

The Wichita Animal Action League (WAAL) has always felt that progressive changes to the state statute should be made to help protect animals in the community. We feel that the proposed changes to the Kansas Pet Animal Act brought forth in this bill are logical, reasonable and ethical.

We feel that not requiring all licensees to provide adequate veterinary medical care is negligent as this will surely lead to suffering of these cats and dogs.

Every animal should always have access to a clean, potable water source. This is an undeniable right of every animal being held in captivity.

Using the AVMA standards for regulating pet care is a reasonable source for establishing state standards for care. Adding these items to inspector training will ensure inspections are done consistently across all inspectors and communities and will help ensure neglect and cruelty offenses are identified and corrected.

In addition, we believe it only makes sense for there to be a state licensed rescue representative on the Pet Animal Advisory Board so that the rescue perspective of animal welfare can be heard and acknowledged.