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There are a lot of shelter dogs who need a new home. It can be especially difficult to place "bully breed" dogs as many of them have been labeled unfairly. They wait and languish for months on end, being passed over daily by potential adopters while other dogs find homes.

One of the reasons it's hard for these pups to find homes is that many insurance companies will not offer homeowner's insurance to residences with any pit bull-type breed - even dogs like a German Shepherd puppy can be barred. So, adopters favor breeds that will allow them to keep their insurance.

You can help change that, and open up more homes for these innocent dogs.

This Thursday, there will be a public hearing in Hartford for HB 5443, AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF BREED OF DOG AS AN UNDERWRITING FACTOR FOR HOMEOWNERS AND TENANTS INSURANCE POLICIES. This bill will prohibit insurance companies from using dog breed as a factor in the cost or availability of insurance in Connecticut.

Please support this bill so we can do the right thing for these beautiful shelter animals who are desperately seeking a family to call their own.

Thank you for consideration of this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

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