

## Step 1

Look up your representatives!

Mayor:

County executives:

Local government VIPS(city council, parks committee, etc:

Governor:

State legislators:

U.S. Senate representative:

U.S. House representative:

## Step 2

Reach out! Send an email and introduce yourself. If approved invite them to visit you at your facility so you can show them what you do. Ask to be informed of animal related issues.

## Step 3

Stay in touch and stay informed.
Reach out often and follow their
mailing lists or social media for
more information.



Many states have reacted to scandals by enacting regulations about gifts – typically "anything of value" - to elected officials, which may have thresholds, may only apply to registered lobbyists, or may require reporting. Normal hospitality for guests of the facility is expected and appreciated, even though it might be a technical violation of a strict rule in your state, but it is always a good idea to ask the elected official or staff person about this when arranging for a visit to eliminate any possible awkwardness. ZAA staff or your state legislative ethics office will be able to help if you like.