

NH ANIMAL RIGHTS LEAGUE



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Bobcats Win!

It was a long, hard-fought battle but the bobcats came out on top. The NH Fish and Game Department (NHFG) withdrew the proposal to hound, bait, and trap bobcats on April 13, 2016 after the NH Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (JLCAR) objected to it. The final step in the process to legalize a bobcat season was for the proposal to be approved by this legislative committee. Rather than approving the proposal, JLCAR objected to it on the grounds that lynx are easily confused with bobcats and if lynx were to be killed, it would be a violation of the Endangered Species Act. The lynx is listed as an endangered species and are found in NH. The legislative committee also objected because the bobcat hunt would have cost the NHFG money it doesn't have.

JLCAR had other reasons as to why they could have objected to the bobcat season. The most important one being the huge public outcry against it. This public outcry was based on sound science to protect an important predator which is needed to keep our ecosystem healthy. The other side wanted to provide a recreational opportunity to a small minority of fur hunters and trappers. The right side won! Thanks to all of you who wrote and attended hearings; our voices were heard, but not by NHFG, they have an agenda of providing recreational killing opportunities.

From NHFG: CONCORD, N.H. – After consideration of the NH Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (JLCAR)'s preliminary objection to the text of the proposed administrative rule regarding a limited bobcat season (proceeding #2015-206), the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, in consultation with the New Hampshire Fish and Game Commission, today withdrew the proposal.

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successes and work for ani-
mals is not possible.*

Thank You!

To Everyone Who Engaged in Saving the Bobcat in NH



No matter how large or small your effort was it all added up to a major public outcry, that was heard. Let's do it again and save more animals, from trapping, circuses, zoos, factory farming, and all abuses!

Fur Trapping Protest

NHARL activists and others protested in April at the annual Discover Wild NH Day, an event organized by the NH Fish and Game Department. At this event the NH Trapper's Association is given a prominent location at the entrance for displaying their trade. For many years the fur trapping booth was practically hidden at the back of the building. Interestingly they no longer display the horrific traps as they did when they were less visible, which is probably because they know those cruel torture devices are not seen in a favorable light. So instead, they display the once beautiful furs. People touch and feel their softness and many do not connect the dots. That is where we come in. Educating is what protesting is all about. People see our signs, they see the furs, and then they do connect the dots! They begin to realize this soft fur that humans so unnecessarily and greedily covet, once belonged to a beautiful animal who was cruelly killed. Fish and Game and the trappers are trying very hard to promote trapping as something other than what it is. It is the last gasp of a dying industry.



Ringling Circus Protest

Although there are no longer any elephants traveling with Ringling they came to the Manchester Verizon Arena in May with 18 tigers in tow, along with other animals such as horses and camels. The NHARL organized protests for all four days of their stay focusing on the cruelty of keeping tigers in captivity for human entertainment. Thank you to everyone who came out for these protests.



Who is Lolita?

Lolita (also known as Tokitae) is one of the oldest living orca whales in captivity. She was captured off the coast of Washington State when she was about four or five years old, and then sold to the Miami Seaquarium in 1970. Put in the SMALLEST whale tank in North America this is where she has lived ever since. Lolita cannot even dive because she is 20 ft. long and her tank is just 20 ft. deep. There is no cover from the intense Florida sun. She is kept prisoner at the Miami Seaquarium which is owned by Palace Entertainment. Palace owns many amusement parks, water parks, and family entertainment centers throughout the United States. Two of these parks are Story Land and Water Country here in New Hampshire. Since Palace Entertainment is the parent company of these parks all ticket sales and profits support the captivity of Lolita in Miami. Please join the Shut Down Palace campaign and the New Hampshire Animal Rights League in protesting the Miami Seaquarium and their parent company, Palace Entertainment. We will be holding Retire Lolita rallies at Water Country ALL summer long. We are urging Palace Entertainment to retire Lolita. There is an excellent retirement plan in place to build a sea-pen in her home waters off of Washington State which is safe and potentially Lolita will see her family again. Visit www.orcanetwork.org for more information about this plan. In addition, check out www.shutdownpalace.net or www.facebook.com/ShutDownPalace

Also feel free to contact James P. Glover, Vice President of Shut Down Palace, on Facebook or by email glover31188@yahoo.com

How You Can Help Lolita

- Boycott Story Land, Water Country, and ALL Palace Entertainment owned parks
- Ask Palace Entertainment to Retire Lolita
- Call Palace Entertainment's Office: (949) 797-9700
- E-mail Fernando Eiroa, CEO: feiroa@PalaceEntertainment.com

Attend a Retire Lolita Rally at:

Water Country
2300 Lafayette Rd.
Portsmouth, NH

- June 11th
- July 9th
- August 13th
- September 3rd

All rallies are from
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM



Legislation

Dear NHARL Colleagues,

Below is a list of animal-related legislation from the 2016 session, and the current status of the bills. "ITL" stands for "Inexpedient to Legislate", in other words, the bill failed. It wasn't a great year for animals, but it wasn't a terrible year either, with the biggest victory being the defeat of the bobcat hunting season.

In November all NH legislators will be up for re-election, and it's hard to predict how that will go. I think the best thing we can do is pay attention to the candidates from our towns and districts, question them about their views on animal-related matters, and share the information with friends, family and others concerned for the well-being of our animal friends. For those legislators running for re-election, their voting records on most animal-related bills can be tracked on the state's website, so that we can ask them to explain their votes, either way. If you have any questions please contact me at jeans1155@hotmail.com or ask the NHARL.

Yours Truly,
Jean Slepian

HB 1100, Parent, relative to licensure of hunting guides, ITL

HB 1176, Parent, relative to F & G Commissioners, INTERIM STUDY

HB 1177, Parent, relative to permission for baiting game, ITL

HB 1178, Parent, relative to taking black bear, ITL

HB 1191, establishing an exotic game license, ITL

HB 1524, relative to F & G fees and rulemaking, ITL

HB 1230, Sad, relative to information on dog licenses, ITL

HB 1567, Massimilla(prime), Theberge, Bailey, Alicea, Rogers, authorizing Friends of Animals license plates, ITL

HB 1576, repealing dog licenses, ITL

HB 1547, Rogers, Baldasasro, Burt, Ford, Horrigan, Berch, Chase, Abbott, D'Allesandro, prohibiting bestiality, PASSED in House; PASSED with amendment in Senate, awaiting conference committee

HB 1571, Booras, prohibiting possession of equipment used in animal fighting, ITL

HB 1548, Booras, prohibiting possession or sale of shark fins, ITL

HB 1499, relative to certificates for rabies vaccination, ITL

HB 1615, regulating transfer of dogs from out of state, INTERIM STUDY

HB 1519, Walsh, relative to the season for taking bear with dogs, ITL

SB 376, Watters, Woodburn, Backus, relative to wildlife corridors, PASSED

SB 415, Stiles, Birdsell, Forrester, Borden, Peckham, relative to appropriate temperatures for dogs living outside, PASSED in Senate; ITL in House

SB 505, Hosmer, relative to transfer of animals and birds, ITL

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Thank You!

Upcoming Events

June 23-25 Concord Market Days. Thursday and Friday we will be displaying for Lolita and on Saturday our booth will promote the vegan lifestyle.

August 13 - Vegan Potluck Summer Outing at Odiorne Point in Rye, NH. Begins at 1:30 PM

Sept 10 - Pet Fair at Derryfield Park in Manchester is the event of the Animal Rescue League.