

Friends of the Emporia Animal Shelter (FEAS)

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House Judicial Committee

Representative Patton & Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on the hearing for House Bill 2206. My written testimony on behalf our FEAS 501c3 Animal Welfare group is in favor of HB 2006.

One of the greatest obstacles preventing law enforcement from enforcing the Kansas Animal Cruelty Statue is the high costs associated with caring for abused & neglected animals. While our state does have a Cost Animal Care section in the Statue, there have been issues regarding enforcement.

Previously the Cost of Animal Care section was updated to include municipal shelters, veterinarians and law enforcement. Up to that point, only 501c3 shelters could seek payment for animals that had been lawfully seized. Recent cases in Kansas have shown that necessary changes are needed to recover funds expended for animal care. HB 2206 will also correct the renewable cash bond issue and will allow funds to go to the entities that incurred costs in the housing & care of the animals.

I ask that you support and pass HB2206.

Sincerely,

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