

Senate Agriculture Committee

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I have only recently become aware of your committee work and am writing to urge you to lift South Carolina out of the position of the 44th state in the country with respect to animal welfare policies. That leaves only 6 states across with great nation with a worse record than SC. We can do better. I am not knowledgeable enough about our laws to know if this low rating is because there are inadequate laws, the laws that exist are too lenient, or are not adequately enforced.

I see thousands of animal lovers in the state and multiple pet friendly communities, yet we still allow cock fighting, chaining and many other inhumane forms of treatment, and runaway population increases because spay/neuter is not the norm. As a volunteer who works with shelter animals it pains me to see animals come to the shelter as their last and best hope, where it may be that they receive the only kind treatment in their lives. They are the victims of our lax laws and/or attitudes. Animals cannot control their own destiny. It is a human responsibility to properly care for and protect these creatures domesticated by us!

I hope I can count on your committee to improve their lives through better policing of the laws that exist and through the passage of new laws to ensure their safety. Thank you.

Respectfully,

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"One person can make a difference, and everyone should try" - JFK