



THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES

TO: Honorable Chair McKelvey, Vice-Chair Kawakami and Committee Members

House Consumer Protection Committee, 2-4-13, 230pm, Rm 325

RE: Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB1186; Relating to Animal Cruelty

Submitted by: Inga Gibson, Hawaii State Director, The Humane Society of the United States,
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On behalf of our members and supporters in Hawaii, we thank the Committee for its consideration and support of HB1186 which would prohibit a person convicted of cruelty to animals in the first degree and second degree from possessing, owning, or residing with any pet animal for a minimum of five years and one year, respectively, from the conviction date.

At least 30 states have some provision in statute that relates to prohibiting or limiting the ownership or possession of animals upon an animal cruelty conviction, with prohibition periods ranging from 1 year up to permanent/lifetime bans on ownership. This provision is necessary to protect other animals that may too become the victim of cruelty or abuse, recognizing that those who are cruel to animals often abuse multiple animals or species, and often escalate to violence against humans or other crimes.

There have been a number of cases, most recently involving the sentencing of the Waimanalo “puppy mill” manager convicted of 153 counts of animal cruelty, where there was no prohibition on ownership of animals, and despite our and the prosecuting attorney’s request. Without such sentence, this defendant, as with others who were not prohibited from owning animals post-conviction, may simply return to abusing animals, including in some cases, continuing to profit from their sale.

Much like if one is convicted of a serious driving offense they lose their driver’s license for a period of time, or when one is convicted of harming a child, they are prohibiting from residing with the child or other children, this measure follows that one be appropriately prohibited from owning animals, if convicted of cruelty, for a minimum period of time.

We respect judicial discretion as to extending the period of time one may not possess animals in addition to any other sentences imposed including fines, restitution or if warranted, an appropriate prison term.

We respectfully urge your support of HB1186, which is also supported by the Honolulu Police Department and statewide local humane societies.



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To: Representative McKelvey, Chair of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, Representative Kawakami, Vice Chair, and Committee Members

House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce (CPC)
February 4, 2013, 2:30 p.m., Room 325

Submitted by: Jennifer J. Han, Policy Advocate
Hawaiian Humane Society, jhan@hawaiianhumane.org

Date: February 1, 2013

**RE: Support HB 1186;
Relating to Animals – Prohibition on Ownership/Possession**

The Hawaiian Humane Society supports the passage of House Bill 1186 as we strive for stronger sentences and related-penalties on those convicted of animal cruelty.

This bill, which prohibits persons convicted of felony and misdemeanor animal cruelty charges from owning or possessing pet animals for the duration of five years and one year, respectively, will ensure that those who have engaged in abhorrent acts of cruelty toward animals will not lawfully be able to have their own pet animals. Furthermore, this bill is not only deterrent in nature but also punitive in that those convicted will no longer be afforded the privilege of owning a pet animal.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 1186. On behalf of Hawaiian Humane Society, I ask for your support for this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Madelyn R. Barrea	West Hawaii Humane Society	Support	No

Comments: I would like to go on record as being in support of HB1186. In the past I have worked for veterinarians, been an animal control officer and manager of a humane society shelter. In my opinion, people who abuse animals are among the lowest creatures in our society. I would never allow them to own another pet! I for one would not want that type of person working with children, elderly people or anyone that is challenged in a way where they could not defend themselves. They should also be watched closely to make sure they don't abuse any other household members. It is a fact that many serial killers were also animal abusers. Thank you, Madelyn R. Barrea Executive Director West Hawaii Humane Society

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Ginger Towle	West Hhawaii Humane Society	Support	No

Comments: This legislation is the least we can do for our animal friends. My personal choice would be to ban ownership of a pet for life. After all the coverage of the recent cases on Oahu it's impossible to understand why anyone would fail to support this Bill. This Bill would cover all offenders, those with kennels as well as an individual pet. It is way past time that we should have this law. Ginger Towle, President WHHS

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Judith Mick	Personalized Pet Care	Support	No

Comments: If we do not stand up to protecting animals from abuse, we should be ashamed of ourselves as human beings. We all are aware that animal abuse leads to abuse of each other because it represents a lack of respect for another living thing- and the more innocent, the better the target. Please do not let this chance to help slip by.

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Vivian S. Toellner	Hui Pono Holoholona	Comments Only	No

Comments: We know that those who abuse an animal are more likely to abuse other animals and even escalate to violence against people! This bill would prohibit a person convicted of cruelty to animals from possessing, owning, or residing with any pet animal for a minimum period of time from the conviction date. Thanks to Honolulu Police Department for supporting this bill too! We must do all we can to prevent abuse to animals and humans. Please protect the innocent. Mahalo.

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February 3, 2013

Testimony in support of House Bill No. 1186

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to express my support of House Bill No.1186 which proposes to prohibit persons who are found guilty of cruelty to animals from owning or being around animals for a prescribed length of time as a way to further protect animals from further abuse or harm from such individual(s).

I strongly believe that these convicted individuals of first or second degree offenses have already demonstrated their propensity and intentions towards defenseless animals and that the greater Stewards of our society have the responsibility to not allow further acts of cruelty towards animals. We must protect these defenseless creatures!

Further that these convicted individuals of first or second degree crimes towards animals experience the highest punishment allowable by law as though done to any human. All life on this planet is precious.

I have been an animal-owner and animal-lover all of my sixty some years on this planet. Now, I am an animal-Lobbyist.

Thank you for your Earnest Attention to this Matter. If you have any further questions please feel free to contact me. God bless President Obama he's Obviously an animal-lover too!

Respectfully,

Rio Ke'alii Martell, Executive Producer
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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

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Nancy Davlantes	Individual	Support	No

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Carolyn L Knoll	Individual	Support	No

Comments: There is absolutely no reason to allow someone who has been convicted of cruelty to animals to "own" another animal. That would be like allowing a child molester to adopt a child. This is another no-brainer.

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Helene Navaro	Individual	Support	No

Comments: People with animal cruelty penalty record should not be allowed to own any more animals. History will repeat itself eventually. The animals are counting on us to protect them. Pls support this so very important Bill. Mahalo Nui Loa!

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Rene Umberger	Individual	Support	No

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Mike Moran	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Let's learn from experience. Animal abusers continue to abuse & often escalate to humans. We know the history of so many mass murders. Please support this bill. Mahalo

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Victoria Anderson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support making it illegal for convicted perpetrators of animal cruelty to have access to animals. Please support this bill's successful passage through both houses.

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Dan and Marlene Sabo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Past mistreatment of animals by individuals is often repeated if given the opportunity. The abusers need mental health help and should not be allowed to be in the presence of more animals until approved psychologically.

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Mary Markl	Individual	Support	No

Comments: If you've ever been bullied or abused and trapped in that situation, imagine a feeling innocent creature who cannot seek help out of sight stuck with someone who has demonstrated, done violence to animals before. Unless you can have someone there at all times protecting these creatures, never should an innocent animal have to experience such terror from such a person again. Please protect those innocent animals, you are there only hope. Thank you.

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Deborah Wilson	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I support these measures to keep animals safe.

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Sharon walden	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this

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Mary	Individual	Support	No

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Mary James	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This important provision will help protect pet animals from the careless or intentional harm inflicted by those who have little concern for their animals. It will also provide those who have been convicted of animal cruelty a chance to step back for a while to consider the responsibility of a pet and not just automatically find another animal to take in. While enforcement may be difficult because of lack of resources, the bill at the very least, will provide a community statement that animal cruelty is not acceptable and in egregious cases the bill will provide a mechanism to stop continued cruelty. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Jane Arnold	Individual	Support	No

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Alice Saul	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Representative Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair, and Representative Derek S.K. Kawakami, Vice Chair, House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce. I write about HB1186 and encourage its passage; to not do so sets up a scenario where innocent animals can be subjected to what can only be thought of as a living hell: entrusted to the care of people who by their own actions have demonstrated the lack of basic human decency or empathy for other living beings. The hope is that by passing this law, our community does not become complicit in the cruelties the animals would otherwise endure. Thank you. Alice Saul

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