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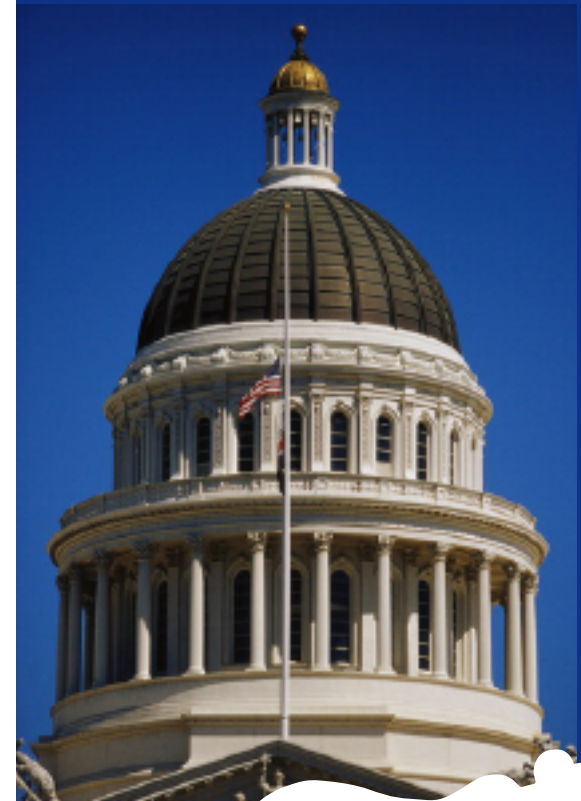
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**The Voice of Animals
in the Halls of Power**

THE CALIFORNIA ANIMAL ASSOCIATION (CAA)

CAA was established in 2004 to create a unified voice on animal protection issues, and to mobilize experienced professionals to represent the interests of animals at the state capitol.

CAA employs a professional lobbying firm with three main objectives:

- 1 Sponsor animal protection legislation
- 2 Provide expertise on a wide range of animal welfare issues to legislators, aides, department officials and others
- 3 Monitor and assess all proposed California legislation impacting animals



CAA Strengths

- CAA member organizations represent a variety of animal welfare issues, and can provide detailed information to legislators on broad topics ranging from companion animals to farm animals to wildlife as well as expansive knowledge of existing laws affecting animals.
- Member organizations of the coalition have for decades worked to pass successful legislation and defeat legislation negatively affecting animals.
- Representatives of CAA provide support for all aspects of the legislative process, from initial research and legal expertise to testimony and media consultations.
- Staff at CAA member organizations includes lawyers, public relations and marketing specialists, and researchers.
- CAA has a proven track record of working with legislators, state agencies, and other special interest groups to diffuse opposition and draft legislation that is beneficial for all parties and has the strongest chance for success.
- Both Democrat and Republican legislators have authored CAA-sponsored legislation, demonstrating the ability of CAA representatives to generate bipartisan support.



CAA Accomplishments

- CAA has successfully united all of the major animal advocacy organizations in California into a powerful political coalition.
- In 2006, CAA sponsored SB 1578, a bill that limited the time dogs can be chained outdoors and gave animal control officers statewide a new tool to protect animals and increase public safety in their communities.
- In 2007, CAA sponsored AB 449 and AB 1477, two bills to resolve wildlife conflicts that received bipartisan support in both legislative chambers before being vetoed by the governor.
- In 2008, CAA worked in cooperation with ASPCA to pass AB2949 (DeSaulnier) which protects animals left behind after foreclosures.

“CAA has shown that they can work professionally and effectively in a non-partisan way with many interest groups in their fight to prevent animal suffering.”
Assemblywoman Audra Strickland

- Each year, CAA sponsors a reception at the state capitol to introduce legislators and staff to member organizations, and to recognize legislators who have made a difference for animals with its “Legislator of the Year” award.