

**64TH ANNUAL MEETING of the
SOUTHERN LEGISLATIVE
CONFERENCE**

**AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT
BUSINESS BREAKFAST
STATE ACTIONS ON ANIMAL WELFARE**

A brown horse stands in a grassy field, facing left. In the background, there is a white fence and a line of trees. The scene is slightly hazy, suggesting a misty or overcast day.

Animal Rights – Animal Welfare Your Role

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Its been an active last few years



**Protecting Animals, Domestic
Violence**

**Required reporting of animal
abuse by veterinarians**

**State legislation to add
antifreeze bittering agent**

Importation requirements

**Companion Animal Care
Guidelines**

Canine devocalization

Declawing of domestic cats

Animal disaster plans

Free-roaming abandoned and feral cats, horses

Ear cropping and tail docking of dogs

Mandatory spay/neuter laws

Compulsory microchipping for dogs and cats

Pet leashes

Foie gras

Pet tobacco

Tail docking



I am required by law to tell you that everything you ordered today may be harmful to your health.

at initiatives

California and Arizona

Want sow housing

housing of veal calves

California, added chickens to the list



2010 SARM Model Legislation Resolution

Alabama, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio,
Louisiana, Utah, Vermont, and West Virginia



"Are your chops humanely chopped?"

Michigan Ohio



"IT'S A CLASS-ACTION SUIT."

- ✓ OLSCB will take action on downer cattle and humane euthanasia using HSUS ballot initiative language.
- ✓ Sale and new ownership of exotic animals will be prohibited.
- ✓ SB 95 regulating dog breeding will be approved.
- ✓ HB 108 increasing cockfighting penalties must be approved.



- ✓ Veal calves will be limited to group housing by 2017

✓ HSUS will work jointly with the OLSCB to “work for the highest farm animal care and welfare standards”, and fund future research.

✓ Sow gestation stalls will be prohibited after 2025, no gestation stalls in new facilities built after 12/2010.

✓ Use of cages for layer hens in new facilities will be prohibited.

✓ HSUS will not initiate litigation to obtain these results





Anything that HSUS doesn't like, isn't happy with, the ballot initiative comes back

Concurrently-

HSUS and California egg producers legislation

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