

Testimony Concerning HB5844
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Connecticut votes for animals

I would like to thank the Environment Committee for the opportunity to express my support of #HB5844 which would prohibit chaining a dog outside between 10PM and 6Am and in extreme weather condition.

I am a registered voter in Glastonbury and would like to tell you why this is important for me. When I was training to become a doctor, I got to go to a nursing home and see patients with my supervising physician. He always brought his dog along, and the smile that dog brought on people's face was incredible. Even the staff was in a good mood when we were walking making rounds...with the dog next to us! I realized then, that the healer in the house was the dog. That dog was not chained. Actually I don't even recall even a leash...Can you imagine a free spirit chained?

We can always take a look at how we train dogs to help us in our healing, we trust them to fight crime, and policemen honor them and call their K9 dogs partners. So, why would we continue to chain our partners?

Dogs are social animals and chaining them creates aggression in their behavior. Growing up, I was bitten by a dog that was kept on a chain. I became to be afraid, until my parents got us our first dog, King. He saved my life and I am here to support this bill in his honor.

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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