

## **ANIMAL LAW NEWS – March 2018**

### Pennsylvania

Animal Legal Defense Fund names Pennsylvania “Most Improved State,” following enactment of H.B. 1238:

[governor.pa.gov/pennsylvania-ranked-improved-animal-protection-laws/aldf.org/press-room/press-releases/best-worst-states-animal-protection-laws-2017-report-released/](http://governor.pa.gov/pennsylvania-ranked-improved-animal-protection-laws/aldf.org/press-room/press-releases/best-worst-states-animal-protection-laws-2017-report-released/)

ALDF Report: [aldf.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Rankings-Report-2017\\_FINAL.pdf](http://aldf.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Rankings-Report-2017_FINAL.pdf)

The Humane Society of the United States moved the Commonwealth up to 15<sup>th</sup> in its rankings:

[blog.humanesociety.org/2018/01/california-ranks-nations-humane-state-dakotas-mississippi-bottom-list.html](http://blog.humanesociety.org/2018/01/california-ranks-nations-humane-state-dakotas-mississippi-bottom-list.html)

Franklin County: District Magistrate finds sufficient evidence for misdemeanor charge against William “Bill” Reynolds, who shot his neighbor’s, Shannon Staples’, Labrador, Chevy, when he was on Reynolds’ property, to proceed to Common Pleas Court. Forensic evidence showed Chevy was facing away from Reynolds and his wife when shot; the Reynolds stated Chevy was acting aggressively and foaming at the mouth:

[publicopiniononline.com/story/news/crime/2018/02/13/circus-hearing-ends-accused-dog-shooters-case-moving-up-franklin-county-court/333344002/](http://publicopiniononline.com/story/news/crime/2018/02/13/circus-hearing-ends-accused-dog-shooters-case-moving-up-franklin-county-court/333344002/)

Reynolds has sued Ms. Staples for defamation, alleging libel and false-light claims, for social-media statements including a Facebook page, “Justice for Chevy”:

[publicopiniononline.com/story/news/crime/2017/09/06/accused-dog-shooter-sues-dogs-owners-defamation/638171001/](http://publicopiniononline.com/story/news/crime/2017/09/06/accused-dog-shooter-sues-dogs-owners-defamation/638171001/)

### United States – Federal

California: *In Re: Border Infrastructure Environmental Litigation*. District Judge rejects challenges to waivers of environmental laws for border wall, including Endangered Species Act; Center for Biological Diversity stated it will appeal; the State of California, Animal Legal Defense Fund and Sierra Club have not yet announced whether they will appeal:

[time.com/5178631/donald-trump-border-wall-mexico-judge/](http://time.com/5178631/donald-trump-border-wall-mexico-judge/)

Order: [justice.gov/opa/case-document/file/1039551/download?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](http://justice.gov/opa/case-document/file/1039551/download?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

12 states sue California in the Supreme Court, alleging Commerce Clause and Supremacy Clause claims over California’s ban on eggs from out-of-state producers which do not comply with California law on conditions for

egg production; plaintiffs assert Article III original jurisdiction for a dispute among states:

[constitutioncenter.org/blog/states-take-egg-fight-with-california-to-the-supreme-court](http://constitutioncenter.org/blog/states-take-egg-fight-with-california-to-the-supreme-court)

Motion for Leave to File Bill of Complaint:

[ag.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/agnv.gov/Content/News/PR/PR\\_Docs/2017/2017-12-04\\_Eggs\\_Final\\_Filing.pdf](http://ag.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/agnv.gov/Content/News/PR/PR_Docs/2017/2017-12-04_Eggs_Final_Filing.pdf)

13 states filed a similar motion against Massachusetts over its Prevention of Farm Animal Cruelty Act, addressing conditions for poultry, hogs and calves:

[chicagotribune.com/news/sns-bc-us--egg-lawsuit-massachusetts-20171218-story.html](http://chicagotribune.com/news/sns-bc-us--egg-lawsuit-massachusetts-20171218-story.html)

Motion for Leave to File Bill of Complaint:

[content.govdelivery.com/attachments/INAG/2017/12/11/file\\_attachments/927879/Combined%2Bfiles%2Bpdfa%2Bcompliant.pdf](http://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/INAG/2017/12/11/file_attachments/927879/Combined%2Bfiles%2Bpdfa%2Bcompliant.pdf)

Iowa: District Court denies Iowa's motion to dismiss suit against ag-gag law: [aldf.org/press-room/lawsuit-challenging-iowas-ag-gag-law-proceeds-states-motion-dismiss-denied/](http://aldf.org/press-room/lawsuit-challenging-iowas-ag-gag-law-proceeds-states-motion-dismiss-denied/)

Order: [courthousenews.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/IowaAgGag.pdf](http://courthousenews.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/IowaAgGag.pdf)

#### United States

Iowa: proposed House Study Bill 623 and SF 2242 would require groceries to sell eggs from caged hens: [aldf.org/blog/iowa-protect-egg-laying-hens-iowa/](http://aldf.org/blog/iowa-protect-egg-laying-hens-iowa/)

Missouri: Department of Conservation bans commercial trapping of wild turtles, following petition filed by Center for Biological Diversity and Great Rivers Environmental Law Center:

[biologicaldiversity.org/news/press\\_releases/2018/freshwater-turtles-03-01-2018.php](http://biologicaldiversity.org/news/press_releases/2018/freshwater-turtles-03-01-2018.php)

Petition:

[biologicaldiversity.org/campaigns/southern\\_and\\_midwestern\\_freshwater\\_turtles/pdfs/Freshwater\\_turtles-Missouri\\_petition\\_8\\_22\\_2016.pdf](http://biologicaldiversity.org/campaigns/southern_and_midwestern_freshwater_turtles/pdfs/Freshwater_turtles-Missouri_petition_8_22_2016.pdf)

#### International

Canada:

➤ Conference on connection between domestic and other human violence and animal abuse:

[vancourier.com/news/domestic-abuse-and-animal-abuse-inextricably-linked-says-sPCA-1.23163137](http://vancourier.com/news/domestic-abuse-and-animal-abuse-inextricably-linked-says-sPCA-1.23163137)

➤ Vancouver pet stores may no longer sell puppies, kittens or rabbits:

[vancourier.com/news/vancouver-pet-stores-can-no-longer-sell-puppies-kittens-1.23120760](http://vancourier.com/news/vancouver-pet-stores-can-no-longer-sell-puppies-kittens-1.23120760)

Lebanon: first animal protection law:  
[phys.org/news/2017-08-lebanon-animal-law.html](http://phys.org/news/2017-08-lebanon-animal-law.html)

The Netherlands: special animal police force for rescues:  
[nytimes.com/2018/01/29/world/europe/netherlands-animal-police.html](http://nytimes.com/2018/01/29/world/europe/netherlands-animal-police.html)  
[brisbanetimes.com.au/world/europe/meet-the-special-pet-police-on-patrol-in-the-netherlands-20180130-p4yz2a.html](http://brisbanetimes.com.au/world/europe/meet-the-special-pet-police-on-patrol-in-the-netherlands-20180130-p4yz2a.html)

South Korea: new law requiring muzzles for large dogs challenged:  
[koreabizwire.com/dog-muzzle-law-targets-large-dogs-sparks-backlash/111564](http://koreabizwire.com/dog-muzzle-law-targets-large-dogs-sparks-backlash/111564)

Switzerland: now illegal to boil a lobster; Switzerland as progressive nation regarding animal welfare laws:  
[usatoday.com/story/news/world/2018/02/16/new-swiss-law-pain-free-deaths-lobsters-flushing-goldfish-down-toilet-breaking-law-according-new-swi/341412002/](http://usatoday.com/story/news/world/2018/02/16/new-swiss-law-pain-free-deaths-lobsters-flushing-goldfish-down-toilet-breaking-law-according-new-swi/341412002/)

#### Publications

*When The Law Recognizes Animals As People*, The New Republic:  
[newrepublic.com/article/146870/law-recognizes-animals-people](http://newrepublic.com/article/146870/law-recognizes-animals-people)

*Globalization and Animal Law*, Thomas G. Kelch, Comparative Law, International Law and International Trade Global Trade Law Series.

*A Proposal for a New Taxonomy of Animal Law*, Steven Wise, The Nonhuman Rights Project: [nonhumanrights.org/blog/new-taxonomy-animal-law/](http://nonhumanrights.org/blog/new-taxonomy-animal-law/)

*Sled Dogs*; documentary about dog abuse and deaths in the Iditarod:  
[nyunews.com/2018/02/05/documentary-advocates-to-let-the-sled-dogs-out/](http://nyunews.com/2018/02/05/documentary-advocates-to-let-the-sled-dogs-out/)

#### Non-Legal News

Interview with Dan Schachner, Animal Planet's Puppy Bowl Referee:  
[ftw.usatoday.com/2018/02/puppy-bowl-2018-animal-planet-super-bowl-sunday-referee-dan-schachner-interview](http://ftw.usatoday.com/2018/02/puppy-bowl-2018-animal-planet-super-bowl-sunday-referee-dan-schachner-interview)

Surprising City Animal Laws: Here's Where Bigfoot Can't Be Killed:  
[cheatsheet.com/culture/states-cities/10-surprising-city-animal-laws-heres-where-bigfoot-cant-be-shot.html/](http://cheatsheet.com/culture/states-cities/10-surprising-city-animal-laws-heres-where-bigfoot-cant-be-shot.html/)