



On April 27th NHARL teamed up with [NH Citizens Against Recreational Trapping](#), [Twin States Animal Liberation](#) and [Anonymous for the VoicelessNH](#) to protest the Miss New Hampshire's "tradition of accepting a fur coat from the NH Trapper's Association."

NHARL offers a maximum five-hundred-dollar matching grant for people using non-lethal methods to solve problems that arise from living with beavers. This picture is of an April 2019 grant award installation of a culvert protection cage by Mike Callahan of Beaver Solutions with homeowner Art Wolinsky keeping dry and “supervising.”



New Hampshire Animal Rights League and [Voice for Animals Maine](#) have been working together to educate the public about puppy mills. In March and May we protested “Little Shop of Pets” on Route 1 in Portsmouth. This location uses puppies from puppy mills to make a profit, and often sells sick animals to the unknowing public. The next event will be on June 22nd outside of Little Shop of Pets. [Event Details](#).

## 2019 Animal Legislation

As you know the Coyote Pup Protection Bill was killed in the House this year. There were five other bills killed in the House, including one that would have allowed dogs off-leash on hiking trails in state parks and forests.

A Cost of Care Fund bill, to assist municipalities caring for animals during animal cruelty cases, is in committee.

### **Three bills have been tabled.**

One of these is **HB 688**, which makes various changes to the regulations governing animal transfers and pet vendors. For example, this bill establishes a statewide animal transfer database to track animal transfers, licensed and registered pet vendors, shelters, and hobby breeders, animal health certificates and records, and municipal licenses of pets. Another tabled bill is **SB 161**. It repeals the definition of "commercial kennel," and redefines "pet vendor" to specify a minimum transfer of twenty animals in a one-year period (which would cover the previous definition of "commercial kennel"). The Senate amended the bill to also authorize the Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food to make rules relative to the number of amphibians, reptiles, fish, or small mammals a person may sell and qualify as a pet vendor. The Senate amendment also establishes a position of accounting clerk to oversee pet vendors. Lastly, the Senate amendment requires dogs, cats, and ferrets offered for transfer to be accompanied by a health certificate. **SB 77** passed in the Senate but was tabled in the House. It requires a court to ban a person convicted of felony animal cruelty from owning any animals for at least five years. This bill also requires the courts to hold a preliminary hearing within 14 days if animals are confiscated as part of an animal cruelty case, and gives a defendant just 14 days to post a bond to cover the cost of care for the animals when appealing a conviction.

### **Four bills passed both House and Senate.**

**HB 605** makes it a felony to possess, transfer, or manufacture animal fighting paraphernalia with the intent to be present at, aid in, or contribute to such fighting. The bill also requires the court to ban a person from possessing animals for at least five years if they have a conviction related to animal fighting. **HB 283** prohibits the transfer of rabbits younger than 8 weeks old. At the time of this bill's submission, rabbits can be transferred at 4 weeks. **HB 389** requires the Department of Business and Economic Affairs to prepare materials for businesses relative to service dogs, including a window decal and an informational brochure about what questions a business owner may ask regarding a service animal. The House amended the bill to shift that responsibility from the Department of Business and Economic Affairs to the Secretary of State. **HB 361** adds the care and ownership of animals to the "tangible property" that must be addressed in a divorce settlement.

For more details on the legislative front, see [Citizens Count](#). Citizens Count is a nonpartisan, 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization created to make it easier for NH citizens to get informed, exchange opinions, and connect with local officials. This group strives to separate fact from opinion as it presents the pros and cons of various issues. There are more than 200,000 members of Citizens Count, most of them NH residents.

## **Action Alert**

We are fortunate to live where the first primary election takes place. All the candidates will be here over the next nine months, offering an opportunity for us to ask questions concerning issues that are important to us. When we attend town halls and other public events that give us access to the political competitors let's ask some of the tougher questions they usually don't get. Governor Bullock will be coming here from Montana, a state that is known for its wolf-killing campaigns. Ask him what he is doing in his state to protect wildlife in his state. Governor Inslee from Washington state should be asked what he is doing to help the starving southern resident orcas off the coast of his state. Governor Inslee has declared climate change as his priority issue. He should be asked if he is still eating meat and dairy considering the detrimental effects those industries have on climate change. Any candidate expressing a concern for the environment should be asked the same. Asking these questions creates an awareness about these issues not only to the candidate but also to the hundreds of voters in the room.



# Upcoming Events

## Mountain VegFest

Mountain Veg Fest will take place on Saturday, July 13, 2019 in Lebanon's Colburn Park from 10am to 4pm. VeganMountain.org and aPlantBasedDiet.org presents the first VegFest in the mountains of New Hampshire and Vermont! Enjoy the perfect summertime weather outdoors. Keynote speaker: The Founder of Sea Shepherd Global, Captain Paul Watson.

NHARL will be a vendor. Please stop by our table.

[Website](#)

[Event Details](#)



## Liberation 4 Lolita

Since 2015 NHARL has supported the Until Lolita is Home campaign in raising awareness for Lolita the orca. This year's event will take place in downtown Portsmouth on July 27th from 11am to 1pm.

To learn more about New Hampshire's connection to orca activity [click here](#).

[Event Details](#)

[Until Lolita is Home](#)

## Protest Strolling of the Heifers

Saturday, June 8, 2019 at 9am to 12pm

Taking place in downtown Brattleboro, VT

Please join Twin States Animal Liberation who will be presenting the reality of the dairy industry at this popular Vermont event that promotes dairy. [Event Details](#)

## Paws Walk

Sunday, June 9, 2019 10am to 3pm

Stratham Hill Park 270 Portsmouth Ave, Stratham, New Hampshire

Paws Walk will gather dog lovers from across New Hampshire to support animals in need.

[Event Details](#)

## Cube of Truth

Saturday, June 22nd and 29th 12pm to 3pm

92 N Main St, Concord, NH

The Cube of Truth is street activism that uses current technology to inform the public about the truth of factory farming.

[Anonymous for the Voiceless Facebook group](#)

## Vegan Summer Outing

Saturday, August 3rd, 2019 11am to 3pm

Four Tree Island 126 Daniel St, Portsmouth

Join us for our annual summer vegan potluck. Bring a chair or blanket if the weather is nice to sit in the grass and enjoy the sun. Games can also be brought and come early if you want.

## Mutt Strutt

Sunday, September 22, 2019 10am to 1pm

Livingston Park 244 Hooksett Rd Manchester NH

This one-mile walk/jog is around Manchester's scenic Dorrs Pond. Come support this great cause by attending this event or better yet, register [here](#) to participate in the walk.

## NH VegFest 2019

The 7th annual NH VegFest took place on April 20th 2019. Thanks to the many hard working volunteers and tremendous support from the local community, this was the most successful NH VegFest to date! NHARL sponsored this event and our President, James, was closely involved in helping make this event a success. The 8th annual NH VegFest is in the works and planned for early April 2020. Like the [NH VegFest Facebook](#) to stay up to date on the details.

## Quote

*"Ask the experimenters why they experiment on animals, and the answer is: "Because the animals are like us." Ask the experimenters why it is morally okay to experiment on animals, and the answer is: "Because the animals are not like us." Animal experimentation rests on a logical contradiction. "*

Charles R. Magel

## Laboratory Animals

April 24th, 2019 marked the 40th year of World Day for Laboratory Animals. This is a day when people around the world join together to bring attention to the cruel treatment animals in laboratories face everyday. The use of animals for experimentation is a subject few people seem to talk about even though over 100 million animals are killed every year in labs. As a group we need to take actions to end the suffering of these animals. Buying from companies that do not test on animals is the first crucial step in ending the use of these barbaric practices. Testing on animals in the name of science or safety is more of a tradition than a necessity. Today there are many alternatives to animal testing, one being using tissue that is generated in a lab in place of a live animal. The second step is to support legislation that regulates and puts an end to exploiting animals in laboratories. Third, reach out to companies that do test on animals and tell them you will not be a customer until they stop all animal testing.

Visit the [Leaping Bunny](#) for information on cruelty free companies.



Thank you to all of our members and supporters. There is a lot going on in NH to help animals. If you have questions about any of it please write us an email.

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## NHARL Board Election Year

NHARL biennial elections are coming this November. **NHARL members** may nominate themselves or other members to serve on the NHARL Board of Directors for the next two years. Download the ballot at our website. Nominations are due September 1, 2019 to: [Ruth\\_Tanner@uml.edu](mailto:Ruth_Tanner@uml.edu) or by postal mail at: Ruth Tanner Isaks, Election Assistant  
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To become a member or make a donation use the membership form at our website or send a check made out to NHARL to our PO Box. Yearly membership is \$20.00 and Students, Juniors, or Seniors are only \$10.00. Lifetime membership is \$200.00 for you and your spouse. Thank You!

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