.

Action Needed: Contact House Rep and Senator