# Pet ADVOCACY NETWORK

**2022 Key Accomplishments** 

## **5TH ANNUAL PET CARE COMMUNITY DC FLY-IN**

Over 80 pet care specialists visited the offices of over 120 Members of Congress to increase awareness of positive pet legislation and urge support for pet ownership.

#### **LEGISLATIVE ENGAGEMENT**

Monitored over 1,500 pet-related government proposals and engaged on those that could be most harmful—or beneficial—to pet well-being and pet businesses, including:

- Supported CA SB 1029, that created the One Health Program to facilitate interagency coordination for zoonotic disease response and animal health hazard reduction.
- Defeated NY SB 1360, legislation that would have set a 12% surcharge on pet dealer animal sales.
- Defeated statewide pet sale bans in IN (HB 1160), KY (SB 85), and MN (HB 858/SB 370) that would've shut down pet stores who sell dogs, cats and rabbits.

### **COMPETES ACT**

Worked with a coalition of animal interest groups on a successful engagement effort to remove the Lacey Act amendments that would have limited non-native species imports and interstate transport, crippling the legal exotic pet trade and harming the broader pet-related economy.

#### **OCEAN SHIPPING REFORM ACT**

Supported landmark legislation to address longstanding supply chain and port disruption issues that have harmed thousands of U.S. companies, strengthening pet businesses' ability to provide reasonably priced and readily available pet care products.



#### HAWAII FISHERIES

• Supported HB 1653 that increased aquatic resource violation conviction penalties and will help deter criminal activity that threatens the responsible, sustainable and legal fishery.

• Continuing, with notable success, to fight

court challenges that would again close

the aquarium fisheries and working to

reinstate the fishers' licenses.



#### **REBRANDING AND MEMBERSHIP**

- Launched new name, logo and website that
- better position Pet Advocacy Network as a connector to lawmakers, governing bodies and coalitions and an advocate for pet ownership. • Achieved highest membership in recent history and
- actively recruiting to expand influence on behalf of responsible pet professionals.

The continued success of our work to protect and advance the well-being of pets and the responsible pet care community depends on your support.

# **Renew or join today.**