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RE: HB2477

Dear Chairman Kerschen and Committee Members:

I am writing as a proponent of HB2477 as amended by the full house. The Kansas Pet Animal Act was created to oversee the health, safety and welfare of companion animals in Kansas however, currently this Act is not being effectively enforced. Providing prior notice to breeders before an inspection defeats the purpose of an inspection by allowing them time to hide deficiencies that might be present prior to notification. The state of Kansas should be following the same standard as those for our hospitals, nursing care facilities and child care facilities as well as rescues and shelters who are not given prior notice of an inspection.

The cost for no contact inspections, failed inspections, focused inspections and re-inspections should be the responsibility of those creating these costs - the breeders. Breeders not only create this expense but also profit from the sale of dogs whereas shelters and rescues are nonprofit entities who all too often bear the financial burden of these same dogs once abandoned.

I am asking the Committee to please support HB 2477 as amended by the House.

Sincerely,

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