

Testimony Concerning HB5844
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I would like to thank the Connecticut Votes for Animals for the opportunity to express my support of Bill HB 5844-Prohibit chaining a dog outside at night between 10pm and 6am, and require that chained dogs have appropriate shelter during harsh weather conditions.

I am a registered voter in Milford, CT, and I am an independent animal rescuer.

I have been involved in animal rescue for the past 6 years. I have grown up with a passion and respect for all living creatures. I find great reward in doing volunteer work with animals. It's a blessing to be able to rescue an innocent dog or cat from a horrible situation and make it better. The only barrier I have come across during my 6 years is when I come across those dogs that can not be helped. The dogs are the ones I see winter after winter, chained outside to a poorly made (if any) "dog house". It's despicable how some people treat their animals and nothing is done. I have lost sleep many nights thinking about dogs outside in freezing temperatures and snow/rain and NOTHING was done despite all the complaints that were made to local officials and animal control. I am asking that this bill get passed for these poor dogs that live such a horrible life attached to a chain everyday. People aren't treating them like pets, instead they are backyard alarm systems. It's not fair that in this day in age people are still allowed to treat animals with such disrespect. It's not about being an animal lover or rescuer, it's about having respect for living creatures. We would never treat a human so inhumanely, why is it okay to treat a dog that way?

Thank you,
Jennifer Murolo