



Here are some of the ways PIJAC advocated for the responsible pet care community in 2021:

The continued success of our work to protect and advance the well-being of pets and the responsible pet care community depends on you.

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## ADVOCACY



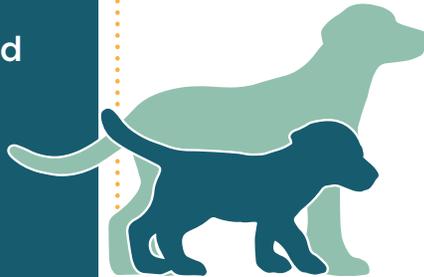
Hosted the 4th annual DC Pet Care Community Fly-In, virtually connecting the pet care community with nearly 100 federal lawmakers to advocate for enhancing opportunities to experience the human-animal bond, protecting animal and human health, and more.

Monitored over 1,500 pet-related government proposals, engaging on those that could be harmful—or beneficial—to pet well-being and pet businesses. Supported enacted legislation including:

- PAWS for Veterans Therapy Act increasing opportunities for service animals
- Enhanced animal care regulations for shelters and rescues
- Elimination of pet ownership restrictions

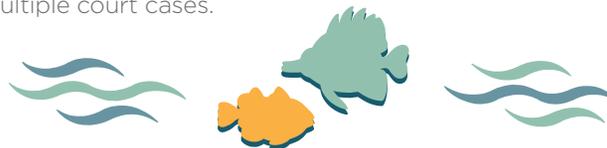


## RESPONSIBILITY



Established a Canine Care Committee to share information, improve practices and inform policy to promote and protect the health and well-being of dogs in the pet trade throughout their journey to becoming beloved family pets.

Continued to advocate for reopening the sustainable Hawaiian aquarium fishery by submitting and validating a West Hawaii Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that was accepted by the state, and by defending the fishery in multiple court cases.



## COLLABORATION

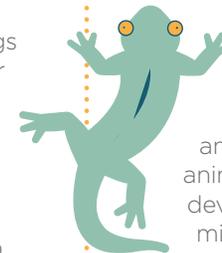
Worked with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other state and federal agencies to develop and provide guidance to pet businesses to impede the spread of Zebra mussels—one of the most ecologically and economically disruptive invasive species in North America—after they were discovered in aquatic moss ball products in multiple states.

Joined with more than 20 organizations from around the world to re-establish the International Pet Advisory Council for international communication and cooperation on pet care issues.



Working with a broad coalition of transport, retail and manufacturing associations on the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 2021 (H.R. 4996) to end supply chain disruptions that are crippling pet businesses.

Collaborating with the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture and partners on a pilot scientific study of amphibians to improve animal wellbeing by developing solutions to mitigate harmful microbes, optimize beneficial microbes and decrease opportunities for spillover from captive to wild populations.





**The Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council works on your behalf to ensure the availability and well-being of pets, uphold pet ownership and advance the priorities of the responsible pet care community.**

Whether you're a manufacturer, supplier, retailer, distributor, or other pet care professional, invest in your future—  
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PIJAC provides you with a **direct voice** to lawmakers—and much more:

**PROTECT** and advance your legislative and regulatory priorities with local, state and federal elected officials

**INFORM** lawmakers about the pet care community and the benefits of the human-animal bond

**JOIN** and build coalitions to develop proactive solutions on issues such as zoonotic disease prevention

**ALERT** you to news and issues that impact the pet care industry and pet ownership

**CREATE** and provide resources to educate pet professionals and owners on pet management and care

