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## Your Vote on November 6 Can Save Lives!

The buzz is all about Prop 12, but your vote is much more far reaching than just one proposition. Every legislator you vote for impacts the animals and their habitat, starting with the Governor. Each year, our California legislators vote on dozens of bills, which have just as much weight as the propositions. Many legislators also go above and beyond for the animals by using their position to influence decisions outside of the legislature, or hosting pet adoptions and educational workshops and fairs. PawPAC's endorsement list is your guide to our animal advocates in the legislature. [See the endorsement list at pawpac.org](#).

We have also released the PawPAC [2018 Voting Record](#), a report card of the legislators and their votes for animals.

We have received calls and emails inquiring about Prop 12. News coverage has shown that the animal organizations's positions are divided on the dilemma of of this proposition. PawPAC supports Prop 12. Karen Dawn, PawPAC board member, has written an excellent article on the subject, and we recommend that you read it from her site:

[Prop 12 Commentary by Karen Dawn](#)

Lastly, please see a summary of the status of the 2018 bills below. Thank you for your activism. If you need to look up your California legislative districts, please visit [www.pawpac.news/findyourlegislator](http://www.pawpac.news/findyourlegislator)

## 2018 LEGISLATION SUMMARY

### BILLS CHAPTERED

[AB 1884](#) by Assemblymembers Ian Calderon and Richard Bloom re: **Single-use plastic straws. Support.** Prohibits a full-service restaurant from providing a single-use plastic straw to a consumer unless requested by the consumer.

[AB 2274](#) by Assemblymember Bill Quirk re: **Division of community property: pet animals. Support.** Authorizes a court in its ruling on divorces or separations to assign sole or joint ownership of a pet animal taking into consideration the care of the pet animal.

[AB 2300](#) by Assemblymember Brian Maienschein re: **Spay/Neuter. Support.** Authorizes veterinarians licensed by the Veterinary Medical Board (Board) to earn up to six hours of continuing education by providing pro bono spaying or neutering services to households with a demonstrated financial need.

[AB 2421](#) by Assemblymember Mark Stone re: **Monarch Butterfly and Pollinator Rescue Program. Support.** Establishes the Monarch Butterfly and Pollinator Rescue Program, to be administered by the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB).

[AB 2445](#) by Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell re: **Retail sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits. Support.** Requires a pet store operator to maintain records to document the health, status, and disposition of each animal it sells for a period of not less than two years (existing law provides for only one year).

[SB 1017](#) by **Senator Ben Allen re: Drift gill nets. Support.** Requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) to develop a program by March 31, 2020 to buy back state gill net permits to allow permit holders to voluntarily switch to the deep-set buoy gear alternative.

[SB 1138](#) by **Senator Nancy Skinner re: Food options: plant-based meals. Support.** Requires prisons and health facilities to provide plant-based meal options to residents.

[SB 1249](#) by **Senator Cathleen Galgiani re: Animal testing in cosmetics. Support.** Makes it unlawful for a cosmetics manufacturer to import for profit, sell, or offer for sale any cosmetic, if the cosmetic was developed or manufactured using an animal test by the manufacturer, or any supplier of the manufacturer.

[SB 1305](#) by **Senator Steve Glazer re: Emergency medical service providers. Support.** Permits an emergency responder to provide basic first aid to dogs and cats and prohibits the responder from being subject to criminal prosecution for violation of the Veterinary Medicine Practice Act.

[SB 1453](#) by **Senator Mike McGuire re: Forest land. Support.** Extends the statute of limitations for Cal Fire to cite and fine for unlawful clear cutting of forest land (habitat).

## **BILLS THAT DID NOT MAKE IT THROUGH THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS**

[AB 2362](#) (Rubio. **Safe transportation of dogs and cats. Support. Vetoed by the Governor.** Would have set minimum requirements for vehicular transport of shelter dogs and cats.

[AB 2474](#) (Quirk). **Hazardous waste testing. Vetoed by the Governor.** Would have required alternative tests to the current method of drowning minnows in hazardous waste.

[AB 2528](#) (Bloom). **Habitat resiliency. Support. Vetoed by the Governor.** Would have required the Natural Resources Board to address habitat resilience in its climate change strategy.

[AB 3159](#) (Thurmond). **Chicken slaughter. Support. Failed in Committee.** Would have provided for chickens to be rendered insensible to pain before slaughter. *(Please note: the print version of the 2018 Voting Chart lists an erroneous number for this bill.)*

[AB 1337](#) (Patterson/Cooley). **Fish and Game Commission. Support. Vetoed by the Governor.** Would have required the Fish and Wildlife Commission to provide live broadcasts of the marine, wildlife and tribal committees.

[SB 1441](#) (Stern). **Declawing. Support. Failed in Committee.** Would have prohibited the declawing of domestic cats.

[SB 1487](#) (Stern). **“Iconic African Species Act” Support. Vetoed by the Governor.** Would have prohibited the possession or sale of eleven African species, including their body parts or products (trophy hunting).

