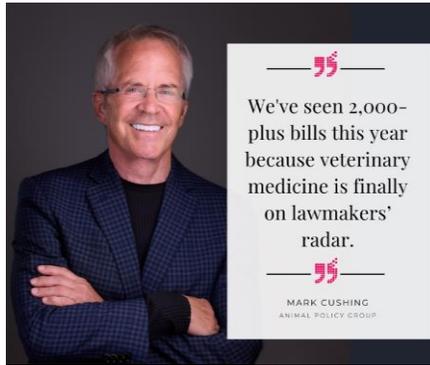




The Last Conversation of 2025

2,000 Bills, One Barking Dog, and a Dancing Lobbyist:
The Year-End Legislative Review



The Bridge Club closed out the year with one of the most energizing conversations yet. The final Table Talk episode of 2025 brought together laughter, real-time challenges and a powerful legislative deep dive that sets the stage for the year ahead.

Catherine Haskins was joined by Chief Veterinary Officer Dr. Cheryl Good, Chief Veterinary Technician Officer Shannon Nowak, and the exceptional team from the Animal Policy Group; Mark Cushing, Katie Jarl, and Caitlin Cushing. Together, they've tracked more than 2,000 bills impacting veterinary medicine this year, and they shared the trends every veterinary professional needs to know heading into 2026.

What Was Covered

- **Vet Tech Licensing & Scope of Practice**

States are pushing forward with long-awaited title protection and expanded utilization — and 2026 will be a defining year.

- **Telemedicine & EVCPR**

Momentum continues to build nationwide as more legislators recognize the need for modern, accessible care options.

- **License Portability**

With veterinarians ranked among the most in-demand professionals in the country, reducing barriers between states is becoming a bipartisan priority.

- **VPA & Workforce Outlook**

Colorado's progress toward implementing the Veterinary Professional Associate model highlights the broader conversation around workforce innovation and access to care.

While the topics were serious, the tone remained unmistakably Bridge Club: warm, candid, and community driven. As Catherine reminded us, this conversation isn't just a recap of the year — it's fuel for the one ahead. If you're heading into VMX, WVC, or your state conferences, this is the update you'll want fresh in your mind.

