

NOVEMBER 8, 2005

What would the tens of thousands of individual pet owners and hundreds of pet clubs and organizations say if they had a chance?

"Chairman Santorum, reschedule the SB 1139 hearing and include all points of view."

Sincerely,

American Boxer Club American Brittany Club American Dog Breeders Associated, Inc. American Rabbit Breeders Association American Shetland Sheepdog Assoc Avicultural Society of America Bluetick Breeders of America Cat Fanciers' Association Dachshund Club of America English Springer Spaniel FT Assoc. Field Dog Stud Book German Shepherd Dog Club German Shorthaired Pointer Club Golden Retriever Club of America Labrador Retriever Club of America Master of Fox Hounds Association North American Teckel Club The Animal Council The International Cat Association Scottish Terrier Club of America Spinone Club of America United Kennel Club United Poodle Breeds Association Yorkshire Terrier Club of America Amateur Field Trial Clubs of Texas Arizona Rhodesian Ridgeback Club Association of South Carolina FT Clubs Burlington VT Obedience Trainir California Federation of Dog Clubs Collie Club of New Hampshire Colorado Animal Rescue Effort Dog Federation of Wisconsin Federation of Maine Dog Clubs Field Trial Clubs of Illinois

Foot of the Rockies Cat Club (CO) Greater Clark County Kennel Club (WA) Greater Pittsburgh Labrador Retriever Club Hoosier State Chinese Shar-Pei Club Idaho Capital City Kennel Club Illowa Chinese Shar-Pei Club Kentuckiana Cat Club (KY) Lehigh Valley Afghan Hound Association (PA) Massachusetts Federation of Dog Clubs and Responsible Breeders Michigan Assoc for Pure Bred Dogs Michigan Hunting Dog Federation Missouri Federation of Animal Owners Minn-Kota Feline Club (ND) Mississippi Canine Coalition Montana State Houndsmen Association Nebraska Brittany Club New England Sheltie Rescue North Carolina Federation of Dog Clubs North Carolina Responsible Animal Owners' Alliance Northeast Arkansans for Animals Ohio State Sportsmen & Sporting Dog Association Ohio Valley Dog Owners Poodle Club of Alabama Prairie State Cat Club (IL, IN & MI) Responsible Animal Owners of TN Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club (GA) St. Croix Valley Brittany Club (MN) Shetland Sheepdog Club of Georgia Southeast Bloodhound Rescue Texas Responsible Pet Owners Alliance Virginia Fed. of Dog Clubs and Breeders Virginia Hunting Dog Owners' Association Western Clinton Sportsmen's Association (PA)

A complete list of the more than 350 national, state and local groups opposed to PAWS may be found at http://saova.org/1139opponents.html

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Senator Rick Santorum (R-PA) will chair a Senate Agriculture Subcommittee hearing on his SB1139 "Pet Animal Welfare Act of 2005" (PAWS) legislation today. No opponents of the bill will be permitted to testify.

PAWS eliminates America's best source for pets – the home hobby breeder and rescuer.

- PAWS imposes USDA regulation on many private hobby breeders, most rescuers and every buyer and seller of a dog for hunting, security and breeding purposes, in a misguided effort to close perceived Animal Welfare Act "loop holes."
- PAWS abandons an existing workable, longstanding, legally tested basis for commercial pet business licensing and regulation, substituting a more complex, significantly larger plan that will be litigated for years, be very expensive to implement and will impair animal welfare.
- PAWS devastates hobby breeders of all petspecies, small animal rescuers and targeted dog breeds. The nation's dog, cat, rabbit and bird pet owners say NO PAWS!

Please Vote No on SB 1139 & HR 2669 (PAWS)