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Felony penalty for a first offense of egregious cruelty	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Counseling required for animal cruelty offenders				√	√	√			√			√	√		√	√		√								
Allows courts to include protections for pets in domestic violence orders	√	√	√	√	√	√	√				√		√	√	√			√	√	√	√	√	√	√		
Requires person charged with animal cruelty to post a bond to cover the costs of caring for the animals	√	√	√	√		√	√	√		√	√	√	√	√	√	√		√	√		√	√	√	√	√	√
Includes protections for farm animals	√				√			√	√		√									√	√		√	√		
Requires cross-reporting of animal cruelty					√	√	√						√	√			√	√	√				√			
Makes sexual abuse of animals a crime	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		√	√	√	√	√		√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Includes some protections for dogs living outdoors	√		√	√	√	√	√	√	√		√	√	√	√	√	√		√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
WILDLIFE PROTECTION																										
Prohibits bear hunting¹	√						√	n/a	√		n/a		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		√								√
Prohibits bear trapping	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	n/a	√	√	n/a	√	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	√	√		√	√	√	√	√		√
Prohibits hound hunting of bears	√			√	√	√	√	n/a	√		n/a		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		√		√	√		√			√
Prohibits hunting bears over bait	√		√		√	√	√	n/a	√	√	n/a		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	√	√		√	√					√
Prohibits the trade in bear parts	√	√	√	√	√	√		√	√	√	√					√	√	√		√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Prohibits cougar hunting²	n/a	n/a		n/a	√		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Prohibits hound hunting of cougars	n/a	n/a		n/a	√		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Prohibits mourning dove hunting							√												√		√	√				

¹ For these purposes, a bear population means a state with an estimated population of more than 200 black bears. States without a formally identified population of the species are listed as not applicable (n/a).

² For these purposes, a cougar population means a state with an estimated population of more than 100 cougars. States without a formally identified population of the species are listed as not applicable (n/a).

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Prohibits wolf hunting ³	n/a		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			n/a	n/a	
Includes a partial or full ban on canned hunts, or shooting animals kept in enclosures	√		√	√	√	√	√	√		√	√						√		√	√	√			√		
Prohibits shooting animals remotely via the internet	√	√		√	√	√	√	√	√	√		√	√	√	√		√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	
Felony penalty for illegally hunting an endangered species									√																	
Regulates nuisance wildlife control operators	√	√	√				√	√	√	√			√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		
Bans the possession and sale of shark fins					√			√			√	√								√	√					
Prohibits fox penning		√	√		√	√	√	√	√		√	√							√	√	√					
Member of the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		√	√	√	√	
Requires the use of non-lead ammunition					√																					
Prohibits the sale of elephant ivory, rhino horn or pangolin products					√						√		√													
Prohibits the sale of certain marine mammal products					√						√		√													
Prohibits the sale of big cat products											√															
Prohibits elephant acts					√						√		√													
DANGEROUS WILD ANIMALS AS PETS																										
Prohibits the private possession of big cats as pets		√	√	√	√	√	√		√	√	√		√		√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√			
Prohibits the private possession of primates as pets		√	√	√	√	√	√			√	√		√		√		√	√	√	√	√		√			

³ For these purposes, a wolf population means a state with an estimated population of more than 100 gray wolves. Red wolves and Mexican gray wolves were not included in population data. States without a formally identified population of the species are listed as not applicable (n/a).

	AL	AK	AZ	AR	CA	CO	CT	DE	FL	GA	HI	ID	IL	IN	IA	KS	KY	LA	ME	MD	MA	MI	MN	MS	MO	
Prohibits the private possession of most dangerous reptiles as pets		√	√		√	√				√	√				√	√	√		√	√	√					
Prohibits the private possession of bears as pets	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		√	√	√		√		√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√			
Prohibits the private possession of wolves as pets		√	√		√	√	√			√	√		√		√		√	√	√	√	√					
Prohibits the private possession of crocodelia family			√		√	√	√		√	√	√				√		√		√	√	√					
Does not have a blanket exemption for USDA license holders from laws prohibiting the private possession of exotic animals as pets																	√	√								
COMPANION ANIMALS																										
Requires animals to be spayed or neutered before being adopted from shelters	√		√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		√	√	√	√		√	√		√	√			√	
Grants shelters direct access to drugs needed for humane euthanasia	√	√	√			√		√	√			√	√	√	√		√	√	√	√		√				
Prohibits the use of gas chambers for euthanasia	√		√	√	√			√	√	√		√	√			√		√	√	√	√					
Requires state emergency response plans to include pets					√		√		√		√		√					√	√		√					
Allows the creation of pet trusts	√	√	√		√	√	√	√	√	√	√		√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		√
Requires the addition of a bittering agent to antifreeze			√		√					√			√						√	√	√					
Prohibits greyhound racing			√			√			√			√	√		√			√	√		√					
Places limits on the inhumane chaining of dogs					√		√	√			√		√	√				√	√	√	√	√				
Restricts the consumption of dog and cat meat					√																					
Provides incentives or funding for low cost spay neuter programs	√		√		√	√	√	√	√	√			√	√			√	√	√	√	√	√		√	√	
Prohibits some restrictions on dog ownership			√				√	√					√						√		√		√			

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based on breed																										
Provision for removing dogs from hot cars			√		√	√	√	√	√					√		√		√	√		√					
ANIMAL RESEARCH ISSUES																										
Grants students the right to choose an alternative to animal dissection in schools					√		√		√				√					√	√	√	√	√				
Prohibits research facilities from obtaining pets from animal shelters					√		√	√			√		√						√	√	√		√			
Prohibits the production or sale of cosmetics tested on animals					√																					
Prohibits the use of animals in product testing when an approved alternative					√																					
Requires research facilities to offer dogs and cats for adoption prior to euthanasia					√		√	√					√							√			√			
FARM ANIMAL PROTECTION																										
Prohibits gestation crates for breeding sows			√		√	√			√										√		√	√				
Prohibits veal crates for calves			√		√	√											√		√		√	√				
Restrictions on battery cages for laying hens					√																√	√				
Prohibits the force feeding of birds for the production of foie gras					√																					
Includes protections for downed animals too sick or injured to walk			√		√	√			√			√	√	√		√				√						
Includes humane slaughter standards			√		√	√	√		√				√	√	√	√		√	√	√		√	√			
Prohibits tail docking of dairy cows					√																					
Does not restrict investigations into animal cruelty on agriculture facilities	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√			√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Restricts the sale of products originating from facilities using battery cages, veal crates, and					√																√					

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consumption																									
Felony penalties for the soring of horse's legs																									
Includes standards for the transportation of horses			√		√		√				√									√	√	√	√		
Prohibits horse tripping, or roping the legs of a galloping horse			√		√				√				√			√			√						
Total score	27	29	55	30	71	49	56	41	49	32	34	21	55	29	37	30	26	50	54	49	60	42	40	18	28
Out of total possible categories	88	94	94	92	94	94	92	88	92	92	88	95	88	88	88	88	92	92	92	92	92	92	93	92	92
Percentage score	31	31	59	33	76	52	61	47	53	35	39	22	63	33	42	34	28	54	59	53	65	46	43	20	30

Scores are based on a percentage of the number of check marks in each applicable category per state. Because some states do not have populations of certain species such as wolves, cougars and bears, the possible number of categories varies. States without a formally identified population of the species are listed as not applicable (n/a).