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Testimony in support of Senate Bill 1222 and companion Bill HB1510 ( Relating to the humane treatment of pet animals)

To: JGO Committee

Aloha Chairman Taniguchi and Committee members,

I would like to express our strong support for the passage of Senate Bill 1222. For years we have observed and experienced first hand the unhealthy and inhumane conditions cats and other animals are being subjected to while being held in small and cramped traps, cages, carriers, and shopping carts by Catheleen (LNU).

We have talked with Catheleen directly and we were told by her that the Hawaiian Humane Society condones her keeping the animals. They routinely visit her to receive the kittens that are born from Catheleen's practice of breeding cats that she keeps in these conditions.

We are also told by Catheleen that the Humane Society adopts out the kittens for a fee. This raises some questions: does the Hawaiian Humane Society rely on Catheleen to provide kittens for their adoption program? Does the Hawaiian Humane Society euthanize the kittens?

Thank you,

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February 22, 2009

Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations  
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
Senator Dwight Y. Takamine, Vice Chair

Hearing Date: Monday, March 2, 2009, 9:30 AM  
Conference Room 16, State Capitol

RE: SB 1222 Relating To The Humane Treatment Of Pet Animals  
Section 2. Animal Hoarding

Position: **Opposition**

Dear Chairman Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

As President of the Hawaiian Chinese Shar-Pei Club, a breeder of the Chinese Shar-Pei dog and Siamese cats on Kauai since 1985, I oppose this bill as it does not provide for or address the responsible breeding programs of those of us who breed to produce pedigree dogs and cats in Hawaii.

Limiting the **total** number of animals that a breeder owns in order to provide quality dogs and cats for public enjoyment and companionship, for AKC dog and CFA cat shows, and to rabies free breeding programs world wide will prohibit those of us who enjoy doing so from conducting our hobby breeding programs.

Due to Hawaii's quarantine laws, the purchase of a pedigree dog or cat from abroad is not only time consuming but also very expensive. We local dog and cat breeders, committed to improving our breeds over time, able to afford the acquisition of breeding stock from abroad, continue to be both willing and able to provide the community access to both exotic and quality pets without the necessity of going out of state.

Please consider working with us breeders who drive the Hawaii dog and cat fancys, participate in rescue and re-homing efforts, and provide companion animals to hundreds across our state prior to arbitrarily declaring us guilty of hoarding.

Sincerely,

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