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**MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF S.B. 264**  
**An Act Establishing a Task Force on the Humane Treatment of Animals in Municipal Shelters**

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), **on behalf of our over 20,000 Connecticut supporters, urges the Joint Planning and Development Committee to favorably report S.B. 264 (An Act Establishing a Task Force on the Humane Treatment of Animals in Municipal Shelters).**

The issues for consideration by the proposed Task Force - ensuring humane care for shelter animals, improving enforcement of animal cruelty laws, and the multiplicity of issues related to adoption and working with critically-needed volunteers, foster parents, and rescue organizations - have been long in need of examination and standardization. **The sole amendment requested by the ASPCA is a clarification that the Task Force would also examine policy in regional shelters.**

S.B. 264 presents an important opportunity to improve the care of animals in Connecticut's shelters, and the ASPCA strongly encourages its passage.

Sincerely,

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