

New Hampshire State House
Environment and Agriculture Committee
GP Room 153
107 North Main St., Concord, NH, 03301

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Dear Chairman Aron, Vice Chair Barbour and committee members,

I am writing to ask that you pass HB 1013, prohibiting games in which the object is to capture a pig, favorably from committee on its way to become law..

This bill is essential to ensure that a socially intelligent and sentient animal no longer suffers as a mere object of entertainment in pig scrambles. Under such “games” these sensitive young animals are subject to physical injury, food and water deprivation, and many other rough treatments that would not be acceptable if incurred on any domestic animal.

Many studies worldwide have demonstrated the incredible intelligence of pigs. The most famous test of animal intelligence in the scientific sphere is whether the animal recognizes itself in a mirror - something that it was thought only humans and some primates were capable of. This self recognition indicates complex neural structures that not only know past, present and future, but can demonstrate complex problem solving issues.

Here are but two such studies for your exploration.

[Pigs learn what a mirror image represents and use it to obtain information - ScienceDirect, cognitive processes, behaviour and intelligence of pigs](#)

We owe these dynamically intelligent animals more dignity, respect and compassionate care than tossing them into a sack and roughly tackling them, then leaving them in said sack without water for hours, with injuries unattended and humans laughing at their plight as if they were simply a football or other sport equipment.

We are a more mature and ethical species than to continue finding animal commodification entertainment.

Please move this bill favorably so that we can provide that dignity to the animals and teach our children the same respect.

Sincerely,

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