

**Testimony Concerning HB 6690**  
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**Member Ct. Votes for Animals**

Dear Co-Chair Coleman, Co-Chair Fox, and Honorable members of the Judiciary Committee.

Please accept this as my testimony in support of HB 6690, AAC Court proceedings and the protection of animals.

I am a registered voter in East Berlin, and I have worked in animal rescue and welfare for over 25 years.

I support HB 6690 because:

Over the years I have attended numerous court proceedings regarding animal abuse. I have cried when hearing testimony regarding the beating and drowning of a cat, a dog who was killed by a drill, another dog stabbed and a cat killed when kicked by a man wearing work boots who weighed well over 200 pounds. This poor cat was killed in front of the owners 12 year old granddaughter and the man presently is in jail regarding a car accident in which people were killed and he has been charged. Studies have shown the direct link between animal abuse and violent behavior toward humans.

The courts need to take these cases seriously and stronger prosecution is necessary. These poor animals had no one to speak for them and that needs to change.

I am so very proud that Connecticut now has some of the strongest gun regulations in the country. Please let us also be proud that our state shows how we care for and protect our animals.

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

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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