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**From:** Barbara Wh <barbay24@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 23, 2016 10:29 AM  
**To:** Senate Agriculture Committee  
**Subject:** pchtsc

I have so many concerns with South Carolina and animal welfare.

1. Animal Sales at FLEA MARKETS. I cannot believe this even is allowed at all. The people are just trying to make a quick buck with no care for the animals they are selling. I myself have know at least 3 people who have stupidly purchased dogs at the flea market .....only to have the puppies die because of the lack of care / medication/ over breeding. So sad.
2. Strict penalties for animal abuse. Animal abusers are cold and mean. Animal abuse is a precursor to something worse that a person will do. Please lets catch up to the rest of the country. We need punish and shame these people harshly.
3. Encourage people to adopt by regulating the breeder. Let make it very expensive to purchase a dog in SC.

I hope someone listens.

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**From:** Lauren Hill <j.hill.lauren@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 23, 2016 9:49 AM  
**To:** Senate Agriculture Committee  
**Subject:** PCHTSC

Dear Committee Members,

Thank you so much for forming this committee and for listening to the concerns of your constituents. I was unable to attend your meeting on 9/22/16 but do have several concerns about animal welfare in South Carolina that I am hoping you will be able to address.

1. Continued access to free and low cost spay/neuter, vaccinations, and other veterinary care is critical to animal welfare in our state. Legislation that impacts the availability or cost of these services in a negative way should be blocked.
2. There are huge discrepancies in the sheltering of domestic pets among SC counties. Please support oversight of these facilities that insures quality care, humane treatment, transparency, and works towards a No Kill solution across the state.
3. Animal cruelty laws that already exist should be enforced and perpetrators must be prosecuted. We see many starved, abandoned, and mistreated pets in our community and often little or nothing is done about the perpetrators of these crimes.
4. The ability for people to retain pets they have adopted is an important part of the equation. Breed discrimination in housing is one of the main causes of surrender or abandonment of pets. Please look at legislation to insure that SC families are able to retain their pets regardless of their housing situation.

Thank you for this opportunity. I am hopeful and looking forward to positive changes in animal welfare in South Carolina.

Sincerely,  
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