



Written Testimony in Support of HB2437

Before the House Committee on Agricultural and Natural Resources by Amber Bowlby, President of the
Kansas Animal Control Association

Representative Rahjes and Committee Members,

As President of the Kansas Animal Control Association, I fully support the changes as proposed in this bill. These changes are low risk, minimal impact for staff and licensees, but high reward for the animals in our care. I cannot think of a legitimate good reason not to pass this bill.

Records retention from three years to five years creates no extra work for the department except for changing the destruction date. I am currently a records supervisor in law enforcement so I can speak candidly on the subject of records retention.

As for training of animal facility inspectors, two of them recently attended our annual training conference so the department is already ahead in this change.

Licensees complying with the KS Pet Animal Act whether they sell animals in state or out of state should not even be a question – the facility is licensed in Kansas therefore it should fall under the laws of Kansas.

Providing dogs and cats with potable water should have been in the Pet Act from fruition. It is standard practice, so again, it will be minimal impact to licensees, but enforceable if needed.

If a shelter/humane society holds an animal for another entity, whether it be for court, boarding purposes, or some other reason, that shelter should absolutely be compensated. Some may get restitution from the court, but typically do not, and this change will help to alleviate that.

Again, there is no legitimately good reason not to pass this bill. I thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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