## 2023 ANIMAL WELFARE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



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The Michelson Center for Public Policy champions lifesaving efforts, prevention of cruelty, and protection of our animal communities by supporting elected offices who craft lifesaving animal welfare legislation and working with government agencies to enact responsible public policy.

| Assembly Bill 332<br>by Alex Lee          | Rabies Control Data  MCPP supports this legislation requiring the State Department of Public Health to collect certain rabies control program data from each city or county.  |
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| Assembly Bill 357<br>by Brian Maienschein | Animal Test Methods: Alternatives  MCPP supports this legislation prohibiting manufacturers and testing facilities from using traditional animal test methods if an appropriate alternative exists or if a waiver has been granted. AB 357 would require testing facilities to use the fewest number of animals possible if a suitable alternative is unavailable and excludes animal testing for biomedical research.  |
| Assembly Bill 1215<br>by Wendy Carrillo   | Pets Assistance with Support Grant Program: Homeless Shelters MCPP supports this legislation helping people experiencing homelessness to keep their pets by establishing the Pets Assistance With Support Grant Program (PAWS), which requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to award grants to qualified homeless and domestic violence shelters to provide services for pets of people experiencing homelessness and domestic violence. |
| Assembly Bill 1399<br>by Laura Friedman   | Veterinary Medicine: Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship and Veterinary Telemedicine  MCPP supports this legislation allowing for the use of telehealth in the practice of veterinary medicine and requiring veterinarians to use sound professional judgment while providing quality care when using telehealth.  |
| Colorado House Bill 1068                  | Pet Animal Ownership In Housing   |

Colorado House Bill 1068 by Alex Valdez, Faith Winter, and Sonya Jaquez Lewis

MCPP supports this legislation prohibiting restrictions on dog breeds for obtaining homeowner's insurance, providing for the manner in which pet animals are handled when a writ of restitution is executed, limiting security deposits and rent for pet animals, and excluding pet animals from personal property liens.