

## Animal Law News – June 2018

### Pennsylvania

Pittsburgh Zoo applied to US Fish and Wildlife Service for approval to import African elephant semen; application:

[regulations.gov/document?D=FWS-HQ-IA-2018-0001-0011](https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=FWS-HQ-IA-2018-0001-0011)

FWS stated posting as request to import “endangered” species in error, where African elephants listed as “threatened”; PETA opposing application:

[post-gazette.com/local/city/2018/04/12/PETA-opposes-Pittsburgh-Zoo-application-to-import-elephant-semen/stories/201804120064](http://post-gazette.com/local/city/2018/04/12/PETA-opposes-Pittsburgh-Zoo-application-to-import-elephant-semen/stories/201804120064)

### United States – Federal

American Airlines announced new emotional support animal policy:

[news.aa.com/news/news-details/2018/American-Airlines-Announces-Changes-to-Emotional-Support-Animal-Policy/default.aspx](http://news.aa.com/news/news-details/2018/American-Airlines-Announces-Changes-to-Emotional-Support-Animal-Policy/default.aspx)

Other airlines are reviewing their rules and policies.

USDOT resources:

[transportation.gov/individuals/aviation-consumer-protection/service-animals-including-emotional-support-animals](https://www.transportation.gov/individuals/aviation-consumer-protection/service-animals-including-emotional-support-animals)

See also Arizona item and law review article by Paul Harper, *et al.*, below.

### Other States

Arizona: Governor Doug Ducey signed HB2588, prohibiting fraudulent misrepresentation of pets as service animals:

<https://legiscan.com/AZ/text/HB2588/id/1785490/Arizona-2018-HB2588-Chaptered.html>

California: City of San Francisco banned most sales of new fur; vendors may sell existing inventory: [sfbos.org/sites/default/files/o0055-18.pdf](http://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/o0055-18.pdf)

Colorado: Sitka, aka Mya, ordered to remain with her first owner; Sitka was adopted after running away:

[steamboattoday.com/news/routt-county-judge-rules-husky-at-center-of-fierce-custody-dispute-will-remain-in-canon-city/](http://steamboattoday.com/news/routt-county-judge-rules-husky-at-center-of-fierce-custody-dispute-will-remain-in-canon-city/)

Florida: City of Tallahassee Animal Crimes Task Force, formed 2016, to study animal cruelty in City and develop ways to address, including abuse registry and continuing education in animal law for judges:

[tallahassee.com/story/opinion/2018/05/09/tallahassee-takes-animal-cruelty-task/594584002/](http://tallahassee.com/story/opinion/2018/05/09/tallahassee-takes-animal-cruelty-task/594584002/)

New Jersey: Review of recent bills out of Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee:

<https://animallaw.foxrothschild.com/2018/05/18/not-a-great-day-for-animals-in-new-jersey/>

North Carolina: *McKiver v. Murphy-Brown, LLC*, hog farm nuisance case:  
Judge reduced punitive damages award:

5/7/18 Order:

[abajournal.com/files/HogPunis.pdf](http://abajournal.com/files/HogPunis.pdf)

11/8/17 Order: Right-to-Farm law does not apply:

[indyweek.com/media/pdf/motion\\_2.pdf](http://indyweek.com/media/pdf/motion_2.pdf)

Virginia:

Governor Ralph Northam signed HB1087, requiring reduction in using animals for product testing:

[lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?181+ful+CHAP0672](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?181+ful+CHAP0672)

California, New Jersey and New York have similar laws.

Two defendants sentenced for cockfighting operation; 300 birds, a dog and 2 pigs seized; case prosecuted through state's first-in-the-nation Office of Attorney General Animal Law Unit, formed 2015:

[oag.state.va.us/media-center/news-releases/1190-may-9-2018-herring-s-animal-law-unit-secures-two-guilty-pleas-for-animal-fighting-in-powhatan](http://oag.state.va.us/media-center/news-releases/1190-may-9-2018-herring-s-animal-law-unit-secures-two-guilty-pleas-for-animal-fighting-in-powhatan)

Publications and Media

*derechoAnimal*, Forum of Animal Law Studies, Autonomous University of Barcelona, new animal law journal: [all-creatures.org/articles/lit-new-animal-law-journal.html](http://all-creatures.org/articles/lit-new-animal-law-journal.html)

[derechoanimal.info/es](http://derechoanimal.info/es)

Note: automatic translation tools can create translations difficult to read.

Jane Kotzmann, Cassandra Seery, *Dignity in International Human Rights Law: Potential Applicability in Relation to International Recognition of Animal Rights*, 26 Mich.St.Int'l.L.Rev. 1 (2017):

[digitalcommons.law.msu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1231&context=ilr](http://digitalcommons.law.msu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1231&context=ilr)

Paul Harper, Simon Bronitt, Peter Billings, Martie-Louise Verreynne, Nancy Pachana, *Regulating Fake Assistance Animals – A Comparative Review of Disability Law in Australia and the United States*, 24 Animal L.Rev. No. 1 (2018):

[papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=3157434](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3157434)

Gabriela Cristina Braza Navarro, *A Comparative Analysis of International Enforcement Procedures in the Chevron Case*, Max Plank Institute Research Paper 2018-08: [papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=3179426](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3179426)

The Paper discusses the case and efforts to enforce the Ecuadorian judgment; damage claims included animal deaths from Chevron's deliberate oil spills 1964–1992; link includes link to complete Paper.

Inside: Secret America, *Animal Undercover*:

[channel.nationalgeographic.com/u/kcUwPjxmj26hOtWEthKLhyC0899HXawRXZ2pGWNyTmCdrP\\_dpdYaLN\\_ilntKczt-XWW3uv7LxMkLw/](https://channel.nationalgeographic.com/u/kcUwPjxmj26hOtWEthKLhyC0899HXawRXZ2pGWNyTmCdrP_dpdYaLN_ilntKczt-XWW3uv7LxMkLw/)

Documentary on animal abuse on factory farms, in slaughterhouses and research laboratories; link contains link to programs on ag-gag laws.

#### Non-Legal News

William Hogarth (English artist), *The Four Stages of Cruelty* (1751); 18<sup>th</sup>-Century depiction of animal cruelty leading to violence against humans:

[encyclopedia.thefreedictionary.com/The+Four+Stages+of+Cruelty](https://encyclopedia.thefreedictionary.com/The+Four+Stages+of+Cruelty)

Airports ban glue traps to catch rodents:

[internationalairportreview.com/article/68827/glue-traps/](https://internationalairportreview.com/article/68827/glue-traps/)

Gidget, English Mastiff, rescued from waste water treatment plant:

<https://www.irishexaminer.com/examviral/this-poor-pupper-was-rescued-after-being-stuck-in-sewage-for-an-hour-and-a-half-841790.html>

FactRetriever.com, 5/29/18: "During the time of the Spanish Inquisition, Pope Innocent VIII condemned cats as evil and thousands of cats were burned. Unfortunately, the widespread killing of cats led to an explosion of the rat population, which exacerbated the effects of the Black Death."