



COLORADO

Department of Agriculture

Animal Protection Fund Tax Check-Off

HB 25-1299 provides the opportunity for Coloradans to support emergency care for animals in need through a voluntary tax check-off

Prime Sponsors: Representatives Duran & Armagost and Senators Roberts & R. Pelton

HB25-1299 Quick Facts

- **Creates a new voluntary tax check-off**
- **Estimated to generate a TABOR-exempt \$150,000 annually**
- **Funds care for animals during emergencies and in crisis**
- **Supports work of local governments and nonprofits**
- **The tax check-off will provide stable funding in support of our most vulnerable animals for years to come**
- **Continuous appropriation allows the department to use TABOR-exempt funds as needed.**
- **Does not require a General Fund Appropriation**

Tax Check-Off

- A recent survey found that 82% of Colorado residents consider their animals family. This tax check-off would provide taxpayers a voluntarily way to donate to a cause they support while filing their state income taxes.
- Adding a new check-off does not impact other existing check-offs.
 - Statute limits the total number of check-offs to 20 and there are currently only 17.

Animal Protection Fund

- Supports the care of pets and livestock during emergencies and for the temporary care of animals in crisis.
- Funds would be used to provide direct services through CDA as well as supporting local governments and non-profit shelters in providing that care.
- The Animal Protection Fund serves as a crucial last resort for animals needing emergency shelter or suffering from neglect and cruelty, providing the essential resources required for their care and protection.