

Testimony for Raised bill 6303-
An Act Concerning Municipal Animal Shelters

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I am here today in strong support of Raised bill 6303, An Act concerning Municipal Animal Shelters.

When a dog is lost, has been abandoned or intentionally abused, he or she will often end up in the community animal shelter. Already traumatized the animal is thrown into a strange place and must endure the stress of unfamiliar people and animals. If the dog is sick, injured or wounded, he is at the mercy of whoever is on duty at the Pound. Sometimes that person does not care about the dog's well-being and ignores the suffering.

Imagine a dog, hurt, sick and terrified, lying on a cement floor in a small cubicle without anyone to comfort her. Imagine her shivering, sick to her stomach with injuries covered in excrement.

The Shelter bill would insure that ailing dogs entering pounds receive the attention and veterinary care they need.

Humane is a powerful word. That is what the Shelter bill is all about.

Thank you.