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PUBLIC POLICY STATEMENT

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Re: SB 57 (Session of 2013)

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Topeka, Kansas

Testimony Provided by:
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Chairman Love and members of the Senate Agriculture Committee, my name is Bob Yarnall, Jr. I am President of the American Canine Association, Inc. Thank you for the opportunity to share our thoughts on SB 57 which would address inspection fees and advisory board designations in K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 47-1725.

Section 14, Sub-section (g) currently reads:

“Board members who are required to be licensed, except retail breeders, shall be affiliated with or a member of an organized pet animal association which is representative of the position such person will hold on the board.”

Kansas hosts large and well organized professional breeder organizations holding educational seminars throughout the state each year. These statewide symposiums are well attended by Kansas breeders, Kansas Department of Agriculture and USDA officials and experts teaching best known husbandry techniques, nutritional, sanitation, and veterinary & socialization protocols.

But equally important, it allows for each member to vote on the policy stances and overall generally accepted opinions of the organization. This broad statewide input of a single voting voice on the Kansas pet animal advisory board gives the entire board a greater depth on the stakeholder's opinion and impact of proposed rule changes.

The second area of great concern is the dramatic fee schedule changes in Section 12, Sub-sections 1) thru 5). A 50% license fee would be substantial and although burdensome, manageable. However SB 57 proposes increasing the license fee over 250% in some categories.

We wish to thank you for the opportunity to share the policies and viewpoints of our Kansas breeders and trainers. We stand ready to assist as you discuss these issues.

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