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TO Whom It May Concern;

Regarding changes proposed SB414 in the Kansas Pet Animal Act:

I am a licensed accredited veterinarian with the State of Kansas and have worked with licensed professional breeders, AKC show breeders, backyard breeders, and individuals with non breeding dogs and cats in the State of Kansas.

Why is there a need to change to include greyhounds? They have a very strict inspection service of their own. If there have been problems, there are already regulations and laws in place to address those concerns.

As a licensed, accredited veterinarian, I do NOT want to see changes in the veterinary care provision in the Kansas regulations. If the licensed professional breeder is USDA licensed, then they already have a veterinary care program in place. Duplication of effort will cause more work, more papers, more headach on the part of the veterinarian and the professional breeder. The time you would require for this duplication would be time taken away from the care of the Animal. You already have in place provisions to address problems in the health of animals in the licensed professional kennel. It is not an effective way to address the health of a single animal. The health of the herd / kennel has already been addressed by the USDA regulations and requires no duplication of effort on the part of the licensed professional breeder or the licensed accredited veterinarian.

The changes proposed do not appear to be of any benefit to the animals in question but to hand more power and control to the government.

I strongly recommend NO to the proposed changes.

Suzanne Harvey DVM

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