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CVA envisions a future where all animals live in peace under the protection of strong laws.

May 2024 Newsletter

It's a Wrap - With Some Wins for CT Animals in Hartford!



With the 2024 session of the Connecticut General Assembly concluded, we give a grateful shout-out to all our supporters who took the time to contact state lawmakers to let them know your perspective on protecting CT wildlife, pets, and other animals. Your efforts paid off and, together, despite a short session, we had some successes this year.

CT has finally joined 42 other states to ban the cruel practice of dog racing by closing a loophole in the statutes that would have allowed a new track to open. As Governor Lamont said when he signed the law: "It's mindboggling to think that at one time people considered this a legitimate sport, and I give credit to animal advocacy groups for their activism that has raised

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Stop Animal Cruelty! Learn How You Can Help

"How to Identify and Prevent Animal Abuse" is the topic of the first educational webinar to be presented on May 23 at 6 p.m. by CT For Animals Education Fund (CFA), CVA's new parallel organization committed to promoting the welfare and protection of animals and their environment through education, awareness, community outreach, and engagement. There's still time to sign up!

CFA Board Member and animal cruelty expert Dr. Virginia Maxwell is the expert presenter. A professor and assistant chair of Forensic Science at the University of New Haven, Virginia is credited with developing the first graduate [program in animal cruelty investigation](#) there. She is also the co-author of one of the first books on [animal cruelty investigation](#). Learn more and register today.



Dr. Virginia Maxwell

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Migration data from Cornell University Lab of Ornithology BirdCast and eBird

Lights Out for Spring Migration Season!

It's peak bird migration time in CT and throughout the northeast, according to the Cornell University Laboratory of Ornithology's BirdCast analysis which maps out the periods of highest nightly aerial bird density across the U.S. It's a perilous time for the hundreds of millions of birds making their long, arduous journeys north, especially at night when they can become disoriented by city lights and collide with windows.

You can do your part to make the flight safer by turning off nonessential lighting from 11:00 p.m. to

6:00 a.m., or drawing curtains to keep light inside. All types of buildings pose a risk though studies show most collisions in the U.S. occur at residences and low-rise buildings.

You can also prevent bird collisions during the day by **making glass more visible**. Birds don't see glass as a solid surface and can fly into it at full speed, often resulting in injury or death. Simple window treatments may include decals or cords spaced two inches apart on the outside of glass.

Upcoming Events

Spring festival season is in full swing and our parallel organizations, CVA and CFA, are staffing booths over the next few months, reaching out to potential new members. The following events are on the schedule so far. If you're interested in volunteering at one or more, contact info@ctvotesforanimals.org, or just stop by and say "Hi."



Middletown Pride Fest

Saturday, June 1, 2024
12:00 PM- 7:00 PM
Main St.
Middletown, CT



Catherine's Butterfly Party

Saturday, June 8, 2024
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
3 Primrose St.
Newtown, CT



CT Folk Fest & Green Expo

Saturday, Sept. 7, 2024
11:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Edgerton Park
75 Cliff St, New Haven, CT



Vegan Buttermilk Pancakes

Did someone say pancakes? These buttermilk flapjacks might just become your favorite. They're pillowy light and fluffy, and there's no butter or oil in the batter. Melted nondairy butter gets added to the skillet or griddle as you need it. Remember, pancakes aren't just for breakfast!

Remember to share your favorite vegan recipe at info@ctvotesforanimals.org

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