



**UUAnimal Ministry at OCUUC  
NEWSLETTER  
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**Take Action**

**Defend the Big Cat Public Safety Act**



A new bill in Congress seeks to weaken the Big Cat Public Safety Act, which ushered in historic protections for big cats when it was signed into law in 2022. If enacted, H.R. 7159 would line the pockets of special interests at the expense of big cats. Help protect the humane, commonsense, and effective BCPSA. Please contact your federal representative and urge them to oppose H.R. 7159.

[Animal Welfare Institute Action Center](#)

**Good News for Animals**

**Court Clears Way for NYC Foie Gras Ban**



The sale of foie gras in New York City was banned in 2019, but the ban was overturned the New York State Supreme Court in June 2024.

Foie gras is produced by force-feeding ducks or geese large amounts of food through tubes that are inserted into their throats. Animal welfare

organizations say the practice causes severe suffering and results in abnormally enlarged livers.

On March 12, 2026, in a landmark victory for animal protection, a New York appellate court ruled that New York City can enforce the foie gras ban, restoring the city's authority to prohibit the sale of the cruel product.

[Read more at World Animal News](#)

**Animal Welfare Organization of the Month**

**Save the Frogs!**



SAVE THE FROGS! works in California, across the USA, and around the world to prevent the extinction of amphibians and to make the

planet better for humans and wildlife. SAVE THE FROGS! has created, restored and protected habitat for threatened amphibian populations; spearheaded successful local, state and federal legislation on behalf of amphibians; and educated millions of people worldwide about amphibians.

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**Pet Food Collection**



We are continuing to collect donations of pet food on Sundays for pets of homeless and low-income pet owners through the No Empty Bowls program of OC Animal Allies. Please bring unopened canned or dry pet food and also new toys, blankets, and leashes.

[OC Animal Allies on Facebook](#)

**UUAM Meeting**

The UUAnimal Ministry group at OCUUC will meet on Zoom on April 12 at 2:30. Come join in and help us decide on our next actions to help animals!

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