

Chairman Mark Taddiken
Senate Agriculture Committee Members

Regarding the proposed changes in Senate Bill 414, pertaining to the Kansas Pet Animal Act.

Why is there a need to change to include greyhounds? Seems The National Greyhound Association's very strict inspection service has been working very well. If there have been problems, there are already regulations and laws in place to address those concerns.

As a licensed, accredited Kennel Operator, I don't believe that changes in the veterinary care provision in the Kansas regulations are necessary. Since I am a USDA licensed professional breeder there is already a veterinary care program in place. (May I insert here that I as a professional dog breeder I am inspected 3 times a year, more than any Nursing care facility that our loved ones call home or any restaurant we choose to dine in). I do not believe that the Kansas inspectors will stop with just a "show me your Veterinary Care Program so that I know you are in compliance with the USDA". No doubt there would be discussion and suggestions on their part (there already is). How many duplications of the same effort do we need? The time that would be required for this duplication would take more of my time away from the actual caring of my animals and cause more paper work which again takes time away from my animals. This also would be taking more time on the part of my veterinarian. Provisions are already in place for you to address problems in the health of animals in the licensed professional kennel. It is not an effective way to address the health of a single animal. The health of the professional kennel has already been addressed by USDA regulations and requires no further duplication effort on the part of the licensed professional breeder or the licensed accredited veterinarian.

Where would the extra money needed to fund more inspectors come from?
The proposed changes do not appear to benefit the animals in question but to hand more power and control to the government with added expense.

Must we be regulated to death? (The cattle and swine producers don't seem to be).

I strongly recommend NO to the proposed changes.

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