

Environment Committee Public hearing 3/20/15 testimony in support of:
HB 5707 concerning the adoption of dogs and cats from research facilities and providing for the proper sheltering of dogs.

SB 361 strengthening the penalties for animal cruelty

SB 352 To continue the task force for municipal shelters

I oppose HB 6034 bow hunting on Sunday

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I support House bill 5707 concerning the adoption of dogs and cats from research facilities and providing for the proper shelter of dogs.

We all understand the feeling of anxiety when we're in a medical facility waiting for a procedure. I know for myself, I keep saying "okay, it's this much longer then I'll be out of here." But I always have the comfort of knowing the procedure is for my good, to get me through a problem or crisis. Imagine what it's like for an animal who has no idea what's happening to them, has no relief from the continual probes, needles injecting toxins, corrosives applied to them or cigarette smoke forced into their lungs and sits in a barren cage waiting for someone to approach them again to hurt them. And those animals are bred and hand-picked because of their sweet temperaments so they'll be easy to handle and won't fight back.

Let's give these dogs and cats who have survived immeasurable suffering a respite. Allow them to be adopted by suitable people who are waiting (there are many on the list) to show these animals that there's a good side of life. That when a human approaches them next, it will be to love them, comfort them and respect who they are.

For the second part of the bill, I hope we can finally give dogs some proper standards for shelter. I've spent so much of my life pleading with dog owners to bring their dogs inside or at least give them some decent shelter. The law has never been on my side. It can be now. I also support the continuance of the task force for municipal shelters and the strengthening of penalties for animal cruelty.

None of the animal bills will impact the budget but will contribute greatly to the welfare of Connecticut's animals.

I oppose bow hunting on Sundays.

Thank you,
Karen