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Please support this bill to show animal abusers that it is NOT okay to hurt, maim or otherwise abuse animals in any way. It has been shown that violence towards animals leads to violence towards one another. We are fraught with cruelty, terror and shooting sprees. Let's stop the craziness.

I rescued a dog from a kill shelter. He had been neglected and left in a crate for his first ten months. He needed stitches in his nose for a gash of unknown origin. He was unable to stand or walk for any length of time without sitting down to rest. He was uncoordinated because his muscles had not developed properly and often injured himself by falling. I am happy to report that two years later he is incredibly athletic hiking with me daily for hours. Simon was a lucky one. His Princeton educated owners surrendered him to a kill shelter. No consequence to them.

Support the bill to hold animal abusers accountable; to pay for their crimes. In doing so we may also spare some human lives.

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