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Testimony of Midge Grinstead
State Director – The Humane Society of the United States
Re: SB 57

Senator Love and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today. I am here to support the Kansas Pet Animal Act and amendments to SB 57.

While I have only been with The Humane Society of the United States for a year and a half, I have an extensive background in animal welfare. As a past shelter director and Governor’s Companion Animal Advisory Board member, I know the important role that shelters, rescues and fosters play in animal welfare in our state. I support them in their efforts.

In my role as Kansas State Director, I have helped these licensees handle the problems and demands of daily shelter life and handling the burden and stress brought forth by companion animal over-population. In 2012, I was able to help the following shelters:

- Dodge City Humane Society with grant funds to repair the air conditioner for their facility.
- Allen County Animal Rescue Foundation with grant funds to put windows into their facility to lessen the stress on the shelter cat population.
- McPherson Humane Society with grant funds, supplies and an adoption day to help with the overflow of cats in their shelter.
- Helped with ground work, secretarial duties and data base for PACK (Pet Animal Coalition of Kansas)
- Toured 32 shelters and offered support from SOP’s, and capital campaigns to animal handling, volunteer help and training.

The shelters, rescues and fosters that are licensees under the Kansas Pet Animal Act are handling thousands of animals and spending tens of millions of dollars per year. They are partners in the effort to make Kansas a leader in animal welfare using “best animal practices” to provide quality health, safety and welfare standards.

I urge the committee to accept the amendments that the Pet Animal Coalition of Kansas has requested to Senate Bill 57. If you should have any questions, I would be pleased to answer them to the best of my ability.

Thank you,
Midge Grinstead, Kansas State Director
The Humane Society of the United States

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Senate Agriculture Committee

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*Midge Grinstead, Humane Society
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