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"Testimony in Support of: HB 6187, to require the appointment of court advocates for animals, and SB 1128, to prohibit Accelerated Rehabilitation in animal cruelty cases"

"Dear Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee,"

Over the years especially here in Wethersfield I have seen a large increase of animal ownership, especially dogs. I see first hand dogs sometimes three or more dogs left out side in all kinds of conditions in neighboring houses. I feel many owners show total disregard for the welfare of their animals and shouldn't have them in the first place. Dogs especially are being treated cruelly and that is why I feel HB 6187 would go along way in getting the message out that it's a matter taken seriously because now an animal would have a person in its corner to whom an abuser would be accountable. People knowing that this could happen to them might respect their animals better. Senate Bill 1128 would eliminate Accelerated Rehabilitation for lesser offenses but why. Cruelty to an animal should be treated like any other serious crime and why let someone off easy. A tougher law on the books with stiffer penalties would go a long way in reducing animal cruelty because just maybe a person will have second thoughts about abusing an animal. The Accelerated Rehabilitation creates an atmosphere where the likely hood that an animal will be abused again and again. People like that should be forbidden from ever owning an animal again.

As a constituent, I urge and thank you for your support of H.B. 6187 and S.B 1128.

Sincerely

Dennis Michaud