

Testimony Concerning Raised Bill 5446
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I would like to thank the Environment Committee for the opportunity to express my support of Raised Bill, 5446, AN ACT CONCERNING THE PAYMENT PROCEDURE FOR THE STERILIZATION AND VACCINATION OF CERTAIN DOGS AND CATS AND PROVIDING FOR ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER TRAINING.

I am a registered voter in Plainville, CT 06062.

I CARE ABOUT ANIMALS AND WHY THIS BILL NEEDS TO BE SUPPORTED

- My husband and I have fostered several dogs and have adopted from local rescue groups. Nearly all those rescued were spayed/neutered by the rescue group.
- I feel it is very important for these pets to be spayed/neutered prior to adoption.
- If a pet is rescued from a local pound, and has already been sterilized and vaccinated, this will help control the pet population and made the adoption process easier.

The first dogs we “purchased” for \$25 apiece were mixed breed ten week old puppies. Penny and Sparky came from a litter of 12 puppies. The owner had not spayed the mother and she was allowed to roam free. Later I heard that this same dog had a second litter of six puppies. Imagine if a dog like this were adopted from a local pound and had already been spayed, 18 less dogs would need to be placed into loving homes.

Unfortunately, not all owners realize the importance of sterilizing their pets. A bill like the one proposed would help to decrease Connecticut’s pet population.

Please pass bill 5446!:

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to testify and I do hope you will strongly support this important piece of legislation.

Thank you,

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