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Re: AKC Support for AB 381

Dear Chair Miller and Members of the Assembly Judiciary Committee:

The American Kennel Club (AKC) writes on behalf of the 30 AKC dog clubs and thousands of responsible dog owners in Nevada to respectfully express our support for Assembly Bill 381. The AKC wholeheartedly agrees that those who treat animals in a cruel manner should be held accountable and punished accordingly.

The AKC strongly supports the humane treatment of dogs and believes that no dog or animal should be subjected to cruelty. We agree that those convicted of animal cruelty should be held accountable as Assembly Bill 381 ensures. Well written animal cruelty laws ensure the protection for both animals and responsible animal owners.

AB 381 aims to enhance the protection of animals and increase penalties for violations. It does this by expanding the definition of "torture" and "cruelty" to animals to include all acts that are allowed or permitted whereby *unjustifiable* physical pain, suffering or death is caused or allowed. By expanding the penalties for those found liable for committing such heinous crimes on defenseless animals, AB 381 ensures that those who severely harm animals will be held accountable.

We join the Assembly Judiciary Committee's concern for protecting the health and safety of animals in the state. We strongly urge your aye vote on AB 381.

Thank you for your thoughtful attention to this issue and consideration of our input on this bill. Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss further how we can continue to work together to ensure animal welfare, public safety and the rights of Nevadans can be protected.

Regards,

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