

Environment Committee 3/16/12- Testimony for Raised Bill HB 5446- *An Act concerning the payment procedure for the sterilization and vaccination of certain dogs and cats and providing for Animal Control Officer training*

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For many years I have witnessed the suffering of animals because they were not sterilized. Animals are often given up or abandoned after they give birth or are still pregnant. I am still plagued by the memory of a family leaving their terrified beagle at the humane society. She had recently given birth and they didn't want to deal with the inconvenience. Another incident that haunts me was a man who threw a pit bull out of his car in the middle of Hartford because her breeding days were over. She had to be euthanized after it took several days to catch her. HB-5446 would put a huge dent in this problem. I also totally support the training for Animal Control Officers.

Thank you,
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