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TESTIMONY FOR SB 414

"Kansas is the leader in animal health. SB 414 represents an affirmation of this.

Today I would like to specifically address the pet animal act portion of the bill, Section 26. Currently the act exempts greyhounds from the definition of "Dog." Defending that greyhounds are not dogs requires tortuous arguments. I urge the committee to uphold striking the exception:

(j) "Dog" means any animal which is wholly or in part of the species *Canis familiaris* but does not include any greyhound, as defined by K.S.A. 74-8802 and amendments thereto.

This is simple common sense: Greyhounds are beloved pets, and certainly they are dogs."

Thanks

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