Canine Legislation Candidate Survey

Candidate Name: __________________________________________ Election Date: ________________

Office Sought: __________________________________________ District: _________________________

1. Would you support residents holding dog shows (and/or field trials, hunt tests, or other dog events) in your state/district/community?

   Notes: ________________________________________________________________________________

2. Do you support the right to own the breed or mixed breed of one’s choice?

   Notes: ________________________________________________________________________________

3. Do you support the ability to keep dogs that are not spayed or neutered?

   Notes: ________________________________________________________________________________

4. Do you support laws to limit the number of animals someone can own?

   Notes: ________________________________________________________________________________

5. Would you support the ability to breed dogs, as long as it is done in a responsible and safe manner?

   Notes: ________________________________________________________________________________

6. Do you believe there is a pet overpopulation problem? If so, what do you believe is the cause of the problem and how would you resolve it?

   Notes: ________________________________________________________________________________

7. Do you think there is a dangerous dog problem in your community? If so, what solutions would you offer? Do you think that breed-specific laws are the solution?

   Notes: ________________________________________________________________________________

8. Debarking – also called bark softening – is a procedure in which a veterinarian uses a laser or biopsy tool, under anesthesia, to notch a dog’s vocal cords so that the volume of its bark is significantly decreased. Some people want to outlaw this procedure. Do you believe this procedure should be outlawed? Why or why not?

   Notes: ________________________________________________________________________________

9. Do you support terminating a person's dog ownership rights prior to conviction in a court of law on animal cruelty charges? Why or why not?

   Notes: ________________________________________________________________________________

10. Do you support redefining dog owners as “guardians” rather than owners? Why or why not?

    Notes: ________________________________________________________________________________

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This survey is a list of suggested questions. We encourage you to modify these questions to address specific issues and concerns in your community.