



**AMERICAN AGRI-WOMEN
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ANIMAL WELFARE VS. ANIMAL RIGHTS**

ISSUE:

Across America, animal owners, animal enterprise, farmers, ranchers, and agriculture concerns are under the daily threat from animal rights organizations and their well-funded lobby efforts to pass onerous legislation detrimental to their survival.

Extremely concerning are the number of federal law makers who accept campaign contributions and other donations from these animal rights organizations; namely, Humane Society Legislation Fund (HSLF), Animal Wellness Action (AWA), Animal Welfare Institute (AWI), and others who urge law makers to sponsor and pass legislation that increases government interference and increased oversight by institutions charged with enforcement of rules and regulations related to animal-related businesses, farming, and ranching.

The website opensecrets.org documents federal campaign contributions to lawmakers by these anti-agriculture animal rights organizations.

AMERICAN AGRI-WOMEN REQUEST:

We urge federal law makers to oppose adding these and any other animal rights driven policies and amendments to the 2023 Farm Bill.

Wayne Pacelle and Marty Irby, both with the radical animal rights organization, Animal Wellness Action, in addition to American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) have made the proclamation that they intend to amend the 2023 Farm Bill with the following bills:

1. Save American Forgotten Equines (SAFE) Act H.R.3355/S.901

This ban on U.S. horse slaughter would be the final death blow to the horse industry. It would close the borders for transport of horses to slaughter in Canada and Mexico.

2. Prevent All Soring Tactics (PAST) Act H.R. 5441

PAST ACT amends the Horse Protection Act which already imposes strong rules and regulations on the Tennessee Walking Horse Industry.

PAST ACT issues penalties based on the standards of the animal rights groups.



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The economic impact of PAST ACT would be detrimental to farriers, veterinarians, feed and tack companies, restaurants, motels, retail stores, trailer/truck dealers, and many more businesses.

The PAST ACT would remove all pads, weighted shoes, and all action devices from show horses creating a terrible precedent to ban other training tools used with livestock and other animals.

3. Puppy Protection Act of 2023 H.R.1624

H.R.1624 would amend the Animal Welfare Act to regulate dogs, and "for other purposes." Proposed regulations under the Puppy Protection Act would include unenforceable exercise and "meaningful socialization" mandates, temperature restrictions not conducive to kennel husbandry needs, solid surface flooring, breeding limitations, and other onerous requirements that are strictly animal rights driven and designed to harm lawful kennels.

BACKGROUND:

Over the past several decades, America has witnessed nothing short of a radical transformation in the philosophy that informs the regulation and treatment of those who own and breed animals for profit. Specifically, time-tested agricultural and animal husbandry practices which ensure the health and safety of both people and animals are incrementally being redefined as inhumane treatment of animal livestock by those who have an emotional-based agenda. This shift has emboldened regulatory agencies and their inspectors to increasingly make use of fines and seizures that are based more in an effort to appeal to public sentiment than they are in the letter of the law or the standard best practices of animal agriculture producers.

This shift can be traced directly to what is known as the "animal rights movement," an ideology that has gradually gained a foothold in universities and local, state, and federal government throughout the past 50 years. What was once a ragtag group of extremists is now a multi-million-dollar coalition of organizations that raise money under the guise of running pet shelters and ultimately, these organizations spend that money on the promotion of increased regulation on animal ownership, animal enterprise, and animal agriculture.

If these organizations had their way, all pets would be adopted from shelters and the consumption of meat would be prohibitively expensive for most Americans. All animal rights organizations and their followers advocate for **vegan** lifestyle and policies.