

Senator Love and Members of the Committee,

I am the director of an animal shelter in Western Kansas, and today I am writing in support of the amendments from the PACK coalition to Senate Bill 57. With so many challenges facing animal shelters throughout the nation, we need legislation that helps protect the integrity and efficiency of shelters in our state. As a proud Kansan concerned about the well-being of animals, I understand the need for the changes to the statute.

- The statute should include annual inspections for all licensees except foster homes on an annual yearly basis.
- Inspections for licensees can be every 18 months as long as the licensee has had two 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 Foster Homes.
- The citizen position needs to remain "unaffiliated" with no connection to the Department or licensees.
- Foster Homes should be licensed under the shelters and that information given to the Department of Agriculture. Fees should remain at \$10.
- Shelter cap fees should be raised to no more than \$500.

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

Sincerely,  
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