



February 5, 2013

Dear Senator Love and Members of the Committee:

I am writing today in support of the amendments to Senate Bill 57 submitted by the PACK coalition. As the President & CEO of a shelter and member of the Pet Animal Coalition of Kansas board, I completely understand and support the need for the changes to the statute.

- The statute should include annual inspections on a yearly basis for all licensees except foster homes.
- Inspections for licensees can be performed every 18 months as long as the licensee has had two years of clear inspections.
- The Governor should continue to appoint Companion Animal Advisory Board Members.
- The Advisory board needs to add a second position for shelters to cover the Foster Homes.
- The citizen position needs to remain “**unaffiliated**” with no connection to the Dept. or licensees.
- Foster Homes should be licensed under the shelters and that information given to the Dept. of Agriculture. Fees should remain at \$10.
- Shelter cap fees should be raised to no more than \$500.

Unfortunately, I will be unable to testify in person but I would be available should you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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