

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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UPDATES

Due to the pandemic and the heat of the election season, action on federal legislation slowed to a crawl during most of 2020. When the new Congress is seated, the pace will accelerate again and the [Healthy dog Importation Act, HR 6921](#) will move forward. To lend your support to this legislative campaign or to request information about the bill, please contact naia@naiaonline.org

[Exotic zoo owner cleared on charges, but he says 200 animals taken in raid have died](#)

Mr. Stacks was accused of keeping animals in deplorable conditions and the report was filed by one of his competitors. He is taking legal action against the city for not having performed an inspection before the raid/confiscation and for how many animals he lost.

[Denmark Will Kill All Farmed Mink, Citing Coronavirus Infections](#)

Government officials said on Wednesday that a mutation in the virus could interfere with vaccine effectiveness in humans.

[Festus-area facility to give up chimps after settlement with PETA](#)

After years of back and forth, the Missouri Primate Foundation will transfer four chimpanzees to the Center for Great Apes in FL. The owner, Tammy Haddix, will keep three and must build a new enclosure.

ACTION ITEMS

A DxE volunteer/member has been appointed to the Colorado Board of Veterinary Medicine. Please send letters via this link [Letter requesting Kessler's immediate removal from vet board](#). There is an article in the "News" section covering this as well.

IN THE NEWS

[Animal Rights Activists Protest HSUS Board Chair Susan Atherton Over Cruelty at Project Chimps](#)

Other animal rights activists are turning against HSUS and their management of the chimpanzees in their care at Project Chimps.

[New DuPage fairgrounds lease prohibits events – other than the fair – in which animals are used or sold](#)

[Former Environmental Firm CEO Charged with Animal Neglect in Santa Monica](#)

['I'm very heartbroken:' 50 birds, two monkeys stolen from Kissimmee exotic pet store](#)

[For nearly 200 dogs, a journey from a South Korean meat farm to a shelter in Maryland](#)

[Jackson County voter initiative to ban circus animals falls short of its goal](#)

[Aurora lawmakers totally rewrite laws affecting cat colonies, pit bulls, wolves and more](#)

[Training puppies over Zoom: how Covid-19 impacted Irish Guide Dogs](#)

[Researchers compare rhesus and cynomolgus macaques for SARS-CoV-2 vaccine trials](#)