



To: Special Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

From: Maureen Cummins, Operations Manager, Second Chance Animal Refuge Society

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RE: Support for HB2030

Madam Chair and members of the committee:

I am the shelter representative on the Kansas Pet Animal Advisory Board and the Operations Manager of the Second Chance Animal Refuge Society. SCARS is run by my husband, myself, our employees and multiple volunteers. We are a no kill, non profit free roaming shelter on 50 acres that takes in abused and abandoned dogs in Auburn, Kansas outside of Topeka. SCARS has approximately 50 dogs in its care at all times. It has been the recipients of several awards and written up in a national magazine twice. I have been involved with animal welfare for over thirty years.

HB2030 not only has my support, but the support of the Ks. Pet Animal Advisory Board, the Dept. of Agriculture, the Pet Animal Coalition of Ks. and numerous other entities in the state. This bill is the result of endless hours of work on the part of the Animal Advisory Board and those associated with the Department of Agriculture and offers animals in the state of Kansas humane treatment in accordance with other states who hold to the highest standards possible. As it stands now, Kansas is lagging behind many other states and this bill will be a much needed move towards aligning ourselves with the best practices in animal care.

Without belaboring the details of which you are undoubtedly now familiar, I encourage you to make the following changes which are crucial to the humane treatment of animals.

1. The wording regarding the inspection of licensed facilities in Kansas must be changed from "may inspect" to "shall inspect." (Section 8, part b of HB2030)
2. Because adoption events are crucial to finding homes for homeless animals, any impediment should be removed. Therefore offsite adoption events should be allowed without requiring

would be adopters to make yet another trip to the home shelter if their application has been approved. (Section 2 of HB2030)

1. Ban the use of CO Chambers - The National Animal Control Association and Association of Animal Shelter Veterinarians recommend euthanasia by injection for pet animals. As it now stands, Kansas is one of ten remaining states who allow this cruel practice_. (section 12 part a HB2030)
2. On page 3, line 5 under the definition of animal shelter retain the wording "collecting, accumulating, or amassing" so as to allow the inspection by the department of agriculture in hoarding situations.

Thank you for your consideration of HB2030. This bill is the result of many months of hard work by dedicated individuals and is an effort to ensure humane and compassionate treatment of the animals who live in the state of Kansas.

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