

## U.S. CRUELTY LAWS FELONY VS. MISDEMEANOR

This matrix will allow you to quickly see whether or not your state has felony statutes in place for cruelty to animals. Click on the table header to re-sort the matrix.

There are 4 states without felony provisions for cruelty to animals: **Idaho, Mississippi, North Dakota, and South Dakota.**

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STATE	FELONY	YEAR	MAX. JAIL	MAX. FINE	COUNSEL-ING	BAN	PPO
Alabama	✔	2000	10 years	\$5,000	✘	✘	✘
Alaska	✔		1 years	\$10,000	✔	✘	✘
Arizona	✔	1999	1 years	\$150,000	✘	✘	✘
Arkansas	✔		1 years	\$1,000	✔	✘	✘
California	✔	1988	3 years	\$20,000	✔	✘	✔
Colorado	✔	2002	6 years	\$500,000	✔	✔	✔
Connecticut	✔	1996	5 years	\$5,000	✔	✘	✔
Delaware	✔	1994	3 years	\$5,000	✘	✔	✘
D.C.	✔	2001	5 years	\$25,000	✘	✘	✘
Florida	✔	1989	5 years	\$10,000	✔	✘	✘
Georgia	✔	2000	5 years	\$15,000	✔	✘	✘
Hawaii	✔	2007	5 years	\$10,000	✘	✘	✘
Idaho	✘		1 years	\$9,000	✘	✘	✘
Illinois	✔	1999	5 years	\$50,000	✔	✘	✘
Indiana	✔	1998	3 years	\$10,000	✔	✘	✘
Iowa	✔	2000	5 years	\$75,000	✔	✘	✘
Kansas	✔	2006	1 years	\$5,000	✔	✘	✘
Kentucky	✔	2003	5 years	\$10,000	✘	✘	✘
Louisiana	✔	1995	10 years	\$25,000	✔	✘	✘
Maine	✔	2001	5 years	\$10,000	✔	✔	✔
Maryland	✔	2001	3 years	\$5,000	✔	✔	✘
Massachusetts	✔	1804	5 years	\$2,500	✘	✘	✘
Michigan	✔	1931	4 years	\$5,000	✔	✔	✘
Minnesota	✔	2001	4 years	\$10,000	✔	✔	✘
Mississippi	✘		6 months	\$1,000	✘	✘	✘
Missouri	✔	1994	5 years	\$5,000	✘	✘	✘
Montana	✔	1993	2 years	\$2,500	✘	✔	✘
Nebraska	✔	2002	5 years	\$10,000	✘	✘	✘

Nevada		1999	5 years	\$10,000			
New Hampshire		1994	7 years	\$4,000			
New Jersey		2001	5 years	\$15,000			
New Mexico		1999	18 months	\$5,000			
New York		1999	2 years	\$5,000			
North Carolina		1998	6 months	\$1,000			
North Dakota			1 years	\$2,000			
Ohio		2002	1 years	\$2,000			
Oklahoma		1887	5 years	\$5,000			
Oregon		1995	5 years	\$100,000			
Pennsylvania		1995	7 years	\$15,000			
Rhode Island		1896	2 years	\$1,000			
South Carolina		2000	5 years	\$5,000			
South Dakota			1 years	\$1,000			
Tennessee		2001	9 months				
Texas		1997	2 years	\$10,000			
Utah			1 years	\$5,000			
Vermont		1998	5 years	\$7,500			
Virginia		1999	5 years	\$2,500			
Washington		1994	5 years	\$10,000			
West Virginia		2003	5 years	\$5,000			
Wisconsin		1986	5 years	\$10,000			
Wyoming		2003	2 years	\$5,000			

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