



## PET ADVOCATES

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HB 2446

Neutral

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Chairman Thompson and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony. I am Terry Humphrey, Executive Director of the Kansas Pet Advocates, a nonprofit membership organization working to elevate the standards of care for Kansas pets through legislation and advocacy at the Kansas Statehouse. We represent our coalition partners, including animal shelters, rescues, and commercial pet entities.

As written, the Kansas Pet Advocates is neutral on HB 2446 but opposes any attempt to expand it to include consumer merchandise and services.

The Kansas Pet Advocates support local governments' right to solve local problems locally. While we have no specific interest in plastic bags or auxiliary containers, we believe this bill is a potential vehicle for broader preemption language.

Last session, two bills attempted to prohibit local governments from regulating the sale of consumer merchandise and services. SB 47 did not make it out of the Senate Commerce Committee, and the House Federal and State Affairs Committee passed HB 2447, but it still sits on General Orders. Both bills are far-reaching and would have unintended consequences.

The catalyst for the consumer merchandise provisions in SB 47 and HB 2447 was Wichita's conversation in 2022 to solve the pet overpopulation problem by banning retail sales of puppies and kittens in pet stores, which never made it to the City Council.

Again, the Kansas Pet Advocates believe that if a local community chooses to solve a local problem through local ordinances, it should have the right to do so.

The Kansas Pet Advocates urges you to oppose any attempts to expand the scope of HB 2446. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director  
Kansas Pet Advocates



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Allen County Animal Rescue Foundation (LaHarpe)  
Angelia Timberlake (Chanute Animal Control Officer)  
Atchison County Humane Society (Atchison)  
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Brown County Humane Society (Hiawatha)  
Companion Animal Protection Society (Wichita)  
Corgi Connection (Junction City)  
Golden Belt Humane Society (Great Bend)  
Greater Kansas City Humane Society (Kansas City)  
Great Plains SPCA (Merriam)  
Kansas Animal Control Association  
Kendra Anthony (Bonner Springs Animal Control Officer)  
Leavenworth County Humane Society (Lansing)  
McPherson Animal Shelter (McPherson)  
Meow Matchmakers (Johnson and Wyandotte Counties)  
Nika Orebaugh (Sedgwick County Animal Control Officer)  
Northeast Kansas Animal Welfare Foundation (Topeka)  
Pawnee County Humane Society (Larned)  
Prairie Paws Animal Shelter (Ottawa)  
Proud Animal Lovers Society (Wichita)  
Rainbow Meadows Equine Rescue (Junction City)  
Reitz Animal Shelter (Manhattan)  
SEK Humane Society (Pittsburg)  
SRL All Breed Dog Rescue (Minneapolis)  
Wichita Animal Action League (Wichita)  
Wichita Pug Rescue (Wichita)