

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dan Johnson at 3:30 p.m. on February 9, 2005, in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Joann Freeborn- excused

Committee staff present:

Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Amy VanHouse, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Gordon Self, Revisor of Statutes Office

Kay Scarlett, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Debra Duncan, Director, Animal Facility Inspection Program, Kansas Animal Health Department

Loren Pachta, General Manager, Lambriar, Inc., Mahaska, Kansas

Becky Blaes, Chairman and Animal Breeder Representative, Kansas Pet Animal Advisory Board

Larry Louise Fowler, Retail Breeder Representative, Kansas Pet Advisory Board (written only)

Midge Grinstead, Executive Director, Lawrence Humane Society

Sharon Munk, Kansas Pet Professionals, Menlo, Kansas

Laura Morland, DVM, Girard Animal Hospital, Girard, Kansas (written only)

Betty Westhoff, Kansas Pet Professionals, St. Paul, Kansas

Marie and Robert Pepper, Walnut Shade, Missouri (written only)

Chuck Westhoff, Kansas Positive Pet Association, St. Paul, Kansas

Dorothy Brecheisen, President, Kansas Pet Professionals

Gary Reser, Executive Vice President, Kansas Veterinary Medical Association

Dale Lowe, Kansas Pet Professionals, Walnut, Kansas

Carolyn Lowe, Kansas Pet Professionals, Walnut, Kansas

Pam Franklin, Kansas Pet Professionals, Girard, Kansas (written only)

Mary Johnson, Kansas Pet Professionals, McCune, Kansas (written only)

Sam Mosshart, Kansas Pet Professionals and Kansas Federation of Animal Owners, Protection, KS

John and Venettia Maddux, Kansas Pet Professionals, El Dorado, Kansas (written only)

Rebecca Mosshart, Kansas Pet Professionals and KS Federation of Animal Owners (written only)

Chris Wilson, Executive Director, Kansas Dairy Association, and Legislative Representative for the Kansas Horse Council

Others attending:

See attached list.

Revised copies of the February 2 minutes were distributed. Members were asked to notify the committee secretary of any corrections or additions prior to Friday, February 11, or the minutes will be considered approved as presented.

Discussion and Action on SB 16 - Kansas agricultural remediation board; terms of members

Chairman Johnson opened discussion on SB 16. Representative Feuerborn moved to recommend SB 16 favorable for passage. Seconded by Representative Miller, the motion carried.

Hearing on HB 2054 - Kansas pet animal act, definitions, rules and regulations, fees

Chairman Johnson opened the hearing on **HB 2054**. Raney Gilliland explained that this bill to amend the Kansas Pet Animal Act would change the current definition of "animal" to include horses, cattle, sheep, goats, swine, ratites, domesticated deer or domesticated fowl when a state licensed animal pound or shelter is involved; would no longer exempt USDA licensed animal breeders or distributors from providing adequate veterinary care; would increase the cap on fees by 50 percent; pet shops would no longer be able to pay a reduced fee if they are USDA licensed; would eliminate the grace period for late fees and the late fee would be increased from \$50 to \$75; and would require all licensees to pay for each license under which they operate.

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Debra Duncan, Director, Animal Facility Inspection Program, Kansas Animal Health Department, appeared in support of **HB 2054** introduced at the request of the Department. She explained that this bill is the result of surveys and other studies conducted by the Governor-appointed Kansas Pet Animal Advisory Board, comprised of one representative for each license category. The Board is unanimous in its support of this bill. She noted that the current fee cap has been in place for 14 years. Fees, with the exception of pounds and shelters, have been at the statutory maximum for 9 years. ([Attachment 1](#))

Loren Pachta, General Manager, Lambriar, Inc., a Kansas licensed pet distributor in Mahaska, Kansas, serving on the Governor's Kansas Pet Animal Advisory Board, testified in support of **HB 2054**. He stated that Kansas is one of the largest and most successful states in the professional pet industry bringing millions of dollars into the Kansas economy each year from other states. He noted that since 1988 when the Animal Facility Inspection Program came into being, it has been instrumental in building the good reputation the Kansas pet industry has today. This bill will ensure the continuation of this vital program and protect the industry from the problems of the past. ([Attachment 2](#))

Becky Blaes, Chairman and Animal Breeder Representative, Kansas Pet Animal Advisory Board, testified in support of **HB 2054** and shared the results of a controlled survey mailed to every licensed animal breeder in Kansas. The results show that these constituents value the hard-earned reputation of their profession, one that has earned respect not only as the model for high standards, but as a multi-million dollar contributor of fresh, out-of-state income to the State of Kansas. As requested by the committee, she will be forwarding monetary numbers in regard to the positive affect the Kansas pet industry has on the Kansas agricultural community. ([Attachment 3](#))

Larry Louise Fowler, Retail Breeder Representative, Kansas Pet Animal Advisory Board, submitted written testimony in support of **HB 2054**. She noted in her testimony that for a group of business persons to agree to raise their own fees to support a program that has been an asset in raising the standards of the pet industry in Kansas should speak volumes as to its importance in animal welfare and good industry relations in the state. ([Attachment 4](#))

Midge Grinstead, Executive Director, Lawrence Humane Society, testified in support of **HB 2054**. As the Shelters, Pounds and Rescue Groups Representative on the Governor's Kansas Pet Animal Advisory Board, she shared the results of a 2004 survey sent to 213 shelters, pounds, and rescue groups in the state. She stated that this program is clearly doing the job that it was intended to do, which is to ensure the health and welfare of Kansas pet animals, as well as improve the image of the State of Kansas. ([Attachment 5](#))

Sharon Munk, Kansas Pet Professionals, Menlo, Kansas, appeared in support of **HB 2054**. She reported that according to a recent survey, the overwhelming majority of Professional Licensed Pet Animal Breeders support this bill, only twenty breeders voiced their opinion of not supporting the Kansas Pet Animal Act with an increase in fees. ([Attachment 6](#))

Laura Morland, DVM, Girard Animal Hospital, Girard, Kansas, submitted written testimony in support of **HB 2054**. Her testimony was read by Betty Westhoff, St. Paul, Kansas. As both a veterinarian and a small kennel owner, Dr. Morland supports this legislation to help protect the reputation of the Kansas pet industry and to continue the positive growth that has been accomplished in the past fourteen years. ([Attachment 7](#))

Betty Westhoff, Kansas Pet Professionals, St. Paul, Kansas, appeared in support of an increase in license fees and open records. She fears that animal activists could come into the state if our inspection program should falter. She stated that Kansas has become known as the "model state" with the passing of the Kansas inspection program and asked that the legislature keep it that way and pass **HB 2054**. ([Attachment 8](#))

Marie and Robert Pepper of Walnut Shade, Missouri, submitted written testimony read by Chuck Westhoff, St. Paul, Kansas, in support of **HB 2054**. They ask that consideration be given to this 50 percent increase in Kansas license fees to maintain the high quality facilities that Kansas is currently known and respected for. ([Attachment 9](#))

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Chuck Westhoff, Kansas Positive Pet Association, St. Paul, Kansas, testified in support of **HB 2054**. He stated that the Kansas Animal Health Department has done a good job of cleaning up the pet industry in the State of Kansas since the problems in the early 1990's. The system is not broke, it just needs more funding. ([Attachment 10](#))

Dorothy Brecheisen, President, Kansas Pet Professionals, urged passage of **HB 2054** for the survival of the state pet animal licensing and inspection program. She noted that the last fee increase was 14 years ago and puppy prices have increased substantially in that time. She stated that the pet industry brings a lot of revenue into the state; therefore, it is important to keep high standards for our facilities. ([Attachment 11](#))

Gary Reser, Executive Vice President, Kansas Veterinary Medical Association, appeared in support of **HB 2054**. KVMA supports the following changes in particular: 1) The proposed fee increase and implementation of a late fee; 2) An increase in the scope of inspectors, including access to open records and the ability to enforce veterinary and humane care; and 3) The continuation of the state pet animal licensing and inspection program. ([Attachment 12](#))

Dale Lowe, Kansas Pet Professionals, Walnut, Kansas, testified in opposition to **HB 2054**. He believes larger facilities should be inspected more often than the small breeder and, therefore, should pay a higher fee. As the larger facilities generate more income, he suggests that like USDA the state charge license fees according to income. He would like to see USDA and Kansas inspectors work together and possibly reduce the number of inspections. ([Attachment 13](#))

Carolyn Lowe, Kansas Pet Professionals, Walnut, Kansas, appeared in opposition to **HB 2054**. She opposes an across the board fee increase, suggesting that the state base their license fees on income like USDA. She attached a copy of the USDA fee schedule with her testimony. She believes that if KAHD and USDA worked more closely together on inspections it would save time and money. ([Attachment 14](#))

Pam Franklin, Kansas Pet Professionals, Girard, Kansas, submitted written testimony in opposition to **HB 2054**. She supports state licensing, but offered two options for fairer licensing fees: 1) \$40.00 processing fee and \$1.00 per dog, or 2) \$10.00 processing fee and a certain percentage of the revenue collected, as USDA does. She believes a fee per animal would be the fairest, most honest means. She encouraged 24-hour notice prior to state inspection and believes the state and USDA should coordinate their inspections so they aren't inspecting the same facilities within a few days or weeks of each other. ([Attachment 15](#))

Mary Johnson, Kansas Pet Professionals, McCune, Kansas, submitted written testimony in opposition to **HB 2054**. She believes this legislation is unfair to the smaller breeding facility, that larger facilities should pay more than smaller facilities. ([Attachment 16](#))

Sam Mosshart, Kansas Pet Professionals and Kansas Federation of Animal Owners, from Protection, Kansas, testified in opposition to **HB 2054**. He believes an increase in license fees is unnecessary and doesn't feel that the Kansas inspectors are qualified to inspect or interpret his medical records or need to inspect his records of disposition as the USDA already does this. ([Attachment 17](#))

John and Venettia Maddux, Kansas Pet Professionals, El Dorado, Kansas, submitted written testimony read by Sam Mosshart in opposition to **HB 2054**. They oppose double inspections by Kansas and USDA, open veterinary records, a 50 percent fee increase, and double license fees when operations are at the same location and requirements for care are the same. ([Attachment 18](#))

Rebecca Mosshart, Kansas Pet Professionals and KS Federation of Animal Owners, Nashville, Kansas, submitted written testimony in opposition to **HB 2054**. Her testimony was read by Ed Reardon. She opposes an increase in KAHD license fees and giving access to their facility USDA records, including kennel medical records and disposition of dogs and cats, to Kansas inspectors. With her testimony she included the results of a survey by the Kansas Federation of Animal Owners opposing an increase in funding for the Kansas Animal Health Department. ([Attachment 19](#))

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Chris Wilson, Executive Director, Kansas Dairy Association, and Legislative Representative for the Kansas Horse Council, expressed concern with the provision on page 1, lines 30-32, of **HB 2054**. This amendment would include livestock species in the definition of “animal” under the pet animal act “when such animal is being housed at a state licensed animal shelter or pound.” The Animal Agriculture Alliance is opposed to this legislation because it believes that livestock or other food animals should not be subject to the same laws used to govern pet well being. She noted that the Council of State Governments in a statement released at its annual meeting asserted its opposition to legislation that “alters the legal status of the animals.”
(Attachment 20)

Written copies of testimony in support of **HB 2054** were received from: John Blaes, Cherryvale, Kansas; Patricia Lucke, Buffalo, Kansas; Dorothy Blaine, Chanute, Kansas; Andy Munk; Cindy Clausen, Portis, Kansas; Christie Munk; Ruth Snodgrass; Becky Simminger, Ludell, Kansas; Sara Gensil; Paul Munk; Karen Billington, St. Paul, Kansas; Robbie Meyer; Twila Wagner, St. Paul, Kansas; Jo Ann Stuchlik, Marion, Kansas; Shelby Vance; Joe and Anita Baker, Iola, Kansas. (Attachment 21)

Written copies of testimony in opposition to **HB 2054** were received from: Donna Winder, Erie, Kansas; Gary and Marguerite Wilson, Girard, Kansas; Nina Madl, Walnut, Kansas; Frances Duling; Marie Kirkpatrick, Walnut, Kansas; Randy Johnson, McCune, Kansas; Karen Stewart, Pittsburgh, Kansas; James Stewart, Pittsburgh, Kansas; Alberta House, Erie, Kansas; Donald House, Erie, Kansas; Cindy Vance, Erie Kansas; Betty Vance, Erie, Kansas; Kenny Simon, Stark, Kansas; Cornelius, Erie, Kansas; Justin Bishop, Erie, Kansas.
(Attachment 22)

There being no other conferees, the hearing on **HB 2054** was closed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2005.

HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE GUEST LIST

DATE: February 9, 2005

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Saul Munk	self
Virginia Henderson	self
Joseph Henderson	SELF
Carly Munk	SELF
Loren Bittner	Self
Chuck Westhoff	Self
Betty Westhoff	Self
Becky Simminger	Self
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February 9, 2005

House Agriculture Committee
Representative Dan Johnson, Chairman

Re: HB 2054 – Kansas Pet Animal Act amendments

Chairman Johnson and Members of the Committee:

My name is Debra Duncan and I am the Director of the Animal Facility Inspection Program for the Kansas Animal Health Department.

The changes in this bill were not arbitrarily made. HB 2054 is the result of surveys and other studies conducted by Pet Animal Advisory Board members. This board is comprised of one representative for each category of licensees. The board is unanimous in its support.

The first change is to the definition section. K.S.A. 47-1701(d)(2). Currently, “animal” (as used in the act) does not include livestock or poultry. HB 2054 keeps that exemption unless the animals are being housed at a state licensed shelter. In our experience, it is not unusual for a shelter to have miniature goats, potbellied pigs or poultry. It is also not unusual for the shelter to not know how to care for these animals. Nothing in the act or the bill would require these animals to be housed at a shelter and, frankly, we would prefer that they not be. But, if they are, we don’t want to have to walk around them and pretend they aren’t there. We want to be able to inspect them as well as the other animals.

Another change to the definition section is for veterinary care. Right now, all licensees are required to provide adequate veterinary medical care EXCEPT USDA licensed breeders. The theory behind this is that the USDA has jurisdiction over vet care so the state doesn’t need to. But calling the USDA for a vet emergency is unworkable. It can take days or a week or longer for them to get to the kennel. When we encounter a vet issue (an animal in need of immediate vet care) at a kennel we are hindered by this exemption. We have had kennels flatly tell us “no” when we ask that an animal be taken to the vet or when we ask to see their program of veterinary care. The bill would require

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animal breeders and distributors to provide vet care just like our other 1,156 other licensees do.

Current law also ties us to adopting regulations from the federal animal welfare act (which is fine) but it restricts us to specific provisions of that Act. We can only inspect the facility. It does not allow us to look at records or require that animal breeders and distributors provide vet care, humane care, identification, or even adopt definitions pertaining to the type of facilities we inspect. The change in the bill still binds us to the animal welfare act but would allow us to adopt, and enforce, all provisions of the act.

For some reason, access to business records has been an issue with a some of the animal breeders and distributors. Non USDA licensees must keep records and provide the inspectors access to the records. We use these records to locate unlicensed breeders who are buying and selling in the state and to insure that closed facilities or facilities with suspended or revoked licenses are not continuing to operate. Many, but not all, breeders and distributors voluntarily open their records to us. An unlicensed breeder may sell litters to four or five different distributors. If we can access records we can locate breeders trying to skirt the law.

The bill also raises the fee cap, i.e. the statutory maximum we can charge for fees by 50%. This cap has been in place for 14 years. Fees, with the exception of pounds and shelters have been at the statutory maximum for 9 years. Because of budget shortfalls, our agency is holding open a western Kansas inspector position, we no longer have a secretary, we no longer inspect auctions and we do not inspect boarding kennels except on application and complaint. Increasing our fees would allow us to assume most of our statutory duties and to hire a western Kansas inspector, which is a top priority.

HB 2054 eliminates the reduced fee that we currently have for the 16 pet shops that have a USDA license. Pet shops are required to be USDA licensed if they sell "pocket pets" such as hedgehogs, sugar gliders, etc. The USDA inspects these animals but not the whole store. Since the USDA inspections have no impact on our agency or our inspections, we don't believe that these 16 pet shops should be entitled to a discount.

Sixty-six licensees run two or more operations from their premises. This costs the agency approximately \$12,000 in license fees. The change would require all licensees to pay for each operation run from their premise.

Finally, the bill would raise the late fee for license renewal from \$50 after the application is 45 days late to \$75 on July 1, the start of the new license year. Generally, over 200 people pay their fees late. Many have started using August 15 as the due date. This change would help the Department by allowing us to collect all license fees before the start of the next fiscal year.

Thank you for your consideration of H.B. 2054. I would appreciate your support and will be happy to answer your questions.

Kansas Animal Health Dept

Kansas Pet Animal Act

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# licensees	type	fee	current income	50% increase	Total Fee	additional revenue	total income w/increase	minus 2nd license	lost income	adj revenue
382	USDA a breeders & distrib	150	57,300	75	225	28,650	85,950	25	5,625	80,325
189	hobby kennels	75	14,175	38	113	7,182	21,357	1	113	21,244
116	boarding kennels	75	8,700	38	113	4,408	13,108	26	2,938	10,170
9	out-of-state distributors	150	1,350	75	225	675	2,025	-	-	2,025
70	pet shops	300	21,000	150	450	10,500	31,500	3	1,350	30,150
16	USDA pet shops	150	2,400	75	225	1,200	3,600	-	-	3,600
196	pounds/shelters	200	39,200	100	300	19,600	58,800	8	2,400	56,400
5	research	150	750	75	225	375	1,125	-	-	1,125
128	retail breeders	300	38,400	150	450	19,200	57,600	1	450	57,150
73	USDA retail breeders	150	10,950	75	225	5,475	16,425	-	-	16,425
304	Foster home	10	3,040	-	10	-	3,040	2	20	3,020
12	Group foster home	50	600	-	50	-	600	-	-	600
24	rescue home	50	1,200	-	50	-	1,200	-	-	1,200
1524			199,065			97,265	296,330	66	12,896	283,434

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Fun Fact:



Tia, a two year old Neapolitan Mastiff in Great Britain, is likely to have set a world record for both the largest litter and the most surviving puppies. Tia had 24 puppies; 20 survived. It was Tia's first litter.

KANSAS PET ANIMAL ACT

As many of you know, the Animal Facilities Inspection Program began 17 years ago, in 1988. The Act has an interesting history which is briefly summarized below:

1973 – Kansas began inspecting pounds and shelters of first class cities and pet shops.

1977 - Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) raided a *Columbus, Kansas* USDA licensed kennel that had been recently featured in an ABC-TV newscast reported by Roger Caras. The conditions were deplorable at the kennel.

1985 – A Humane Society of the United States documentary was filmed in Kansas. In the documentary, a breeder stated that she hadn't "checked out" her dogs or cleaned the facility for a week. Another was quoted as saying "it don't pay to take that sick pup to a vet – cheaper to let them die and take the loss."

1987 -

- the state veterinarian from Illinois contacted the Kansas Animal Health Department to notify Kansas that Illinois might have to

- embargo Kansas dogs from coming into their state.
- ill Kansas puppies were being quarantined in Connecticut. A reporter and camera person from a TV station in Hartford, Connecticut toured Kansas. Again conditions were poor.

1988 - H.B. 2219 established the regulation of the animal breeding and selling industry in Kansas. Representative Ginger Barr was instrumental in its passage.

I firmly believe that we should be the best." "If we are going to export wheat, beef, airplanes or dogs we should have the best reputation" Representative Ginger Barr.

1990 - S.B. 776 established the Kansas Farm Animals and Research Facility Protection Act, which made it illegal to control or damage a research animal facility without the owner's consent; made it illegal to enter or remain concealed in a facility with the intent to damage the enterprise, and prohibited individuals from entering a facility with the intent to take pictures.

This bill was widely construed by the national press and the Humane Society of the United States to prevent humane societies and the media from uncovering and documenting "puppy mills" in the State of Kansas. Connie Chung, on a national broadcast of *Face to Face*, also noted that the bill took away the power to investigate and document cruelty to animals. This was

refuted by then Attorney General Robert Stephen. Attorney General Stephen wrote to Ms. Chung to express his opinion that the act applies only to animals used in food, fur, or fiber productions, agriculture, testing, or education at an animal facility. The controversy culminated in the summer of 1990 when a group of Californians advocating a boycott of Kansas puppies shipped 15,000 pounds of dog bones to Attorney General Bob Stephen and held a rally on the grounds of the Kansas Statehouse. At the same time, the California Legislature was debating bills to restrict the sale of Kansas dogs in their state. After the release of the Attorney General's opinion on S.B. 776, and the passage of some token legislation in California, the controversy died down.

1990 - the Humane Society of the United States announced a boycott of pet stores selling puppies bred in seven states, including Kansas.

The state Legislative Post Audit Report determined the Companion Animal Program had not been administered, managed, funded, or staffed to the extent needed to efficiently and effectively carry out its responsibilities to regulate the Companion Animal Industry.

1991 - Fees were increased to today's levels and various provision of the Act were strengthened.

1996—The Act was renamed the Kansas Pet Animal Act. Some terminology was changed and the law (for the first time) allowed the KAHD to routinely inspect boarding kennels and hobby breeders.

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WARNING—BREEDERS

We have recently had reports of several dogs being stolen from kennels in Northeast and Northcentral Kansas. Please be cautious. We suggest—when someone drives up to your house to look at your animals, jot down the license tag number on your hand or a piece of paper.

With the approval of the Pet Animal Advisory Board the Department introduced HB 2054. This bill makes some PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE ACT (the changes are in bold.)

47-1701 Definitions. We are proposing two changes to the definition section:

1. (d)(2) Currently, "animal" as used in the act does not include horses, cattle, sheep, goats, swine, ratites, domesticated deer or domestic fowl. We want to add **except when such animal is being housed at a state licensed animal pound or shelter.**

2. Adequate veterinary care is defined as: (1) A documented program of disease control and prevention, euthanasia and routine veterinary care shall be established and maintained under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian, on a form provided by the commissioner, and shall include a documented on-site visit to the premises by the veterinarian at least once a year; and (2) that diseased, ill, injured, lame or blind animals shall be provided with veterinary care as is needed for the health and well being of the animal.

- Applies to all state licenses—**except USDA licensed animal breeders or distributors.**

Why change?

We have encountered **untreated:**

- Broken legs
- Amputated legs
- Wounds from fights
- All required immediate care.
- Some licensees have refused to take the animal to the vet.
- Some licensees refuse to show us their USDA vet care plan.

Fears and myths

- Inspectors will vet check our dogs! No, we won't. We are not vets and cannot practice veterinary medicine. It is a sight check only; we do it now.
- The state will require us to have a second on-site vet check!!!

Not true, we will, and do, accept USDA forms.

- It will cost me money!
 - It might, but you are required by the USDA to provide vet care now.

The State will make me take the dog to the vet for every little bump and scrape!!!

Not true. That's why you have a plan of veterinary care. You and your vet should have worked out how you are going to treat day to day injuries or health problems.

Why can't we just call the USDA?

- We are on site, they are not. It can be days or even weeks before they get there. They can't just drop everything & make a special trip.

1,156 licensees are required to show us a program of veterinary care. 382 are not. The equitable solution is to make everyone the same.

KSA 47-1712 states in part:

(b) The commissioner shall only adopt as rules and regulations for United States department of agriculture licensed animal distributors and animal breeders... rules and regulations promulgated by the secretary of the United States department of agriculture, cited at 9 C.F.R. 3.1 through 3.12, pursuant to the provisions of the United States public law 91-579 (7 U.S.C. Sec. 2131 et seq.), commonly known as the animal welfare act.

- Right now, we are restricted to adopting certain provisions of the Animal Welfare Act. These sections are for facility standards only. They do not include:
 - adequate veterinary care,
 - identification of animals,
 - records,
 - minimum age requirements for sales,
 - the humane handling of animals,
 - definitions.

Why do we want to see records?

- To locate unlicensed breeders.

Fee Changes

- We have had the same statutory fee caps (the maximum we can charge) for 14 years.
- Our expenses have increased since 1991.
- We are asking for a 50% increase for the cap.

Why can't the agency make cuts?

We have already made the following cuts:

- No Western Kansas inspector
- No secretary
- Do not inspect auctions
- Do not inspect boarding kennels
- Risk-based inspections

Why aren't our tax dollars paying for this?

The State Legislature has been reducing general fund dollars whenever possible and encouraging agencies to become as fee-based as possible. Right now, our agency pays fees to the State Treasurer for every transaction processed through its office and we are assessed by the Department of Administration a maintenance fee to help pay for Cedar Crest (Governor's Mansion), Capitol building and the Judicial Center.

Other Changes

- We would like to eliminate the reduced fee for the 16 USDA licensed pet shops.
- Pet shops are required to be USDA licensed if they sell pocket pets like hedgehogs, sugar gliders, etc. The USDA inspects these animals not the whole store.
- We always inspect Pet Shops a minimum of twice a year.
- We have 85 pet shops in the state. In 2004 we received 40 complaints on 26 (30%) different pet shops.

Late Fee

- Currently, the late fee is \$50 after a 45 day grace period. Some people apparently perceive the 45 days as the due date.
- Over 200 applications were late in 2004; in past years it has been as high as 400-500.
- You are actually operating illegally if you have not applied to renew your license by June 30th.
- Our proposal would change the late fee to \$75 if not delivered or post-marked by July 1.

Multiple Licenses

- The statute allows licensees to have multiple licenses without paying for them.
- 66 premises have 2 or more licenses. Most of these are animal breeders/distributors or hobby breeder/boarding kennels.
- This costs the agency over \$12,000. This change would require all licensees to pay for each license that they operate under.

Rumor

There is apparently a rumor that if this changes, all USDA licensed breeders would have to license as a Pet Shop or Retail breeder if they sell puppies at retail. This is incorrect because the pet shop definition excludes breeder or distributor premises.

Hearing

- HB 2054 referred to House Agriculture.
- Hearing scheduled on 2054 February 9, 2005 @ 3:30 p.m. in room 432-S Kansas Statehouse. Call (785) 296-7639 if you wish to testify.

New Pet Animal Act Advisory Board Members

The Kansas Animal Health Department is happy to announce the recent appointment of several new Advisory Board members for the companion animal health board. Those appointed for this term are: Stacy Miles, Boarding Kennel Operator, Kimberly K. Jansen, Humane Societies, Michael Ward, Pet Store Operator, Loren Pachta, Animal Distributor, Linda K. Constable, Private Citizen, Robert H Gentry, DVM, Veterinarian, Toni Wollard Hobby Kennel Operator, Bart Carter, Research Facility, Rebecca S. Blaes, Animal Breeder, and Larry Louise Fowler, Retail Breeder.

In addition, the Animal Health Board added two new positions (one is for livestock). Opal Featherston is the first person to represent the companion animal industry on this board.

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VET'S CORNER

Feline Upper Respiratory Infection

By Paul Grosdidier, DVM (KSU '82)

Feline Upper Respiratory

Infection (URI) is a common disease in cats. Almost 90% of the infections are caused by Feline Rhinotracheitis Virus (FRV) which is also called Feline Herpes Virus type 1, and Feline Calci Virus (FCV). A bacteria, Chlymdia psittaci, is less commonly involved and generally produces milder clinical signs.

URI is spread by contact with infected cats. Young cats or cats which are heavily stressed (pregnancy, other illnesses, etc.) are most likely to develop URI.

Infected cats often become carriers of the disease and may remain carriers for years following apparent recovery from the disease. They often may be shedding (spreading) the viruses without showing any signs of illness.

The most common signs of URI are sneezing, thick nasal discharge, and matted, watery eyes. Due to severe sinus infection, many cats will quit eating and drinking. The sinus infection not only creates the inability to smell their food but also causes fever and ulcers on the tongue. FRV may also cause ulcers on the eye, abortions and death of infected newborns.

URI is readily spread in catteries. This is primarily due to cats commonly being housed in colonies inside closed buildings and being maintained in close contact with each other. Cats with active URI should be isolated for 3 weeks following the end of the apparent infection. Newly introduced cats should be isolated in a quarantine area for at least three weeks before entering the general population. Queens about to have litters and queens with newborns should be housed in separate areas. Kittens should be isolated until their initial vaccination series for FRV are completed after 12 weeks.

Since the virus is easily transmitted by handling infected

cats prior to handling non-infected cats, it is essential to wash hands between cats. Sick cats must always be cleaned, fed and watered last. Cages, food, water bowls and litter boxes must be cleaned and disinfected before being used for another cat.

Good ventilation will help prevent the viruses from lingering in the cattery. It is best if houses have 10-15 air changes per hour. As the viruses do not live as long in dry environments, maintaining a humidity level under 50% is helpful. In queening areas, cages should be positioned so no face to face contact is possible.

Vaccinations alone will not eliminate the disease, nor will it prevent carrier cats from shedding the virus. Kittens are usually vaccinated beginning at 8-9 weeks of age. Vaccinations are then repeated in 3-4 weeks after the initial vaccination. It is important that kittens receive at least 2 initial vaccinations. Preferably the second is given after 12 weeks of age. Vaccinations are recommended annually thereafter.

Again, the most important keys to preventing URI's are segregation, sanitation, ventilation and vaccination.



Did you know?

The KAHD and the USDA are communicating better than ever before. We are sharing inspection reports, training together annually and every now and then you will see state and USDA inspectors riding together or doing joint inspections.



- any animal would be a felony.
- Other forms of cruelty such as abandonment, lack of food or Water would remain a class A misdemeanor. The hearing date has not been set.

The Connecticut legislature is currently considering HB 5010 which would prohibit a Connecticut pet shop from selling a dog under a year in age.

Other Legislation of Interest

SB 15 would require all licensing agencies to submit the name, address, social security or tax ID number of each licensee to the Department of Revenue before issuing a new or renewal license. Hearings have been held on this bill but as of this date the committee has not taken action.

SB 135

Separates animal cruelty into two levels:

- intentionally killing, maiming, torturing, burning, mutilating or causing serious physical injury to

**Notice to Pet Stores
Psittacosis Control; Records of
Purchase and Sale**

In addition to the records required by K.A.R. 9-20-3 the Kansas Department of Health & Environment also requires: pet stores, breeders, wholesalers, distributors and retailers of psittacine birds shall maintain a record of the date of the purchase, source and the species of each psittacine bird. When birds are sold the seller shall record the name, address and telephone number of the customer, date of purchase, species purchased and the band number, if ap-

plicable, for each psittacine bird sold. These records shall be kept for one year.



**NUMBER OF LICENSEES BY
CATEGORY**

- A Breeders/distributors—382
- Retail breeder USDA—73
- Retail breeder—128
- Hobby breeder—189
- Boarding kennels—116
- Out-of-state distributors—9
- Pet shops—86
- Pound/shelter—196
- Research—5
- Group fosters—12
- Rescue—24
- Foster homes—304

Total Licenses: 1,524*

***66 people have 2+ premises licenses**

Kansas Pet Animal News

**Kansas Animal Health Department
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Topeka, KS 66603-3714**



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Mahaska, KS 66955
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Testimony of Loren Pachta, Lambriar Inc., Mahaska, Kansas,
General Manager; Animal Distribution Representative,
Kansas Pet Animal Advisory Board

To the House Agriculture Committee:

February 9, 2005

RE: House Bill 2054

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear here today to share my views in support of House Bill 2054 and the importance of its passing to the pet industry.

My name is Loren Pachta, I am the General Manager of Lambriar Inc. and I am also the Representative for the Animal Distributors on the Kansas Pet Animal Advisory Board. Lambriar was founded by Roger and Darlene Lambert in 1969. We have grown from a small family business to a national leader in the pet industry. We currently employ 90 people, including several full and part time veterinarians who supervise our animal care operations.

Lambriar, licensed as a distributor by both the USDA and the State of Kansas, purchases puppies from only licensed professional breeders and markets them to pet stores throughout the continental United States. Before transporting them to our purchasers, our veterinarians inspect and vaccinate each puppy. We groom them and deliver them to our customers in specially outfitted climate controlled vehicles designed to keep the puppies safe and healthy on their way to our customers' stores. All delivery trucks have two drivers and the puppies are never left unattended.

Lambriar takes very seriously our obligation to provide superior animal care, and healthy, quality puppies to our retail customers. We have a comprehensive animal care program led by a staff of veterinarians with many years experience in the care of puppies. These puppies, many bred and purchased in Kansas, are destined to become pets in families throughout the nation.

Kansas is one of the largest and most successful states in the professional pet industry. Between 700-800 kennels are licensed by the state under the Kansas Pet Animal Act. Each of these licensed kennels represents a Kansas family who depends on that kennel for their livelihood. Millions of dollars flow into the Kansas economy, each year from other states, which supports many jobs and Kansas families. While our industry is not as large as the cattle or hog industry, it is a significant part of Kansas' diverse economy.

Since 1988 when the Animal Facilities Inspection Program came into being, it has been instrumental in building the good reputation the Kansas Pet Industry has today. As many of you may recall there was a time when Kansas had one of the poorest reputations in the nation! Continuation of the program is vital to our industry.

Mr. Chairman, and members of the Committee, we recognize that you are confronted with many difficult and challenging decisions, however, I cannot overly emphasize how essential the proposed House Bill 2054 will be to this program. The bill will provide an industry majority voice requested, 50% increase of fees, a visual check of animal health during inspections and open records to aid in bringing unlicensed facilities into compliance. The bill will help provide funding to continue this essential program. I believe this bill will also allow the program to be more effective in its intended purpose.

We urge the committee to recommend approval of House Bill 2054 by the Legislature. This bill will ensure the continuation of this vital program and protect our industry from the problems of the past.

Thank you again for this opportunity.

*"Our commitment to you: The highest in quality, excellent follow up service,
and true dedication to improvements in the pet industry"*

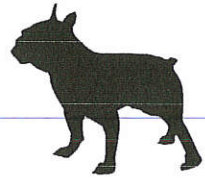
Lambriar is proud to serve
the following organizations:



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February 9, 2005
Attachment 2



Becky Blaes
Chairman and Animal Breeder Representative
Kansas Pet Animal Advisory Board



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USDA LICENSE #48-A-1196 KANSAS LICENSE #173-A

Wednesday, February 9, 2005

Re: House Bill 2054

Mr. Chairman and Members of the House Agriculture Committee:

In August of 2003, members of the Committee on Appropriations / Ways and Means reviewed the funding structure of the Kansas Animal Health Department. These legislators posed several questions, some based on the 2002 Legislative Post Audit of the KAHD.

At the request of the legislators, I compiled these questions and mailed a controlled survey to every licensed animal breeder in the State of Kansas.

This September of 2003 survey, as summarized on the back of this written testimony, **clearly speaks for the majority of animal breeders in the State of Kansas**. These constituents value the hard-earned reputation of their profession, one that has earned respect not only as the model for high standards, but as a multi-million dollar contributor of fresh, out-of-state income to the State of Kansas.

The Governor appointed Kansas Pet Animal Advisory Board is comprised of the ten different segments of the pet animal industry. This board **fully supports the majority voice of these constituents**. As their legislators, we ask that you thoughtfully consider their wishes as evidenced in House Bill 2054.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Becky Blaes
Chairman and Animal Breeder Representative
Kansas Pet Animal Advisory Board

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Attachment 3

2003 Official Survey Summary Licensed Kansas Animal Breeders

78% favored increased funding to support the Kansas Animal Health Department Inspection Program

- 56% chose to support increasing Kansas Animal Health Department Facility Licensing Fees by 50%
- 22% chose to support increasing licensing fees by 25% plus add a \$1 per animal surcharge to animal breeders, retailers, and hobby breeders

Licensed Animal Breeders also responded to the following questions:

1. Do you favor the majority of inspections to be announced, saving time and funds? (The KAHD is currently practicing this procedure.)
 - 91% responded "YES"
2. Do you favor records to be open to inspectors (same as USDA) to bring more kennels into compliance with the law?
 - 73% responded "YES"
3. Do you favor allowing the Kansas Animal Health Department to check the health of our animals during a routine facility inspection?
 - 50% responded "YES"
4. Do you favor multiple license facilities paying fees for all licenses, generating \$7,475 in additional fees?
 - 63% responded "YES"

In conclusion, KANSAS ANIMAL BREEDERS SUPPORT:

- Increasing license fees by 50%
- Dual license fees for facilities with more than one operation
- Open records
- Visible check of animal health during inspections

This survey of all licensed Kansas Animal Breeders was conducted as a result of questions posed by the Ways and Means/Appropriations Committee in Topeka on August 25th, 2003.

KANSAS ANIMAL BREEDER SURVEY

October 2003

To: The Special Committee on Appropriations/Ways and Means
From: Becky Blaes, Animal Breeder Representative
Kansas Pet Animal Advisory Board
Re: Survey Results

Survey History:

As a result of questions posed by members of the Ways and Means/Appropriations Committee in Topeka on August 25th, 2003 concerning the Kansas Animal Health Department and funding for the inspection program, a letter and survey was mailed to all licensed animal breeders in the state of Kansas. The mailing list was acquired on September 08, 2003 from the Kansas Animal Health Department. Please find below the results as indicated by those animal breeders who responded to the survey with the supplied self-addressed, stamped envelope on or before the October 01, 2003 postmark deadline.

- **105 out of 343 mailed surveys (31%) were returned. 238 animal breeders (69%) chose not to respond.**

Funding Choices: (All percentages are based on the 105 returned surveys.)

Choice #1: Increase fees by 50% on all facilities licensed by the Kansas Animal Health Department.

- **59 animal breeders (56%) chose this method of funding**

(One breeder chose the 50% increase, but would not sign their name or license.)

Choice #2: Increase fees by 25% on all facilities licensed by the Kansas Animal Health Department and add a surcharge of \$1 per animal to the animal breeder, retail breeder, and hobby breeder category.

- **23 animal breeders (22%) chose this method of funding**

82 breeders (78%) favored one of the above choices to assist in funding the Kansas Animal Health Department Inspection Program.

(The survey stated: "ONE FORM PER LICENSED ANIMAL BREEDER FACILITY".

One Kansas breeder has two state licenses; therefore, I made a phone call to this person and their wish was to have their choice of the 25% increase plus \$1 per animal surcharge counted twice on the survey.)

NOTE: Six (6) surveys were returned after the October 1st postmark deadline. Therefore, they were **NOT** included in the totals and percentages. However, as a point of interest, **three (3)** of the late surveys chose a **50% increase**, **two (2)** of the late surveys chose a **25% plus \$1 increase**, and **one (1)** survey chose a **\$1 per dog only** increase.

Kansas Animal Breeders - Survey Results

- 20 breeders (19%) wrote on the survey “Neither Choice” or “No Increase”
- 1 breeder chose the “\$1 per animal” surcharge ONLY (no 25% increase)
- 1 breeder did not mark either fee increase choice, but did respond to the 4 survey questions.
- 1 breeder returned the letter and the blank survey in the self-addressed, stamped return envelope.

Survey Question Results: (Based on 105 responses.)

Do you favor:

1. The majority of inspections to be announced, saving time & funds?
 - **Yes – 96 responses (91%)**
 - No – 7 responses
 - No Response – 2
2. Records to be open to inspectors (same as USDA) to bring more kennels into compliance with the law?
 - **Yes – 77 (73%)**
 - No – 24 (23%)
 - No Response – 4
3. Allowing the Kansas Animal Health Department to check the health of our animals during a routine facility inspection?
 - **Yes – 52 (50%)**
 - No – 48 (46%)
 - No Response – 5
4. Multiple license facilities paying fees for all licenses, generating \$7,475 in additional fees?
 - **Yes – 66 (63%)**
 - No – 31 (30%)
 - No Response – 8

Additional Survey Information:

- 59 **comments** (56%) were made on the surveys and will be forwarded to the Ways and Means / Appropriations Committee members
- 15 (14%) sent a self-addressed, stamped envelope to obtain the **survey results**

(**Late Surveys** - **Question #1:** Six “YES”; **Question #2:** Three “YES”, Two “NO”, One left blank; **Question #3:** Two “YES”, Four “NO”; **Question #4:** Four “YES”, One “NO”, One left blank.)

In closing, I greatly appreciated this opportunity to glean the valuable input and comments of Kansas’s animal breeders. In this way, professionals in the Kansas pet industry may communicate their views with legislators, ensuring the continuance of their success and making the choice to shape their own destiny.

Becky Blaes

Animal Breeder Representative, Kansas Pet Animal Advisory Board

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Wednesday, February 9, 2005

Re: House Bill 2054

Mr. Chairman and Members of the House Agriculture Committee:

Per the 2003 survey that was taken, of the majority of animal breeders in the State of Kansas, they are in agreement for the raising of fees, in order to support and fund the KAHD inspectors.

For a group of business persons to agree to raise their own fees, to support a program that has been an asset, in raising the standards of the pet industry in Kansas, should speak volumes as to its importance, in animal welfare, and good industry relations for our State.

I would ask you, to please consider enabling us, as animal breeders, to be able to keep and adequately fund our inspection program, so that substandard kennels can be brought into positive guidelines, that currently operating kennels continue to have accountability, and all can proudly represent our state in the nationwide pet industry.

I ask as a representative of the retail breeders for the state of Kansas, that you please consider supporting House Bill 2054.

Thank you.

Larry Louise Fowler
Cuddlesome Farm
Retail Breeder
Kansas Pet Animal Advisory Board Member

House Agriculture Committee
February 9, 2005
Attachment 4



Lawrence Humane Society, Inc.

P.O. Box 651 • Lawrence, Kansas 66044-0651

February 9, 2005

Testimony of Midge Grinstead
Executive Director - Lawrence Humane Society
Kansas Pet Animal Advisory Board 2001-2004

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today. I am here to support the Kansas Pet Animal Act, the Kansas Dept. of Animal Health and House Bill 2054.

I have been the director of the Lawrence Humane Society for the past eight years. The Society is a 501 c (3) organization that is a licensed shelter through the Kansas Animal Health Dept.

In the early nineties, the animal inspection program was created as a result of complaints from consumers and the general public regarding the horrendous conditions found in facilities throughout our state. This department continually and effectively handles facilities that are not in compliance with the Kansas Pet Animal Act.

The Legislative Post Audit Committee requested a performance audit of the Kansas Pet Animal Program on March 7, 2002. They found that of the 36 recommendations resulting from the 1990 audit, most either had been implemented or no longer appeared to be relevant. A survey was also conducted of out-of-state purchases of pets that were bred in Kansas facilities. In 1990, 41% stated that Kansas bred animals had more health problems than pets bred in other states. In 2002, only 3% stated that Kansas bred animals had more health problems than pets bred in other states.

In 2004, as the representative of shelters, pounds and rescue groups for the Governor's Advisory Board, I sent out a survey regarding fee increases, inspections and multiple license facilities. A total of 36% responded. Of those, 69% favored an increase in fees across the board for all licensees. Ninety-seven percent thought that all records, including breeding kennels should be open to inspectors and 87% felt that facilities with multiple licenses should pay fees for all licenses.

This program is clearly doing the job that it was intended to do, which is to ensure the health and welfare of Kansas pet animals as well as improve the image of the state of Kansas. One thing is certain, without the help of this agency, shelters, pounds, rescue groups and animal control agencies across the entire state will be completely

overwhelmed with over-population of animals and an increase in animal diseases. I support bill 2054 and I urge the committee to support the bill as well.

Thank you for your time and consideration in allowing me to appear today and share my views with respect to this vital issue. If you should have any question, I would be pleased to answer them to the best of my ability.

Midge Grinstead,
Executive Director
Lawrence Humane Society

SURVEY RESULTS
Shelters/Pounds/Rescues

Surveys sent - 213

2 were returned "undeliverable"

I received a total of 76 surveys which equals 36%

The first question dealt with an across the board fee increase of 25% or 50%.

16%	50% increase	12 responses
53%	25% increase	40 responses
8%	no increase	6 responses
15%	failed to respond	11
10%	Breeders/Pet stores	7 responses wanted breeders/pet stores to have an increase in fees only.

Additional Survey Questions:

Do you favor:

1. The majority of inspections to be announced, saving time & funds?

68%	yes	52 responses
31%	no	23 responses
1%	no answer	- 1

2. Records to be open to inspectors to bring more kennels into compliance with the law?

97%	yes	74 responses
0	no	
3%	no answer	- 2

3. Allowing the Kansas Animal Health Dept. to check the health of animals during a routine breeder facility inspection?

95%	yes	72 responses
3%	no	2 responses
3%	no answer	- 2

4. Multiple license facilities paying fees for all licenses.

87%	yes	66 responses
11%	no	8 responses
3%	no answer	- 2

KANSAS SHELTER/POUND/RESCUE SURVEY

One form per licensed facility

Please check the box in front of the statement which best reflects your choice of funding for the Kansas Pet Animal Act / Kansas Animal Health Department

- Increase fees by 50% on all facilities licensed by the Kansas Animal Health Department
- Increase fees by 25% on all facilities licensed by the Kansas Animal Health Department

Print Name

Sign Name

Kansas Facility License Number _____

To aid me in answering committee questions, based on the majority consensus survey responses, please circle which answer best reflects your choice.

Do you favor:

- Yes No The majority of inspections to be announced, saving time & funds?
- Yes No Records to be open to inspectors (same as USDA) to bring more kennels into compliance with the law?
- Yes No Allowing the Kansas Animal Health Dept. to check the health of animals during a routine breeder facility inspection?
- Yes No Multiple license facilities paying fees for all licenses, generating \$7,475 in additional fees?

Comments _____

Thank you for your response. Please use the enclosed stamped envelope to return your survey.



Lawrence Humane Society, Inc.

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KANSAS PET ANIMAL ADVISORY BOARD Shelter, Pound, Rescue & Foster Representative

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August 30, 2004

TO: Kansas Pounds, Shelters & Rescue Groups
RE: Information & Survey

Dear Friends:

As your Pet Animal Advisory Board Representative, I attended a hearing of the Special Committee on Ways and Means/Appropriations on August 25th in Topeka. The topic of the discussion was the funding of and review of the funding structure of the Animal Health Department. This included a review of the fees levied by the agency, the level and equity of the fees and the appropriate level of State General Fund support of the agency.

The Legislative Post Audit Committee requested a performance audit of the Kansas Pet Animal Program on 3/7/02. They found that of the 36 recommendations resulting from the 1990 audit, most either had been implemented or no longer appeared to be relevant. A survey was also conducted of out-of-state purchases of pets that were bred in Kansas facilities

- * In 1990, **41%** stated that **Kansas** bred animals had **more health problems** than pets bred in other states.
- * In 2002, only **3%** stated that **Kansas** bred animals had **more health problems** than pets bred in other states.
- * Of those surveyed, **97%** stated that **Kansas** bred animals had the same amount or **fewer health problems** than animals purchased from breeders in other states.

The program is doing the job that it was intended to do, which is to ensure the health & welfare of Kansas pet animals as well as improve the image of the state of Kansas.

A very extensive issue from the 2002 audit on funding focused on a means to recover the costs of boarding seized animals. Options to recover such costs were:

- * A lien to be filed against real property.
- * Use of the Dept. of Administrations Debt Set-Off Program
- * Garnish the wages of the violator

- * Follow Colorado and Missouri law, whereby the owner is required to post cash bonds.
- * Create a special fund, which would be financed by licensed pet facilities and used to pay for any costs not recovered.

To follow the Colorado and Missouri law was the option chosen and passed as Kansas law during the last legislative session. By statute, if the state were ever found wrong, the state would pay the costs involved, not the individual.

With the quick thought and foresight of your 2002-2003 Kansas Pet Professional Officers, you now have a choice in how to continue funding the program that has improved the image of pet facilities and pet care in the state of Kansas.

The majority of verbal testimonies given at the funding hearing in Topeka recommended a flat increase of 50% in all areas of licensing.

- * There have been no increases in license fees since 1991.
- * The legislators at the Topeka meeting requested a survey, which would reflect majority support of a funding method for the program.
- * The legislators expressed concern and questions as to why the state of Kansas was not allowed to view records of distributors to assist in locating non-licensed facilities. This would result in bringing unlicensed facilities into compliance so that these facilities would contribute to the fees paid.
- * At present, the Kansas Animal Health Dept. must scan newspaper ads for unlicensed facilities. The audit stated that, so far in the fiscal year 2002, the leads identified an additional 113 facilities that have since been licensed and are now paying their fees.
- * The topic of multiple licensing was also discussed. At present, there are 50 licensees with multiple licenses. Licensees are only obligated to pay for one license, while operating on one or more. An additional \$7,475 would be generated if licensees paid for each license.

- * The use of announced or scheduled inspections to better utilize the inspection time and funds was also discussed. Complaint-based inspections would not be announced.

The next Kansas Pet Animal Advisory Board Meeting is in October. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have regarding these issues. Please return the following survey in the enclosed, self-addressed, stamped envelope no later than ~~October 1st~~ ^{11/15/04}. That will provide adequate time for me to compile your survey answers prior to the upcoming Ways and Means/Appropriations Committee Meeting. Thank you for your time, effort and support.

Sincerely,
Midge Grinstead,
Pet Animal Advisory Board Representative, Exec. Director Lawrence Humane Society

I'm Sharon Munk, a farmer's daughter from Menlo, Kansas. My extended family and I have been associated with the Pet Industry for over a quarter of a century. We know the particulars of a breeding kennel. This is our business, this is what we do, this is an ART, this is what we are proud of, this is what we've put all our sweat, money, and tears into. I can answer all of your questions from experience, history, and with honesty.

Democracy is a system of government in which the people hold the ruling power, usually voting it over to representatives whom they trust and elect to make the laws and run the government. Each licensed professional business entity needs to have a voice in the regulations that govern them, as no one understands their particular business as well as they do.

In the past, the Kansas Industry was lambasted in the National media. There was a nationwide Kansas Puppy Boycott. The biscuits showed up on the capital lawn in protest. California threatened a Kansas Beef Boycott. The Kansas Pet Industry was on the bottom, if we even existed anymore, in the PIT area. With the appointment of an intelligent Advisory Board, the increased cooperation within the industry, and the legislators' ears (with the revisions to the Kansas Pet Animal Act,) we rebounded with such speed that Kansas was nicknamed the MODEL STATE, and other states were scrambling to follow our lead.

The Kansas Pet Professionals asked me to speak on their behalf in **full support of House Bill #2054**. The words you hear today are not the words of one; but the concerns of many. The Kansas Pet Animal Breeders are a body that is definitely in charge of its own future. Everyone should be heard and respected for their opinion, but within the confines of an industry, **majority** is called for.

The overwhelming majority of Professional Licensed Pet Animal Breeders support this bill. Only twenty (20) disgruntled breeders voiced their opinion of not supporting the Kansas Pet Animal Act with an increase in fees. I'm not sure if they didn't support the Program as a whole, or if they just didn't want an increase in fees. The remaining 323 breeders either chose to increase their license fees (the first increase in fourteen years) or they didn't bother to respond to the survey, as they realize that fee increases in government during crunch times is a given fact.

Kansas Pet Professionals (KPP) is a non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring the health of Kansas pets. KPP has cooperated with state and federal officials in the development of legislation which clearly establishes sanitation and care requirements, effectively provides compliance procedures, fairly and equitable regulates the pet animal industry, while providing comprehensive consumer protection.

The lambastation of the Pet Industry was the direct result of under funding and ineffectual implementation of the state statues on the books. The consequences for this disregard of printed rules and regulations were the plummeting of prices, or the lack of sales. This in turn hurt the Kansas economy. This **MULTI-MILLION** dollar Kansas Pet Industry..."**FRESH**"...money I call it, coming in from out-of-state is a boost to the Kansas economy. That is just the sale of pets. Over twelve **BILLION** if you want to include the farm products purchased for pet food manufacturing etc.

The Kansas Pet Industry has insisted that the Kansas Animal Health Department follow the written law, with no exceptions. This is how we gain and maintain the reputation and prices that we enjoy today. USDA **did NOT** bestow us with this reputation. **WE DID THIS**. The credit is ours. Fourteen years ago the breeders came to town and insisted you raise our fees 100% to help fund the program. The legislators heard us.

The credit belongs to all Kansans involved with Tridimensional Thoughts. We remember what happened in the past. We have a good grip on today. We know where we want to be in the future and we also know how to get there.

- #1. Increase our fees by 50%.
- #2. Open our records to the State Inspectors.
- #3. Permit adequate veterinary care.
- #4. Include dual fees for those with dual operations.
- #5. **DO NOT EXEMPT** USDA kennels from state inspections.

What happens if USDA runs into a budget crunch crisis, and we are left without sufficient inspectors? What happens if USDA inspectors are sent to California to contain Newcastle disease? What happens when USDA inspectors are trying to control something such as Monkey Pox? What about the H5N1 bird flu, the same flu that hit Hong Kong in 1997. **IT CAN CROSS TO HUMANS**.....Tuberculosis?..... Brucellosis? What happens if USDA inspectors are frantically trying to get a consumer consumption problem under control? Mad Cow disease didn't live but a hair in this country to date, but it was a scare, and it is still close. We have Johnes, Scrapie, and others... What if the next problem takes 3 to 5 years to contain? What if the next **new** pet animal disease with the potential to cross over to humans hits the state of Kansas before either of the two coasts? Do you really want to leave the Animal Health Issues of this State up to the over-extended Federal Government?

*What would it hurt to leave the law written with the word **MAY** inspect limit the Animal Health Commissioners responsibilities in the **NEW D*** House Agriculture Committee
February 9, 2005

Attachment 6

KEEP KANSAS SHINING

**GIRARD ANIMAL HOSPITAL**

Drs. Bill and Laura Morland
Dr. Kristal Endicott-Holder
Dr. Don Sotta

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To: Honorable Members of House Agriculture Committee

From: Laura Morland DVM

RE: House Bill #2054

I am sorry I am unable to attend the hearing on Wednesday . I was told that written testimony will be accepted. I support HB #2054 as both a veterinarian and a small kennel owner. I was on the steps of the Capital the day the bones were sent from California and have spoken many times as to the wonderful job the Animal Health Department has done for the image of the kennel business in Kansas..The job they have done pursuing the illegal unlicensed kennels and the animal hoarders has been unprecedented. Therefore I support HB#2054 to help protect the reputation of our Kansas Industry and to continue the positive growth that has been accomplished in the past fourteen years.

Sincerely,

Laura Morland DVM

House Agriculture Committee
February 9, 2005
Attachment 7

Dear Legislators:

My Husband, Chuck, & I have had a kennel going on 21 years. We enjoy working with animals, both having lived on a farm all of our lives.

We support HB#2054 to increase our license inspection fees by 50%.

KANSAS had the inspection program before Missouri. In Missouri, the breeders pay \$100.00 plus \$1.00 for each pup they sell, give away or trade up to \$500.00 per year for their license. WHY would anyone in KANSAS "THINK LESS OF THEIR PETS" in not wanting the pets to have the best inspection program possible and only paying a 50% increase making OUR license \$225.00????

Are the people of Kansas READY for the Animal Activist to move in, if we should loose our Kansas inspection program??? I HOPE NOT!!!!!!

We attended a USDA meeting in Springfield, Mo. on January 29th and listened to the Missouri people brag about Their State program and degrade the USDA inspectors. We listened to Dr. Gipson, the head of USDA from Washington, D.C. say that "He didn't think the Animal Activist were working at the Federal Level very much, that they, the Animal Activist, were HITTING at the State Level." Dr. Gipson added that the Animal Activist have a budget in excess of "NINETY-SIX MILLION DOLLARS"..

ARE THOSE THAT ARE AGAINST BEING INSPECTED BY THE STATE OF KANSAS WANTING/ WAITING FOR THE ANIMAL ACTIVIST??? I HOPE NOT!!!! WHAT IN THE KANSAS INSPECTION SYSTEM ARE THEY AFRAID OF????

I've always offered to show our Kansas inspector any information that I keep for the USDA.

In Connecticut, the Animal Activist have a Repr. introducing a bill HB#5010 which if passed "would prohibit a pet shop in Connecticut from selling a puppy UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE." No pet shop is going to buy puppies 8 to 12 weeks old and hold them until they are ONE YEAR OLD.

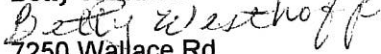
If, this should pass, the Animal Activist will try other states. This one bill would prevent breeders and/or distributors from selling any puppy to a pet shop in Connecticut.

Millions of dollars are brought into Kansas from puppies sold out of state.

KANSAS HAS BEEN KNOWN AS THE "MODEL STATE" WITH THE PASSING OF THE KANSAS INSPECTION PROGRAM!!! Let's keep it that way!!! PASS HB#2054 NOW!!!!

Thanks,

Betty Westhoff



7250 Wallace Rd

St. Paul, Ks 66771

USDA # 536 KANSAS#167A

Kansas Pet Professionals, Inc. Sec/Trs. from 1996 to April 2004

Past Director of Neosho County Farm Bureau of Kansas

February 5, 2005

Pepper Kennels
Marie and Robert Pepper
311 Tree Line Drive
Walnut Shade, MO 65771-9318

RE: Increasing of License Fees for the State of Kansas by 50%

Dear Legislatures:

We are writing in support of House Bill 2054 – Increasing the fee for Kansas Licensed Facilities by 50%.

We currently live in the State of Missouri and have a State and USDA licensed facility. Prior to our move to the State of Missouri we had a State and USDA licensed facility in Kansas.

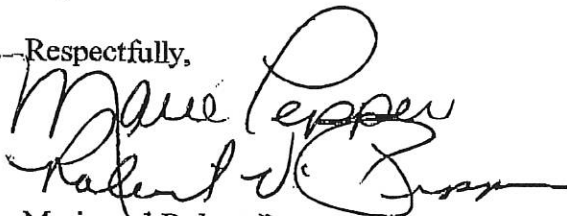
We felt and still feel that Kansas maintains superior quality kennels due primarily to the fact that they are inspected. Inspected facilities produce clean and well maintained kennels, healthy well cared for dogs and a proper paper trail for each dog in these facilities.

These types of facilities [licensed and inspected] are what Kansas wants to be recognized as maintaining. These are the types of facilities I would like to personally purchase a pet or breeding animal from.

Kansas has been and is known nation-wide for having top-notch facilities producing quality well cared for pets or breeding animals. This has come about because of licensed and inspected facilities and should continue even if it means a 50 % increase in license fees.

Please give strong consideration to this 50% increase in Kansas's license fees to continue maintaining the high quality facilities that Kansas is currently known and respected for.

Respectfully,



Marie and Robert Pepper

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RE: HB#2054

Dear Legislator:

I'm a member of the Kansas Postive Pet Assn.

I support the H.B.#2054, because I sure would hate to go back to the MESS we had in the early 1990's.

The Kansas Animal Health Department have done a good job of cleaning up the pet industry in the State of Kansas. It sure would be sad to let this ALL GO DOWN THE TUBES.

If it goes down, the State of Kansas will be the BIG LOOSERS and the ANIMAL ACTIVIST will MOVE IN ON ALL OF US!!

Lots of retired people have a small facility to supplement their income!

The system is not Broke; it just needs MORE FUNDING!

VOTE TO PASS HB#2054!

Thanks,
Charles (Chuck) Westhoff
St. Paul, Ks 66771

Mr. Chairman and members of the House Agriculture Committee:

RE: HB2054

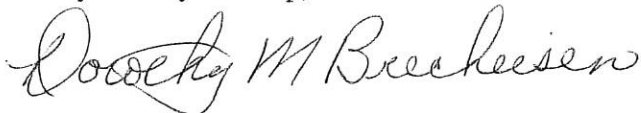
In reference to House Bill 2054, I believe we need to pass the bill for the survival of our state inspection program. As president of the Kansas Pet Professionals, I am asking you to vote yes for the bill. I believe we need the fee increase as our last increase was 14 years ago. Our puppy prices have made a substantial increase in this time.

It is important for our industry to keep going forward, not backwards. Our inspection program has made great strides in our industry. As far as opening our records to the state inspectors, I have no problem with it. The USDA sees them, so why not the state? It is important that all people who need a license have one, because we still have a few people who try to slide by without one. Premises with dual operations pay a fee for each operation on the premises. The legislators suggested this and the survey supported this, as well as the Advisory board.

Our industry brings a lot of revenue to this state, therefore it is important to keep high standards for our facilities. Our state inspection program helps to keep this up.

As a pet facility owner and President of Kansas Pet Professionals, I am asking your support for the passage of H.B. 2054 with a fee increase of 50% so our inspection program may continue.

Thank you for your help,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dorothy M Brecheisen".

Dorothy Brecheisen

Testimony
House Agriculture Committee
3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2005
Room 423 South
State Capitol Building

Good afternoon, Rep. Johnson and members of the House Agriculture Committee. My name is Gary Reser and I am executive vice president of the Kansas Veterinary Medical Association.

The KVMA represents the Kansas veterinary profession through legislative, regulatory, education, communications, and public awareness programs.

The KVMA supports H.B. 2054 and urges you to vote favorably on the bill.

The KVMA supports the following changes highlighted in H.B. 2054 in particular:

1. The fee increase proposed in the bill and the implementation of a late fee
2. An increase in the scope of inspectors, including access to open records and the ability to enforce veterinary and humane care
3. The continuation of the state pet animal licensing and inspection program.

The KVMA congratulates the Kansas Legislature in its efforts in recent years to reduce state general fund dollars and encourage state agencies to rely even more heavily on fees. The Kansas Animal Health Department has obviously been cooperating in this regard. The Association takes note that the Department has had the same fee structure for the last 14 years while expenses have increased every year. This has resulted in the termination of a number of important personnel and programs. Please let the Department catch up.

The KVMA feels it is logical and reasonable to give the Department the ability to require adequate veterinary care for inspected and regulated premises. This would include a "documented program of disease control and prevention, euthanasia, and routine veterinary care. . .under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian. . .documented on site visit to the premises by the veterinarian at least once a year."

Once again, Chairman Johnson and Committee members, the Kansas Veterinary Medical Association respectfully asks that you report H.B. 2054 favorably for passage.

Thank you for the opportunity to appear today.

To all committee members, I OPPOSE HB# 2054

I'm Dale Lowe. My wife and I have a KS & a USDA license since 2001. I have been associated with kennels since 1969 when my mother started hers. I was 15 years old and I cleaned and help build the kennel. I also owned cattle, hogs, sheep, and horses. We have come a long way in 35 years. most no longer use converted hog and chicken facilities. We build specialized structures that are heated, air conditioned, insulated, vented, water proof, and mouse and varment resistant. Our dogs are not only our "kids", they help support us. We give them anything they need to make them healthy and happy, including affection. You should see how my wife, who worked at a nursing home for 20 years, treats our dogs. The bigger facilities say 150 breeding dogs or more can't give this personal attention to their dogs. They have to hire their labor done. I think these larger facilities should be inspected more often than the smaller breeder. Therefore should pay more. They also generate more income, so do like the USDA and charge licence fee according to income. Or simply charge breeders \$1.00 or more for every breeding age dog they own over 150. That way the larger kennels would pay their fair share and the smaller kennels would not be affected. If all the inspectors, USDA and KS, would work together they could reduce inspections. Remember 9/11, if all the agencies had shared information they could have seen a better picture, and may have predicted that attack. I am a permanently disabled construction worker, but I work at home on the kennel. I don't have time for all this every year. I was here last year fighting this same thing. KAHD scans newspaper ads to find new breeders all the time. They don't need to see anymore of our records that we already supplied the USDA..

There will always be criminals that abuse people and animals. There are already laws designed to protect us all from these people. We need no more laws in this business, the USDA regulations are sufficient We are already burdened with so much paperwork we don't have time to chart everything we do to these dogs, or the file space. it's not a problem. Thank you all.

Sincerely,



Dale Lowe
24400 180th Rd
Walnut, KS 66780

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Dear Committee Member,

I AM AGAINST HB# 2054

This bill is unfair, why is it so important to raise state license fees? In the Kansas Pet Animal News they state that the USDA and the KAHD are working together and communicating better, sharing inspection reports, training together annually, and are doing some inspection together. I don't think we need to be inspected 4 times a year, the USDA do a great job and if for any reason, they run into problems they can then call the state on certain facilities that need their attention. That would save time and money for the USDA, state, and breeders. Most breeders in the Southeast area are elderly, retired, farmers, and stay-at-home moms trying to make a living. Also, some of these people cannot afford insurance. I am one of those people, and my dogs helped by my medication pay my medical bills. I have about one hundred dogs and I pay the same amount as breeders who have 300 to 800 dogs or more. I really think that they can make it more fair. The USDA license fees are based on your income, which is fair. I have made copies of the USDA fee schedule for you to see. I can't understand why the state chooses to hike up a 50% increase straight across the board, NOT FAIR. I am a KPP member and so are many of the people who oppose the bill. We have just a few members who believe they are the majority and speak for us all, but do not speak of anything but their own opinion. Thank you for reading this letter.

I am USDA lic. And inspected 2x a year
I am state licensed and inspected 2x a year
I am vet inspected 1 a year
I am AKC and inspected 1-2x a year

Total Inspections: 6-7x year
(Overkill)

Sincerely,



Carolyn Lowe
24400 180th Rd
Walnut, KS 66780

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TABLE 1 – CLASS "A" AND "B" LICENSED DEALERS

Dollar Volume* (see below)	License Fee		Application Fee		Total Fee
\$ 0. to \$ 500	\$ 30.00	+	\$10.00	=	\$ 40.00
501 to 2,000	60.00	+	10.00	=	70.00
2,001 to 10,000	120.00	+	10.00	=	130.00
10,001 to 25,000	225.00	+	10.00	=	235.00
25,001 to 50,000	350.00	+	10.00	=	360.00
50,001 to 100,000	475.00	+	10.00	=	485.00
100,001 ... AND UP	750.00	+	10.00	=	760.00

* EXAMPLES FOR FIGURING FEES:

CLASS "A" DEALERS:

Fees will be based on 50% of the total gross amount derived from the sale of animals plus the ten dollar (\$10.00) application fee.

CLASS "B" DEALERS:

Fees will be based on the sale price of the animals less the purchase price of the animals plus the ten dollar (\$10.00) application fee.

TABLE 2 – CLASS "C" EXHIBITORS

Number of Animals** (see below)	License Fee		Application Fee		Total Fee
1 to 5	\$ 30.00	+	\$10.00	=	\$ 40.00
6 to 25	75.00	+	10.00	=	85.00
26 to 50	175.00	+	10.00	=	185.00
51 to 500	225.00	+	10.00	=	235.00
501 ... AND UP	300.00	+	10.00	=	310.00

** Number of animals owned, held, or exhibited at the time of application or during the previous year, whichever is greater.

Note: 1. Payments may be made by Cashier's Check, Certified Check, Personal Check, Money Order or Credit Card (Visa or MasterCard only).
We cannot accept cash.

2. If this is your initial application for a license, submit only the \$10.00 application fee.

February 6, 2005

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to go on record as opposing HB #2054 as written by the Kansas Pet Animal Advisory Board members. I question why they would be in agreement to an increase in fees, and taxation, in fact it appears that they are pushing for one. Why? Does the average person insist that someone charge them more?

Let's consider fair licensing fees for all kennel owners. This would allow only a small increase for the smaller kennels and increase fees appropriately for the large mass producing kennels. Options:

#1 \$40.00 processing fee and \$1.00 per dog*

#2 \$10.00 processing fee and a certain percentage of the revenue collected (in replication of the way USDA charges)**

*A fee per animal would be the fairest, most honest means. When the agencies come for inspection, they take a count of the animals. ** Charging a percentage of the revenue is making the assumption that everyone is honest and reports every penny derived from the sale of their dogs and puppies.

I would like to continue to encourage a 24 hour notice prior to State inspection. This would cut down on the "no one home - wasted visits". If a kennel was notified with 24 hour notice that an inspection was being made, the kennel owner would have more opportunity to arrange their schedule to be available some time in that 24-hour period. (I work outside of the home and am one of the owners that frequently takes a few "stops" to catch at home.) Twenty-four hours is not enough time for anyone to do major repairs or cleaning; and if it is - good, there is now one better, cleaner kennel. This could allow time for more productive visits. Also there needs to be some schedule with the State and USDA, as they seem to visit within days or a few weeks of each other. This seems rather redundant. Possibly since we have the USDA visiting two times a year, my vet visits a minimum of once a years, the AKC visits every one-two years, maybe the State could come on a yearly basis and issue our licenses and collect or set up the proper fees. We don't want to lose our State licensing. But there needs to be a fair system for charging licensing fees and replication of inspections only days apart doesn't seem efficient.

According to #4 on the KPP's, open records ... State inspectors will view my records. The State has always viewed my records. They look over my USDA forms for people that buy multiple puppies. This is fine, and hopefully keeps everyone in compliance and helps avoid "secret kennel operations"

The KPP states in their letter that HB#2054 is based on the majority voice of the 2003 Animal Breeder Survey. That survey is two years old and at the time it was done, no one was aware that it was going to be used as this type of resource. What was the percentage of surveys returned, compared to the number of members. Shouldn't there be a new survey, now that more people are aware of what is going on. I also notice that the people pushing for this increase are large kennels 200-500 dogs, which is rather interesting, since they currently pay the same state fees to operate their kennel as I do to operate my smaller kennel.

All anyone as a United States citizen can ask for is fair taxation and representation. Please don't let the large businessman turn your head.

Sincerely,



Pam Franklin 901 W. St. John, Girard, KS 66743 620-724-8013 e-mail: pamf@ckt.net

Dear Committee Member,

I AM APPOSED TO HB# 2054

I am a KPP Member, I believe this Bill is unfair to the smaller Breeding Facility. Those with 10 to 20 Dogs should not be required to pay the same fee as Facilities with 200 to 500 Breeding dogs.

The larger Facilities should pay more than the smaller Facilities. This is the fairest way.

We are not asking for welfare here, we are asking that you not allow the larger Facilities to force out the smaller Facilities.

There are a lot of Breeders in S.E.KS., that are retired with no Medical Insurance. They stay at Home Mothers, and those whom have lost a Spouse, just trying to make ends meet, buy their necessary medications, and keep Clothes on their backs.

We Breeders Love our Dogs, we cuddle, Kiss, Praise, and spoil our Animals. Our Dogs all know their Names.

Sincerely,



MARY JOHNSON
528 S. 10TH ST.
MC CUNE, KS 66753
620-449-2776 OR 620-820-3860

Opposed to HB 2054

February 8, 2005

Honorable Legislators
300 SW 10th Street
Topeka, KS 66612-1504

I am Sam Mosshart, from Protection, Kansas. Kansas State License #056-A-98 and USDA License #48-B-0229. I have been in the Kennel business since 1989 as a USDA Licensed breeder and later a Kansas State Licensed breeder. I am a member and past President of the Kansas Pet Professionals and currently president of the Kansas Federation of Animal Owners. I am opposed to bill 2054!

An increase in license fees is unnecessary. People who are currently licensed by USDA and hold two KAHD licenses (for example a breeder's license and a distributor's license) will experience a 300% increase for their KAHD licenses. Presently if both licenses are for the same facility they pay one fee of \$150. If this bill is made into law their total annual fees for the KAHD will go to \$450.

The pet industry exports a large percentage of puppies out of state, bringing new money into Kansas. This in turn supports the local businesses, especially in the smaller rural communities: veterinarians, feed stores, utility companies, vehicle dealers, pet stores, pet equipment dealers, etc. Why does KAHD want to raise the fees for out of state distributors who bring a lot of dollars into Kansas? Those out of state distributors will buy their puppies elsewhere, the monies will be lost for Kansas, and the only ones who will benefit are the large Kansas distributors.

I do not feel that the Kansas inspectors are qualified to inspect or interpret my medical records or need to inspect my records of disposition as the USDA already does this.

Quite a few of the USDA Kennels are located on family farms around the state, are part of the income for a retired couple or enable a young mother to be a stay-at-home mom. The kennel business is one of the few extra income opportunities that are available for these folks. Usually the whole family is involved in the business in some way or another. This is a business that can help keep rural Kansas viable.

We, like most businesses, have seen are utility bills, transportation, insurance and feed costs all rise.

With an excess of 300 plus licensed kennels in the state already inspected by the USDA, why should the KAHD spend taxpayer's money to inspect them again?

In these tight economic times, we all need to spend our money wisely. This includes the Kansas Animal Health Department!

Thank you for your time and consideration in these matters.



Sam Mosshart
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Honorable Representative

We have owned a small dog breeding kennel for over 10 years and are members of Kansas Pet Professionals. We disagree with the changes proposed in HB 2054

We are licensed by both USDA and the State and agree State inspections may be needed to a degree, but the double inspections (by USDA and the State) as a rule are costly and unnecessary except in cases of a kennel being out of compliance and USDA requesting aid from the State. Fewer unnecessary State inspections should negate the need for more funding. USDA is fully staffed now and there should not be a repeat of the terrible conditions of 20 years ago. The State Animal Health Department should be working with USDA on an ongoing basis for the betterment of the industry and not withholding its cooperation in order to defend its "territory".

Old Sec 1B2 (page 4 lines 1, 2, 3) If a USDA licensee is meeting USDA requirements concerning "Adequate veterinary medical care" as far as records and treatment are concerned, we don't think a State inspector should find it necessary to step in and review those records or order medical treatment for an animal. Please leave the current language in place.

Sec 3 (1) through (7) We think a 50% increase in fees is excessive. To increase the fees for out-of-state distributors can only serve to stifle competition and would harm the entire industry by limiting choices for the breeder to make the best profit. It also makes Kansas less than business-friendly. Many of us are retired and are trying to supplement our income. There is talk of increasing taxes for school funding and many other needs at various levels of government. Expenses such as gasoline and propane have already gone up in the last couple of years and we expect increases in others such as electricity to go up soon. Interest is low making an increase of this size of this size a hardship on many of us.

This means that we have already had to tighten our belts to make ends meet. The Kansas Animal Health Department should do the same. We re-emphasize the need for their cooperation with USDA to eliminate duplication of efforts.

Sec 3 (7) (f) It is inequitable to require double license fees when operations are at the same location and requirements for care are the same. One inspection should cover all requirements for multiple licenses. We sell to a small distributor who has told us if this provision passes she will no longer be able to buy our puppies, putting a hardship on us.

Thank you for considering our views.

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Opposed to House Bill 2054

February 9, 2004
State of Kansas
House Committee on Agriculture
State House #423 S
Topeka, Kansas

Honorable Representatives:

I have been a professional dog breeder since 1981, first as a USDA Licensed breeder and later a Kansas State Licensed breeder. I am a member of the Kansas Pet Professionals and the Kansas Federation of Animal Owners. **I am opposed to HB 2054, which would increase KAHD license cost, give access to our facilities USDA records, including kennel medical records and disposition of dogs and cats to Kansas inspectors.**

In 2003, the Kansas Federation Of Animal Owners sent out a survey to all the USDA licensed kennels in Kansas. Replies were accepted from anyone who was interested in the survey both those for and against. The first question on this survey was "Do you think that the Kansas Animal Health Department needs an increase in funding?" Of the 127 surveys returned 7% replied yes, 4% were undecided and 89% said no. The next question was "How do you think the Kansas Animal Health Department should handle their financial needs in the future?" This was followed by 5 choices. The largest majority thought that the KAHD did not need an increase in funding, and that the best choice was to *Inspect USDA licensed facilities on a complaint basis only*. Please see attached survey.

The survey that was conducted by Becky Blaes in 2003 only had two choices – *Do you want to raise fees by X amount?* or *Do you want to raise fees by XX amount?* There was not a choice for not raising fees or a space for comments.

This bill would also open our medical records and records of where we acquire and sell our dogs. I believe our medical records should be private, between ourselves and whoever purchases our puppies. Kansas's inspectors are not trained in veterinary medicine. Distributor's puppy purchasing records, state health certificates which are required for pups leaving the state, classified ads and internet searches would provide better leads to those who are selling puppies illegally rather than going through my USDA Record of Disposition.

Pet store licenses will be increased to \$450. If you're a small mom and pop pet store it will sure take a lot of fish, hamsters, etc. to make up the difference there. Out of state distributor licenses will also be increased. Small out of state distributors will go elsewhere for their puppy needs, thereby reducing competition for the larger Kansas distributors.

The Kansas Animal Health Department has enough funds now. They just need to use it more wisely!

Thank you for your time and consideration in these matters.



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Kansas Federation of Animal Owners Survey Results

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	Yes	No	Undecided
Do you think that the Kansas Animal Health Department needs an increase in funding?	9	113	5
<i>Percentage</i>	<i>7%</i>	<i>89%</i>	<i>4%</i>

How do you think that the Kansas Animal Health Department should handle their financial needs in the future? Rate the following in the order you think they should be implemented. (Place a #1 in the blank for the option you think should be implemented first)

		# of times with a No, left blank, or 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th chosen							
		left blank	wrote in "NO"	1st choice	2nd choice	3rd choice	4th choice	5th choice	# returned surveys
Choice #1	Inspect USDA licensed facilities on a complaint basis only. (USDA licensed facilities would still pay an annual fee to the Kansas Animal Health Department)	3	68	48	1	4	0	3	127
	Choice #1 Percentage	2%	54%	38%	1%	3%	0%	2%	100%
Choice #2	Increase fees by 50% on all facilities licensed by the Kansas Animal Health Department.	13	83	8	1	5	10	7	127
	Choice #2 Percentage	10%	65%	6%	1%	4%	8%	6%	100%
Choice #3	Add a tax on all pet foods sold in the state of Kansas.	13	84	3	17	5	5	0	127
	Choice #3 Percentage	10%	66%	2%	13%	4%	4%	0%	100%
Choice #4	Add a tax to all rabies vaccinations, and require that <i>all</i> cats, dogs and ferrets in the state be vaccinated plus a 50% raise on the existing license fee	16	84	0	1	6	4	16	127
	Choice #4 Percentage	13%	66%	0%	1%	5%	3%	13%	100%
Choice #5	Add a per animal charge to the base license fee. (for example: charge \$1.00 for each adult animal in the facility in addition to the base facility license fee).	13	83	3	13	8	6	1	127
	Choice #5 Percentage	10%	65%	2%	10%	6%	5%	1%	100%

This survey was sent to all the USDA licensed kennels in the State of Kansas. Replies were accepted from anyone who was interested in the survey, both those for and against. Copies of the original survey replies can be obtained from the Kansas Federation of Animal Owners. Request for copies should be mailed to **Kansas Federation of Animal Owners**

**RR #1 Box 64
Protection, KS 67127.**

TO THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

REGARDING H.B. 2054

February 9, 2005

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

I serve as Executive Director of the Kansas Dairy Association and Legislative Representative for the Kansas Horse Council. Neither of those groups have had an opportunity to review and take a position on H.B. 2054. However, this weekend the Kansas Dairy Association will have its annual meeting and be able to do so. In looking at the bill, I am concerned with the provision on page 1, lines 30-32. Under current law, the pet animal act specifically excludes livestock species. With the amendment on these lines, livestock species would be included in the definition of animal under the pet animal act, "when such animal is being housed at a state licensed animal shelter or pound." I am writing to question this amendment as to whether livestock species should be included in any way in the pet animal statutes.

The Animal Agriculture Alliance is opposed to this legislation because it believes that livestock or other food animals should not be subject to the same laws used to govern pet well-being.

The Alliance is concerned that putting farm animals in the same category as pets, even in a limited and well-intentioned way, further blurs the line between the legal status of pets and food animals. The Council of State Governments (CSG) issued a statement of concern on this issue on September 29, 2004, indicating its distress that legislation that could "permit third parties to petition courts for custody of a pet, livestock or other animal for which they do not approve of the husbandry practices."

The CSG statement, released at its annual meeting, concluded by asserting its opposition to legislation that "alters the legal status of the animals."

I would just offer up these concerns for your consideration as you work on this bill. Perhaps there is a way to accomplish a good intention without bringing livestock species in any way under the pet animal act.

Sincerely,

Chris Wilson

Chris Wilson

February 08, 2005

RE: In favor of HOUSE BILL 2054

Mr. Chairman and Members of the House Agriculture Committee:

It has been fourteen years since Kansas Animal Breeders requested additional funding for the Inspection Program. The pet industry has enjoyed a pristine reputation that is a model for all other States and the luxury of a tremendous increase in puppy prices.

The majority of licensed Kansas Animal Breeders have asked for their license fees to be increased by 50% to assist in funding the inspection program. In addition, the majority has asked for:

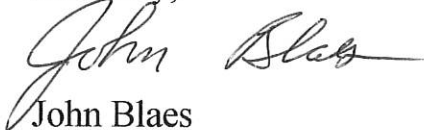
- **Open Records** – to bring all facilities into compliance, which would assist in funding the program
- **Dual License Fees** – Each license applied for would have an individual fee
- **Visual Health Check** – The Kansas Animal HEALTH Department provides inspections

The funding for the KAHD will be depleted at the end of fiscal year 2005. The USDA alone is not capable of monitoring substandard or illegal facilities. Without the Kansas Pet Animal Act Inspection Program, our industry will backslide tremendously. Without the millions of dollars generated by the pet industry pouring into the Kansas economy, the effects will be widespread and irreparable.

I ask for your **support of House Bill 2054**. Thank you.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



John Blaes
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Cherryvale, KS 67335
Phone: 620.336.3700

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February 08, 2005

RE: HOUSE BILL 2054

Mr. Chairman and Members of the House Agriculture Committee:

As a health care specialist in the field of Nursing, I understand the level of professionalism that licensing and inspection brings to an industry. Therefore, I **FULLY SUPPORT HOUSE BILL 2054.**

I would insist on frequenting only those restaurants that are quality, inspected establishments. I feel that the public demands the same high quality from those involved in the pet industry. This may only be maintained by the continuance of a quality inspection program at the State level.

The Kansas Animal Health Department Inspection Program has raised standards to a level that other States emulate. I understand that millions of dollars are generated for the State of Kansas by the pet industry. It would stand to reason that these dollars greatly benefit our State and the loss of this revenue would have devastatingly negative effects on our economy.

I am asking for your support of **HOUSE BILL 2054.**

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Patricia A. Lucke, R.N., B.S.N.
P.O. Box #129
Buffalo, KS 66717
Phone: 620.537.2300

February 08, 2005

RE: HOUSE BILL 2054

Mr. Chairman and Members of the House Agriculture Committee:

As a pet owner and retired animal breeder, I am in **FULL SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 2054.**

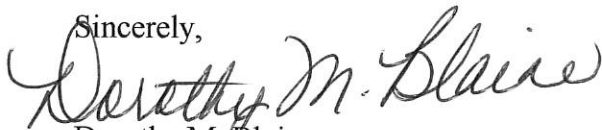
In years previous to the Kansas pet animal licensing and inspection program, our State was inundated with substandard kennels and an unfavorable reputation that prompted consumers and pet shops to boycott Kansas' puppies.

Since the conception of the Kansas Inspection Program, the reputation of our State's pet industry has become the standard after which other States model themselves. I do not feel that our State wishes to open the doors to negative ramifications resulting from inadequate funding of the Kansas Animal Health Department's Inspection Program.

Consumer confidence has soared due to this inspection program and I am proud to be the owner of a Kansas bred puppy. I am asking for your **support of House Bill 2054.**

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Dorothy M. Blaine
1111 South Plummer, Apt. B1
Chanute, Kansas 66720
Phone: 620.431.3024

To the legislators that are viewing House Bill #2054:

Advisory Boards are appointed by the Governor, to advise state agencies on issues of concern to many different programs.

Not everyone can be an expert on every issue. That is why the advice of those involved in different state programs should be contemplated as the authority on each subject.

The Kansas Pet Animal Act Advisory Board consists of representation of each entity that is licensed by law. These representatives bring the thoughts of their category to the board for discussion.

The Kansas Pet Animal Act Advisory Board initiated and approved these changes.

I fully support their combined efforts, and request that you do also.

Thanks,



Andy Munk

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of HB#2054 as written by the Kansas Pet Animal Advisory Board. As a longtime breeder of 27 years and KPP member, it is my feeling that an increase of 50% in license fees is reasonable and necessary to help maintain the integrity of the state inspection program. In my opinion, the other changes should not create any undue hardship on any of the licensees.

I am asking you to help Kansas breeders remain at the forefront of setting high standards for the entire industry.

Sincerely,

Cindy Clausen

**Cindy Clausen
Lindley Creek Kennel
29071 U Road
Portis, KS 67474
License No. 123A05**

2/7/2005

21-5

House Agriculture Committee -

I've been associated with a professional kennel operation since 1997.

The Kennel inspection program lends integrity to a Kansas product.

For the mere sum of a 50% increase, which amounts to \$75.00 for the Kansas breeder, I would think all Kansas breeders would support this bill, for benefits they've encountered in the past years as to the price increases of their pet animals due to the Solid Kansas Reputation for Pet Animal Health.

My husband works the kennel on a daily basis. I have four young children. The children and I are the kennel photographers. It is our job to groom the dogs and take pictures, so photos of the parents can be sent with our puppies and kittens that we wholesale to pet stores.

This industry has been very good to my family and I. Sub-standard kennels always bring negative publicity, therefore we trust the Kansas Animal Health Department to continue with the job of monitoring the kennels in Kansas.

Almost every industry that has a product or service to sell is licensed or monitored, especially when consumer confidence is an issue.

I very much support HB 2054, and hope you do also.

Christie Munk 21-6

Dear Kansas Legislators,

I was recently informed of Bill #2054 in your state. Born & raised in Kansas, but now living in Missouri, my husband & I hold a Missouri State & USDA kennel license. I was surprised at the opposition for raising your fees.

We have for the last number of years, been paying \$100⁰⁰ plus \$1.00 for each animal sold or given away. With a maximum of 500⁰⁰.

Kansas was the first state to adopt a state kennel license, and claiming to be the model state for the rest of the states. We need to keep our integrity in this business. If one state doesn't, it is a reflection on the rest of us. To keep the integrity the funds have to be there.

Thank you for your time

Ruth Snodgrass

February 9, 2005

House Agriculture Committee
300 SW 10th Street
Topeka, KS 66612

Subject: HB #2054

Dear Committee Members,

I have been a pet animal breeder in Northwest Kansas for nine years. I believe that the success I have had in my business is due, in part, to the fact Kansas had a good pet animal act in place when I started my kennel operation. The rules and regulations in the pet animal act have kept me striving to remain in compliance and as a result I am producing happy and healthy pets.

I am in favor of this bill, as it was written after licensed breeders had responded to the survey sent out by the Kansas Pet Animal Advisory Board. The wishes of the breeders who replied to the survey were taken under consideration by the advisory board and I appreciated the opportunity to express my opinion on regulation changes that will govern my business.

The Kansas Animal Health Department is vital to the continued success of the whole Kansas pet industry and I hope you will support this bill.

Sincerely,



Becky Simminger
Ludell, KS

Representative Johnson and Agriculture Committee Members,

RE: HB # 2054

I work for a Kansas Pet Animal Distributor. I'm the sales department for this company. Not only do we have an excellent product, but Kansas has a well respected reputation for their Kansas Animal Health Inspection Program, that my job is a no-brainer. I don't even have to work for sales, the calls come to me.

It is such a satisfying feeling to be part of a well-respected industry. I get the compliments and I bask in them.

I thought I would pass that onto you and other legislators, who truly do hold our livelihoods in your hands.

Please pass House Bill #2054 out of your committee onto the floor for approval, as the integrity of this inspection program precedes our sales.

Sincerely,



Sara Gersil

Representative Dan Johnson and legislators of the committee:

I'm sixty years old. My wife and I started a kennel in 1978. We've seen many changes. Many ups and downs. A lot of downs from negative publicity until the Kansas State Inspections became a serious clean-up effort in our State. Since that time, I've never had to defend or hide my occupation in casual conversation.

I'm proud of being part of the Kansas Pet Industry. The name that Kansas has established for themselves in this industry is almost celebrity status.

I don't travel all the states, but spend a good deal of time in Colorado, some in California, and west to Oregon last year. It amazes me the knowledge that other states have of our clean-up efforts and how well we have done.

This is such a prideful feeling, that I have no qualms in being asked to support the program with an increase in fees.

What comes around goes around, and they sure did well for me.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Munk

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul Munk". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P".

2-09-2005

Dear Legislators:

Ref: House Bill 2054

I work as a secretary for an insurance company.

In the past I've worked in a nursing facility and had to have a license. The facility had to be licensed and was inspected. Before that I worked in a facility that cared for and taught the mentally and physically impaired individuals. I had to have a license there, also. The facility had to have a license and was inspected.

When I'm not working at my secretary position, I've worked at a kennel doing book work, cleaning, feeding the pets, helping do repair work or new construction work. Yes, I can do carpenter work!

Pass H.B. 2054, so the Kansas Animal Health Department Inspection program can KEEP KANSAS CLEAN!!!

A 50% increase in fees is a SMALL PRICE TO PAY TO KEEP KANSAS CLEAN!

Sincerely,
Karen Billington
1605 Gilmore
St. Paul, Ks. 66771

21-11

TO: The Kansas Legislators

FROM: Robbie Meyer

Dear Legislators,

I'm new to the Kansas Pet Business. This is a very lucrative business for Kansans that are seeking to be their own boss. This business is not hard, it is constant, but then most jobs are.

I've just been through the first inspection process since my employment with this kennel. There was nothing to it.

I'm the contracting builder for the kennel. We use fiberglass, plastics, aluminum, and stainless steel. The few times I assist the others in cleanings, I understand why they use these materials in new construction.

I understand the need of virtually all businesses that service or supply consumer products to be monitored and licensed. I view this kennel industry as the same.

I'm enjoying this job. I request that you pass HB #2054 as it is written.

I understand that the Advisory Board reviewed the few changes, and all changes are industry friendly.

Honestly,

Robbie Meyer

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Robbie Meyer', with a long, sweeping underline.

21-12

February 7, 2005

Dear Legislators:

I am writing in support of the Kansas State Inspection HB2054 Bill to continue the inspection program. I understand due to the lack of funds, the KAHD is short one inspector and one person in the office. To insure that kennels, pet stores, etc. provide appropriate services, the inspection program is a necessity.

The increase of the fee amount is very small compared to the amount of good it will do for all of Kansas.

Thank you for your time.

Twila Wagner

8600 Trego St. Paul, Ks 66771

H.B.#2054

Dear Legislators:

I'd drive by a place in Marion County twice a week, I couldn't help but notice this place with LOTS OF HORSES. (I used to raise & train several horses.) I wondered how they could care for and feed so-o-o many horses. I thought some appeared to be in pour condition.!!!

The place turned out to be the place where the Kansas Animal Health Department found a number of Austrilian Shepards in VERY BAD CONDITION.

It is my understanding that the Marion County Sheriffs' Department took the poorly cared for horses.

House Bill #2054 needs to be passed which asked for a small fee increase to HELP the Kansas Animal Department continue Their inspections.

Thanks for your time,
Jo Ann Stuchlik
Marion, Ks 66861
Marion County

HOUSE BILL # 2054

Representatives of the House Agriculture Committee,

I fully support HB 2054 in its entirety. While I have not viewed a sub-standard kennel, I have seen pictures. I work for a professional kennel. It is not that hard for me to keep the kennel in compliance. Most of my work is just common sense animal husbandry. Monitor and clean on a daily basis.

I enjoy having a steady job. I ask that you not interrupt the positive flow the State of Kansas has accomplished with the notoriety this program has achieved over something as minuscule as the \$75.00 increase in fees.

All need to be continually inspected, so few slip back into the disarray of the photos that I've seen.

Thank you,

Shelby Vance

Shelby Vance

2-5-05

Joe + I are in favor of
Health Bill # 2054.

Joe + Anita Baker

925 - 400 ST

Dola, Kansas 66749

Donna M. Winder
15255 Trego Road
Erie, KS 66733
(620) 244-3628

Dear Senator,

I AM OPPOSED TO ^{HOUSE} SENATE BILL #2054!

My name is Donna Winder. I am a USDA and State licensed breeder. Although I have been to several KPP meetings, I have postponed the act of joining because the officers in the club spend the whole meeting time just griping about this bill and that bill instead of using the club meeting time as it is supposed to be used... that is for educational purposes to obtain more knowledge of canine breeding and care and nutrition.

I love my dogs and puppies and hug and play with them regularly. I have a very clean and properly balanced kennel facility.

I can assure you that many or most of the decisions that are coming to you supposedly from the majority of KPP members are not from the majority. A few officers have decided to take it upon themselves to give the impression to you that many members are in favor of this Bill #2054, when in fact we are not. These few officers get together and among themselves vote things in or out and then say "Oh, by the way, we voted to do this or that"... without consulting the majority of members. These few officers are presenting their own personal decisions to you and giving you the impression that they are speaking for all KPP members..... THEY ARE NOT!

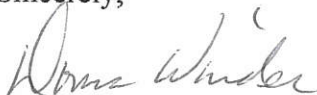
This is wrong! This is not a club when the members are misrepresented..... It is for this reason that I have not yet joined....if this situation changes in the future, it will join.

THE MAJORITY OF MEMBERS AND OTHER BREEDERS LIKE ME ARE
OPPOSED TO ^{HOUSE} SENATE BILL #2054.

It is unfair for those like me who have lost a husband and just trying to make ends meet to pay the same amount of money for 30 dogs as the large breeders do for 200 – 300 dogs. If fees are raised, it should be done per the amount of dogs in house and not per breeding facility.

Thank you for you time.

Sincerely,



Donna M. Winder

Feb. 7, 2005

Re: H.B. 2054 No Vote

Representative:

We have operated a small breeding kennel for over 10 years and are members of Kansas Pet Professionals. We disagree with the changes proposed in HB 2054

We are licensed by both USDA and the State. We agree that State inspections may be needed to a degree. However, double inspections by the USDA and the State are costly and unnecessary except cases of a kennel being out of compliance with USDA regulations. It seems that duplicating most of these inspections would be costly and counterproductive.

Old Sec 1B2 (page 4 lines 1,2,3) If a USDA licensee is meeting USDA requirements concerning " Adequate veterinary medical care" as far as records and treatment are concerned, we don't think that it is necessary to duplicate what USDA is already doing. Please leave the current language.

Sec 3 (1) through (7) We think that a 50% increase in fees is excessive.

Sec 3 (7) (f) It is inequitable to require double license fees when operations are at the same location. Currently our fee is \$150.00. If this law is enacted our license fees for an A and B license would increase to \$450.00. A 300% increase from what we are paying now.

KPP as a whole has agreed to support HB 2054. However this was decided by only 11 member kennels. As a member of KPP some of us must travel a round trip of 500 miles in one day to have our vote counted. So for KPP to say that a majority of it's members are for this bill may not be entirely accurate.

As this bill has some merits, it has more negative items that are being considered.

We believe that this bill as written is not what the state or the breeders need.

Thank you for considering our views and we urge you to vote no on HB 2054

Gary and Marguerite Wilson
268 N. 130th St.
Girard, Ks. 66743
Phone 620-724-6705

2-9-2005

Dear Legislators:

I AM Apposed to HB# 2054.

The USDA Already inspects accordingly, with almost all of the proposed changes in this Bill. So why do we need both doing the same things? I am in favor of State and federal Inspections, of Kennels, Animal Shelters, Veterinary's. Anyone who is caring for Animals. Without Inspections, people tend to get lack.

Nina M Madl

JR's Kennels
John & Nina Madl
225 S. 20th St.
Walnut, KS 66780

I am Against HB# 2054. I think
what we pay for state is fair!

I am Against raising the price on
the state. Our USDA Carl Horton does
a very good job and is very thorough.

Anyone not taking care of puppies
should be turned in to state!

We depend on our kennel so we
can buy our medication as we are
on medicare, we need this, to survive

I am a KPP member. Our animals never
miss a meal they also are cleaned & watered
every day. I don't think we need to
raise our fee for state!

Frances Duling

Kansas Animal Health Department.

I oppose the Bill HB. 2054
that would double our license
fees.

I would rather pay 50 cents or more
for each puppy I sell.

Sincerely

Marie Kirkpatrick
24725 - 180 Rd
Walnut Ks 66780
Lic - A039-05

I am apposed to HB# 2054

Randy Johnson

**RANDY'S GLASS REPAIR
RANDY J. JOHNSON
528 S. 10th ST
McCUNE, KS 66753
620-449-2776
CELL: 620-820-3964**

Dear Committee Member,

I AM APPOSED TO HB# 2054

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The larger Facilities should pay more than the smaller Facilities. This is the fairest way.

We are not asking for welfare here, we are asking that you not allow the larger Facilities to force out the smaller Facilities.

There are a lot of Breeders in S.E.KS., that are retired with no Medical Insurance. There are stay at Home Mothers, and those whom have lost a Spouse, just trying to make ends meet, buy their necessary medications, and keep Clothes on their backs.

We Breeders Love our Dogs, we cuddle, Kiss, Praise, and spoil our Animals. Our Dogs all know their Names.

Sincerely,

Karen Stewart
11632 NE Center Star Rd
Pittsburgh, KS 66762

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James Stewart
Pittsburg Ks.

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Albert R. House
14200 Rooks Rd.
Erie, MS. 36673

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Sincerely, *Donald E. Hume*
14200 ROCKS
ERIE 145 66733

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Cindy Vance
17725 HW. 146
Erie, KS, 66733

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Betty Vance
34 N. Marshfield
Lawrence, KS.
66733

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Kenny Simon
20965 Victory Rd.
Stark KS.
66725

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Conelius J.
540 N. Main
Eric, KS. 66733

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Justin Bishop
14200 Rooks Rd.
Enid, KS. 66733