

IN SUPPORT OF SB47

This request is issued on behalf of the board, volunteers and employees of Lee's Paws and Claws Animal Shelter, in association with The Shirley Yeager Animal Friends Foundation of Bourbon County. Please accept this testimonial concerning the importance of voting YES for SB47 as amended for the following reasons.

Kansas is ranked the third worst puppy mill state in the nation due to unclear and inconsistent policies within the Animal Facilities Inspection Program (AFIP). The current guidelines allow for unlicensed and substandard facilities to continue to exist, promoting neglect and abuse from breeders and other licensees.

- * This bill will make all inspections unannounced.**
- * Establish a fee for "no contact inspections", when inspection is denied because the licensee or their designee is a no-show. (Someone should be available at all reasonable times)**
- * Establish fees for failed inspections to promote compliance and defray the costs of re-inspection.**
- * Allow revocation of licenses after the third failed inspection within 24 months.**
- * Allow Kansas inspectors to view USDA veterinary records.**

For over five years, The Governor's Pet Animal Advisory Board, The Dept. of Agriculture, shelters, responsible breeders and animal advocates have worked together to update the Kansas Pet Animal Act. These changes will strengthen the Act and further the health, safety and welfare of pet animals from Kansas.

Please Vote **YES**.

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