



## 2023 Key Accomplishments By the Numbers

Your support has never been more important to our continued success in protecting and advancing the well-being of pets and the responsible pet care community.

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# 887

Proposed pieces of legislation and regulations monitored so far this year, a 17% increase. Notable wins include:

- Proposed statewide pet sale bans were defeated in: Connecticut, Florida, Hawaii, Kentucky, Minnesota, and Texas
- Florida enacted FL HB 7063 which exempts certain pet supplies from sales and use tax during twice yearly tax holidays and FL SB 170, allowing businesses negatively impacted by local ordinances to be awarded monetary damages.
- Arkansas & Texas enacted business protection laws (AR HB 1591 & TX HB 2127) to support responsible pet businesses and preserve individuals' freedom of choice in acquiring a pet.
- Illinois passed IL SB 1049, which prevents insurance companies from raising the rates or denying coverage to someone based on the breed of dog they own.



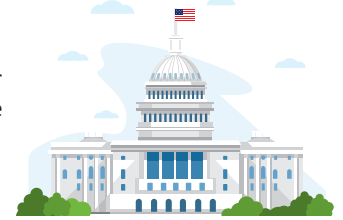
# 1,200

Signatures on our petition to the Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission which prevented a vote on hastily written species restrictions that would have had disastrous consequences for the pet trade in Florida and nationwide.



# 500

Federal lawmakers and staff experienced the physical and mental health benefits of animal companionship firsthand during our Meet the Pets event on Capitol Hill, co-sponsored by Pet Partners and Pet Food Institute.



# 100

Meetings were held with Members of Congress and their staff during our largest Pet Care Community Fly-In to date, held in September in conjunction with Pet Night on Capitol Hill.



# 129

Individuals attended one of two webinars we hosted featuring Government Affairs staff reviewing the legislative process, recapping 2023 and previewing 2024.



# 24

Meetings, conferences, trade shows and symposia where staff attended or presented, representing the responsible pet care community and strengthening relationships with key allies and regulatory bodies.

**FIRST ANNUAL** Townhall was held during SuperZoo in conjunction with the National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA) and the United States Association of Reptile Keepers (USARK). Representatives from the manufacturing, retail, and animal supply sectors discussed the most impactful threats we've seen this year and the importance of engagement.



Updated and republished our industry-wide Small Animal Standards of Care.



Worked with aviculturist allies to communicate with avian breeders about the new USDA breeding licensure requirements.



Established the Manufacturer/Distributor Committee to advise on animal care issues affecting pet products and those who provide them.