

To whom it may concern:

My name is Paula Poplawski, I am the Chairwoman of the New Britain Animal Welfare Commission, a position that I have held for over two years. I have fostered dogs for my New Britain Shelter and come from a very long line of pet enthusiasts. In short, I love animals.

It has been my pleasure to serve on the State Task Force on Animal Welfare in Municipal and Regional Shelters.

I am writing to ask you to support our efforts to be recommissioned as a Task Force. The Task Force has corroborated with Municipal animal shelters, Rescue groups, Animal Control Officers, and several animal welfare groups to discuss, and develop the recommendations that you have before you. I am completely committed to the success of this task force and feel there are several initiatives that still need to be addressed by us, if you recommission our task force it will allow us to work on those initiatives.

The Task Force is made up of a very eclectic group which has allowed us to see the issues from several views and to find compromise in every area that we have explored. We have worked together very successfully, and have helped each other succeed. I really enjoyed this dedicated, knowledgeable group of people and hope you allow us to continue with our work.

Thank you for your consideration.

Paula Poplawski