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## **Pro-Animal Colorado to Submit Over 16,000 Signatures for Denver Ballot Initiative to End Force-Fed Foie Gras**

After a remarkable grassroots effort across the city, Pro-Animal Colorado will submit **more than 16,000 voter signatures** to place the Prohibit Force-Feeding Birds Act on Denver's 2026 ballot. Since January, **84 volunteers** collectively spent **over 2,000 hours** gathering signatures from Denver voters who want to see the city end the sale of products derived from force-fed birds.

The proposed measure would prohibit force-feeding of birds and the sale of force-fed foie gras. A practice defined in the petition as inserting a tube into a bird's esophagus to deliver excessive feed, causing pathological liver enlargement and severe animal suffering. Although there are no foie gras farms in Denver, the Act would prevent such operations from opening in the future and ensure that businesses cannot sell foie gras sourced from force-fed birds.

### **Signature Turn-In Event:**

Supporters, volunteers, and journalists are invited to join Pro-Animal Colorado for a public turn-in event on:

**Date:** Wednesday, December 10, 2025

**Photo Gathering:** Arrive by 12:00 PM Outside the Denver City & County Building Group

**Photos:** 12:00 PM to 12:45 PM

**Walk to Elections Office:** 12:45 PM

**Turn-In Location:** Denver Elections Division, 200 W 14th Ave.



### **Statements from Pro-Animal Colorado:**

*"Getting on the ballot with volunteers instead of paid petitioners shows that people are done with Denver being a place that lets animal cruelty like this go on. It's a simple, firm line: Foie-gras can be made in a way that's less cruel to animals."*

*-Justin Clark, Colorado Campaign Director*

*"This signature drive shows just how deeply Denver voters care about protecting animals and ensuring our city reflects its values. Our volunteers poured their hearts into this effort, and we are honored to bring thousands of voices directly to the ballot."*

*-Anvar Ruziev, Press and Public Relations Lead*

**If certified**, the initiative will give Denver voters the opportunity to decide whether the city should end the commercial sale of products derived from force-feeding. The campaign emphasizes that the measure addresses animal cruelty, worker safety, environmental impacts, and public health.

**If approved** for the ballot and later passed by voters in November, the law would take effect **July 1, 2027**

### **About Pro-Animal Colorado**

Pro-Animal Colorado is the local chapter of **Pro-Animal Future**, a national grassroots movement of activists, organizers, and donors committed to ending factory farming by turning broad support for animals into political power. Pro-Animal Colorado leads efforts within the state to advance policies that reflect Colorado's values of compassion, sustainability, and humane treatment of animals.

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