



## **POST-1990 INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM SUMMARY – ANIMAL ISSUES**

Total win/loss count for the animal movement: 26 wins, 12 losses, with 68% win rate

Total win/loss count for measures the HSUS or FFA has been centrally involved in: 26 wins, 10 losses, with 72% win rate (HSUS was not actively involved in 1992 AZ and 1998 AK anti-trapping initiatives)

### **NARRATIVE SUMMARY**

Between 1990 and 2006, animal advocates squared off against hunters and other animal industries in 38 statewide ballot campaigns, winning in 26 campaigns and marking a huge surge in the use of the process on animal issues. To provide a contrast, in the previous 50 years -- between 1940 and 1990 -- there were about a half dozen animal-related initiatives, and our movement prevailed in only one campaign – and that measure was later overturned by a subsequent ballot measure advanced by opponents of the reform.

From 1990 to present, 29 of the measures were initiatives or referenda pushed by animal protection advocates, 3 measures were initiatives by animal use industries, 5 were pro-hunting referenda placed on ballots by state legislators, and 1 was a pro-animal referendum placed on the ballot by state lawmakers.

Of the pro-animal initiatives (with HSUS instigating and leading most of the campaigns), animal advocates have won restrictions on cruel methods of trapping in 5 of 7 states (with 2 measures in Arizona) where initiatives have been conducted, 4 of 7 related to hound hunting and baiting, 1 of 2 measures to ban mourning dove hunting, 1 measure on horse slaughter, all 3 measures on cockfighting, both measures on airborne hunting of predators in Alaska, and both measures on intensive confinement methods for pregnant sows and veal calves. We failed in an effort to strengthen Arkansas's anti-cruelty law. One of the trapping measures, Question 1 in Massachusetts in 1996, also banned hounding and baiting and eliminated the requirement that members of the Fisheries and Wildlife Board had to be hunters.

Of the 5 pro-hunting referenda, animal advocates prevailed in 4 campaigns. Most of these pro-hunting referenda sought to make it practically impossible to use the initiative process – either by creating new passage or qualification standards; we vigorously campaigned against these measures and defeated three of the four. One pro-hunting referendum, which we contested and defeated, sought to repeal the ban on lion hunting in California.

We defeated 2 of the 3 initiatives from animal use industries – one to repeal the voter-approved ban on hounding and baiting in Oregon and one to expand gambling at greyhound and horse racing tracks in Arizona.

In sum, we have had great success in carefully selecting and winning initiative campaigns. Stung by our successes, animal use industries have organized a backlash, mainly by working with their allies in state legislatures to place counter-measures on ballots. We have been successful in defeating the meaningful counter-measures. In the rare circumstances when animal industries have placed measures on ballots, we have handily defeated their measures.

## BALLOT MEASURES ON ANIMAL PROTECTION SINCE 1990

					<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
1990	California	prohibit sport hunting of mountain lions	<b>Proposition 117</b>	Approved	52%	48%
1992	Arizona	ban steel jawed traps and other body-gripping traps	Proposition 200	Rejected	38%	62%
1992	Colorado	prohibit spring, bait, and hound hunting of black bears	<b>Amendment 10</b>	Approved	70%	30%
1994	Arizona	prohibit steel jawed traps and other body-gripping traps	<b>Proposition 201</b>	Approved	58%	42%
1994	Oregon	ban bear baiting and hound hunting of mountain lions	<b>Measure 18</b>	Approved	52%	48%
1996	Alaska	ban same-day airborne hunting of wolves and foxes	<b>Measure 3</b>	Approved	58%	42%
1996	California	allow the trophy hunting of mountain lions	<b>Proposition 197</b>	Rejected	42%	58%
1996	Colorado	ban leghold traps and other body-gripping traps	<b>Amendment 14</b>	Approved	52%	48%
1996	Idaho	ban spring, bait, and hound hunting of black bears	Proposition 2	Rejected	40%	60%
1996	Massachusetts	restrict steel traps and other body-gripping traps, ban hound hunting of bears and bobcats and eliminate quota for hunters on Fisheries & Wildlife Board	<b>Question 1</b>	Approved	64%	36%
1996	Michigan	ban baiting and hounding of black bears	Proposal D	Rejected	38%	62%
1996	Oregon	repeal ban on bear baiting and hound hunting of bears and cougars	<b>Measure 34</b>	Rejected	42%	58%
1996	Washington	ban bear baiting and hound hunting of bears, cougars, bobcats, and lynx	<b>Initiative 655</b>	Approved	63%	37%
1998	Alaska	ban wolf snare trapping	Proposition 9	Rejected	36%	64%
1998	Arizona	prohibit cockfighting	<b>Proposition 201</b>	Approved	68%	32%
1998	California	ban the use of cruel and indiscriminate traps and poisons	<b>Proposition 4</b>	Approved	57%	43%
1998	California	prohibit slaughter of horses and sale of horse meat	<b>Proposition 6</b>	Approved	59%	41%

		for human consumption				
1998	Missouri	prohibit cockfighting	<b>Proposition A</b>	Approved	63%	37%
1998	Ohio	restore the ban on mourning dove hunting	Issue 1	Rejected	41%	59%
1998	Utah	require 2/3 majority for wildlife ballot issues	<i>Proposition 5</i>	Approved	56%	44%
2000	Alaska	ban wildlife issues from ballot	<b>Measure 1</b>	Rejected	36%	64%
2000	Alaska	ban land-and-shoot wolf hunting	<b>Measure 6</b>	Approved	53%	47%
2000	Arizona	require 2/3 majority for wildlife ballot issues	<b>Proposition 102</b>	Rejected	38%	62%
2000	Massachusetts	ban greyhound racing	Question 3	Rejected	49%	51%
2000	Montana	prohibit new game farm licenses	<b>Initiative 143</b>	Approved	52%	48%
2000	Oregon	restrict steel traps and certain poisons	Measure 97	Rejected	59%	41%
2000	Washington	restrict steel traps and certain poisons	<b>Initiative 713</b>	Approved	55%	45%
2002	Arizona	expand gambling at greyhound tracks	<b>Proposition 201</b>	Rejected	20%	80%
2002	Arkansas	increase penalties for animal cruelty	Initiated Act 1	Rejected	38%	62%
2002	Florida	ban gestation crates for pigs	<b>Amendment 10</b>	Passed	55%	45%
2002	Georgia	specialty license plate for spay/neuter	<b>Measure 6</b>	Passed	71%	29%
2002	Oklahoma	ban cockfighting	<b>State Question 687</b>	Passed	56%	44%
2002	Oklahoma	increase signature requirement for animal issues	<b>State Question 698</b>	Rejected	46%	54%
2004	Alaska	ban bear baiting	Ballot Measure 3	Rejected	41%	59%
2004	Florida	expand gambling at race tracks	Amendment 4	Approved	51%	49%
2004	Maine	ban bear baiting, hounding, and trapping	Question 2	Rejected	48%	52%
2006	Arizona	ban gestation crates, veal crates	<b>Proposition 204</b>	Passed	62%	38%
2006	Michigan	allow mourning dove hunting	<b>Proposal 3</b>	Rejected	31%	69%

**Bold – animal advocates prevail**

*Italics – referenda (measure referred to ballot by state legislature)*