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# 2016 Scorecard

for the Colorado General Assembly

The 2016 legislative session yielded mixed results for animals. CVA tracked and scored five different bills during the session, none of which ultimately became law. This included two pro-animal bills which unfortunately did not pass, as well as three inhumane proposals that were successfully defeated. Most of these bills did not make it to a vote in the Senate, providing scant information on which to base our state Senators' scores this session.

## 2016 Bills

### HB-1010 Prairie Dog Relocation

Position: **Oppose** Outcome: **defeated in committee**

This bill would have made it more difficult for wildlife advocates to save imperiled prairie dogs from encroaching development. Relocation of prairie dogs across county lines effectively ended after 1999, when agricultural interests passed a law requiring the board of county commissioners' approval to move "destructive rodent pests" from one county to another. HB-1010 would have extended this requirement to relocations *within* a county as well, adding yet another hurdle to the already difficult task of finding appropriate release sites for displaced prairie dog colonies. This bill was sponsored by Rep. Kevin Priola (R-Brighton) and Sen. Jerry Sonnenberg (R-Sterling).



### HB-1120 Rabies Vaccination

Position: **Support** Outcome: **passed the House; laid over by Senate committee**



This bill, sponsored by Rep. Joann Ginal (D-Fort Collins) would have created a state-wide requirement for dogs and cats to be vaccinated against rabies. The current patchwork of local rabies regulations make it difficult to control the spread of this disease, which is deadly to companion animals, many species of wildlife, and humans. The bill would have preserved the current waiver process for animals whose

health would be negatively impacted by the vaccine. HB-1120 passed the house but proponents did not have enough support for the bill to pass the Senate Agriculture Committee. The committee voted to "lay over" (effectively, withdraw) the bill at the request of the bill's Senate sponsor, Sen. Jack Tate (R-Arapahoe County).

### HB-1220 Bear Hunting

Position: **Oppose**

Outcome: **defeated in committee**

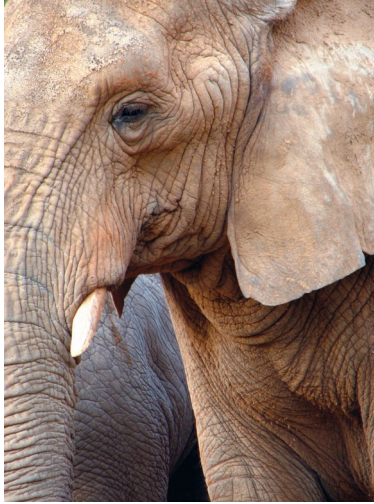
This bill was yet another attempt to overturn the will of Colorado voters regarding bear hunting. Coloradans voted via a 1992 ballot initiative to ban the spring hunting of black bears, in order to protect bear cubs from being orphaned when their mothers are killed. HB-1220 would have allowed Colorado Parks and Wildlife to move the start of bear hunting season from September 1 to August 1, when cubs born in the spring are still dependent on their mothers. HB-1220 was sponsored by Representatives Yeulin Willett (R-Grand Junction) and Edward Vigil (D-Fort Garland).

## HB-1341 Endangered Species Protection

Position: **Support**

Outcome: **passed the House; defeated in Senate committee**

This bill would have criminalized the buying and selling of elephant ivory, as well as products from nine other endangered species that are threatened by poaching: rhinoceroses, lions, tigers, leopards, cheetahs, pangolins, sea turtles, sharks and rays. The bill was sponsored in the House by Representatives Joann Ginal (D-Fort Collins) and Beth McCann (D-Denver), and in the Senate by Sen. Jessie Ulibarri (D-Westminster). The bill included exemptions for antiques and older items containing small amounts of ivory such as knife or gun handles, but this was not enough to forestall opposition. The bill passed the House but was defeated by the Senate State Affairs Committee.



## SB-151 Right to Hunt

Position: **Oppose** Outcome: **passed the Senate; defeated in House committee**

This bill sought to enshrine hunting and fishing as a right of Colorado citizens, and would have required public hunting, trapping, and fishing to be the primary means of managing wildlife in the state. This bill passed the Senate with a disappointing degree of support, but fortunately it was defeated by the House State Affairs Committee. SB-151 was sponsored by Sen. Jerry Sonnenberg (R-Sterling) and Rep. Edward Vigil (D-Fort Garland).

## 2016 Voting Scores

This report lists legislators' scores on animal-related legislation for the 2016 session. The numerical score is the legislator's score on actual votes. The letter grade is our overall assessment of the legislator's performance. For the letter grade we considered votes, sponsorship or co-sponsorship of bills, and any behind-the-scenes efforts that affected animal-related legislation.

**NOTE: The scores don't tell the whole story!** Sometimes a legislator is either more or less animal friendly than the score indicates. This is especially true during years when there are few animal-related bills available for scoring.

**KEY:** ✓ = Pro-animal vote; ✗ = Anti-animal vote; **S** = Bill sponsor; \* = Co-sponsor; e = excused

Bill Number			HB-1010 Prairie Dogs	HB-1120 Rabies Vaccination		HB-1220 Bear Hunting	HB-1341 Endangered Species		SB-151 Right to Hunt	Score	Letter Grade
Colorado State Representatives			State Affairs Committee	Health & Human Svcs	Floor Vote	State Affairs Committee	Health & Environment	Floor Vote	State Affairs Committee		
Arndt, Jeni James	D	53			✓			✓		100%	A-
Becker, Jon	R	65			✗			✗		0%	F
Becker, KC	D	13			✓			✓*		100%	A
Brown, J Paul	R	59			✗		✗	✗	<b>S</b>	0%	F
Buck, Perry	R	49			✗			✗		0%	F
Buckner, Janet	D	40			✓		✓	✓		100%	A-
Carver, Terri	R	20			✗			✗		0%	F
Conti, Kathleen	R	38		✓	✓			✗		67%	C
Coram, Don	R	58			✗			✗		0%	F
Court, Lois	D	6			✓*			✓*		100%	A+
Danielson, Jessie	D	24		✓	✓			✓		100%	A-
DelGrosso, Brian	R	51			✗			✗		0%	F
Dore, Timothy	R	64	*		✗			✗		0%	F
Duran, Crisanta	D	5			✓			✓		100%	A-
Esgar, Daneya	D	46			✓		✓	✓*		100%	A
Everett, Justin	R	22		✗	✗			✗		0%	F
Fields, Rhonda	D	42			✓*			✓		100%	A

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Foote, Mike	D	12	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	100%	A-
Garnett, Alec	D	2			✓*			✓		100%	A
Ginal, Joann	D	52		✓	✓S		✓	✓S		100%	A++
Hamner, Millie	D	61			✓			✓		100%	A-
Hullingshorst, Dickey Lee	D	10			✓*			✓*		100%	A+
Humphrey, Stephen	R	48	✗		✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%	F
Joshi, Janak	R	16		✓	✓		✗	✗		50%	D
Kagan, Daniel	D	3			✓			✓*		100%	A
Klingenschmitt, Gordon	R	15			✗		✗	✗		0%	F
Kraft-Tharp, Tracy	D	29			e			✓		100%	A-
Landgraf, Lois	R	21		✗	e		✗	✗		0%	F
Lawrence, Polly	R	39			✗			✗		0%	F
Lebsock, Steve	D	34			✓			✓*		100%	A
Lee, Sanford "Pete"	D	18			✓			✓		100%	A-
Leonard, Timothy	R	25	✗	✗	✗	✗		✗	✗	0%	F
Lontine, Susan	D	1			✓*	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%	A
Lundeen, Paul	R	19			✗			✗		0%	F
McCann, Elizabeth "Beth"	D	8			✓		✓	✓S		100%	A++
Melton, Jovan	D	41			✓			✓		100%	A-
Mitsch Bush, Diane	D	26			✓			✓		100%	A-
Moreno, Dominick	D	32		✓	✓			✓		100%	A-
Navarro, Clarice	R	47			✗			✗		0%	F
Neville, Patrick	R	45	✗		✗	✗		✗	✗	0%	F
Nordberg, Dan	R	14			✗			✗		0%	F
Pabon, Dan	D	4			✓*			✓		100%	A
Pettersen, Brittany	D	28		✓	✓			✓*		100%	A
Primavera, Dianne	D	33	✓	✓	✓*	✓	✓	✓*	✓	100%	A+
Priola, Kevin	R	56	S		✓			✗		50%	F
Rankin, Bob	R	57			✓			✗		50%	D
Ransom, Kim	R	44			✗		✗	✗		0%	F
Rosenthal, Paul	D	9			✓*			✓*		100%	A+
Roupe, Catherine "Kit"	R	17			✗			✗		0%	F
Ryden, Su	D	36	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓*	✓	100%	A
Saine, Lori	R	63			✗			✗		0%	F
Salazar, Joseph	D	31			✓			✓		100%	A-
Sias, Lang	R	27			✗			✗		0%	F
Singer, Jonathan	D	11		✓	✓			✓		100%	A-
Thurlow, Dan	R	55			✗			✗		0%	F
Tyler, Max	D	23	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓*	✓	100%	A
Van Winkle, Kevin	R	62			✗			✗		0%	F
Vigil, Edward	D	62			✓	S		✓	S	100%	C-
Willett, Yeulin	R	54			✗	S		✗		0%	F
Williams Angela	D	7			✓*			✓		100%	A
Wilson, James "Jim"	R	60			✗			✗		0%	F
Windholz, JoAnn	R	30	*	✓	✗			✗		33%	F
Winter, Faith	D	35	✓		✓			✓		100%	A-
Wist, Cole	R	37	✗		✓	✗		✗	✗	20%	F
Young, Dave	D	50			✓			✓		100%	A-

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Colorado State Senators	Party	District	No Senate Vote	No Senate Vote	No Senate Vote	State Affairs Committee	Agriculture Committee	Floor vote		
Aguilar, Irene	D	32						✓	100%	A-
Baumgardner, Randy	R	8					✗	✗*	0%	F
Cadman, Bill	R	12						✗	0%	F
Carroll, Morgan	D	29						✗	0%	F
Cooke, John	R	13					✗	✗*	0%	F
Crowder, Larry	R	35						✗*	0%	F
Donovan, Kerry	D	5					✗	✗*	0%	F
Garcia, Leroy	D	3					✗	✗*	0%	F
Grantham, Kevin	R	2						✗*	0%	F
Guzman, Lucia	D	34						✓	100%	A-
Heath, Rollie	D	18						✓	100%	A-
Hill, Owen	R	10				✗		✗*	0%	F
Hodge, Mary	D	25					✗	✗	0%	F
Holbert, Chris	R	30						✗*	0%	F
Jahn, Cheri	D	20						✗*	0%	F
Johnston, Michael	D	33						✗	0%	F
Jones, Matt	D	17				✓	✓	✓	100%	A-
Kefalas, John	D	14						✗	0%	F
Kerr, Andy	D	22						✗	0%	F
Lambert, Kent	R	9						✗*	0%	F
Lundberg, Kevin	R	15						✗*	0%	F
Marble, Vicki	R	23						✗*	0%	F
Martinez Humenik, Beth	R	24						✗*	0%	F
Merrifield, Michael	D	11						✗*	0%	F
Neville, Tim	R	16						✗*	0%	F
Newell, Linda	D	26						✓	100%	A-
Roberts, Ellen	R	6					✗	✗*	0%	F
Scheffel, Mark	R	4						✗*	0%	F
Scott, Ray	R	7				✗	✗	✗*	0%	F
Sonnenberg, Jerry	R	1	<b>S</b>			✗	✗	✗ <b>S</b>	0%	F
Steadman, Pat	D	31						✗	0%	F
Tate, Jack	R	27		<b>S</b>				✗	0%	D+
Todd, Nancy	D	28						✗	0%	F
Ulibarri, Jessie	D	21				✓ <b>S</b>		✓	100%	A++
Woods, Laura	R	19						✗*	0%	F

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