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Senator Love and Members of the Committee:

I am writing today in support of the amendments from the PACK coalition to Senate Bill 57. As a shelter director and member of the Pet Animal Coalition of Kansas board, I understand the need for the changes to the statute.

- The statute should include annual inspections for all licensees except foster homes on an annual yearly basis.
- Inspections for licensees can be every 18 months as long as the licensee has had two clear inspections.
- The Governor should continue to appoint Companion Animal Advisory Board Members
- The Advisory board needs to add a second position for shelters to cover Foster Homes
- The citizen position needs to remain "unaffiliated" with no connection to the Dept. or licensees.
- Foster Homes should be licensed under the shelters and that information given to the Dept. of Agriculture. Fees should remain at \$10.
- Shelter cap fees should be raised to no more than \$500.

I will be unable to testify in person but I would be available if you should have any questions.

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