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January 30, 2013

The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
and Members
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Hee and Members:

Subject: Senate Bill No. 9, Relating to Animals

I am Lester Hite, Captain of the Criminal Investigation Division of the Honolulu Police Department, City and County of Honolulu.

The Honolulu Police Department supports Senate Bill No. 9, Relating to Animals.

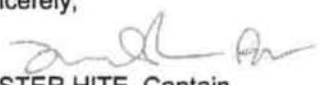
The Honolulu Police Department recognizes our culture's fondness for pets. The Honolulu Police Department also recognizes the illicit use of fighting gamecocks and dogs for the purpose of furthering illegal gambling and the negligence of some owners of puppy mills.

This bill seeks to make it illegal for a person convicted of animal cruelty to possess, own, or reside with any pet animal for a designated period of time.

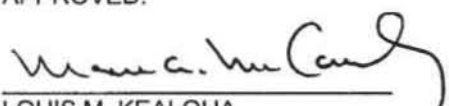
The Honolulu Police Department urges you to support Senate Bill No. 9, Relating to Animals.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,


LESTER HITE, Captain
Criminal Investigation Division

APPROVED:


LOUIS M. KEALOHA
Chief of Police



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To: Senator Clayton Hee, Chair of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor,
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair, and Committee Members

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor (JDL)
January 30, 2013, 9:30 am, Room 016

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

Date: January 29, 2013

**RE: Support SB9;
Relating to Animals – Prohibition on Ownership/Possession**

The Hawaiian Humane Society supports the passage of Senate Bill 9 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. Such persons who show that they are unable to care for animals must know that the law will not condone such behavior in the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 9. 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
Betina Parker	Equine 808 Horse Rescue	Support	Yes

Comments:

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Cathy Goeggel	Animal Rights Hawai'i	Support	No

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THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES

TO: Honorable Chair Hee, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro and Committee Members

Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee, 1-30-13, 930am, Rm010

RE: Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of SB9; Relating to Animal Cruelty

Submitted by: Inga Gibson, Hawaii State Director, The Humane Society of the United States,
P.O. Box 89131, Honolulu, HI 96830, igibson@hsus.org, 808-922-9910

On behalf of our members and supporters in Hawaii, we thank the Committee for its consideration and support of SB9 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. 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 SB9.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Vivian S. Toellner	Hui Pono Holoholona	Support	No

Comments: Prohibits persons 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. There is much evidence that cruelty to animals leads to cruelty to humans. It is generally called- First Strike. The First Strike® campaign was created in 1997 to raise public and professional awareness about the connection between animal cruelty and human violence and to help communities identify some of the origins of violence, predict its patterns, and prevent its escalation. Each year, the campaign works with local animal protection agencies around the United States to bring together animal shelter workers, animal control officers, social service workers, law enforcement officials, veterinarians, educators, and others to learn about the violence connection and to promote inter-agency collaborations to reduce animal cruelty, family violence, and community violence. First Strike also provides investigative support, rewards, expert testimony, and information on the animal-human cruelty connection to law enforcement and prosecutors in high-profile animal cruelty cases. We also work jointly with legislators and activists throughout the United States to press for the passage of well-enforced, felony-level anti-cruelty laws. Find out more about the animal cruelty/human violence connection and what you can do to break the cycle.http://ruralareavet.org/PDF/Client_Communication-First_Strike.pdf

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Menacho	West Hawaii Humane Society	Support	No

Comments: Animal cruelty convicts shouldn't keep animals. Please support and pass this bill. Mahalo.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
J Bennett	Individual		No

Comments: To allow convicted cruelty offenders to keep animals is like allowing alcoholics to still drink. What has changed? This makes a joke out of the law system, the people who propose and pass laws and those who uphold it. It is like giving a gun to someone who shots at others.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ginny Tiu	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: It seems only right that someone who has been convicted of animal cruelty, should not be allowed to own, possess, or reside with an animal for a certain period of time. Why would we encourage these people to inflict pain on these helpless creatures again by giving them the opportunity to do so? Please do the humane thing and pass SB9. Thank you. Ginny Tiu

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Tina Bounds	Individual	Support	No

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To: Chair Clayton Hee, Vice Chair Maile Shimabukuro and Members of the Senate
Judiciary and Labor Committee
From: Mary James
Date: January 30, 2013

Re: Testimony in support of Senate Bill 9

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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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Markl	Individual	Support	No

Comments: If any of you have ever been bullied or abused, if you can imagine being put in the permanent guardianship, out of sight and out of help with such an abuser you would be in terror. That is the terror innocent feeling animals should never have to go through. Please do not allow this unless you can be there protecting these animals 24 hrs. a day. You are their only protection by the laws you have the privilege to create that makes the difference between a life of horror or protection. Thank you.

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Ann Marie Kirk	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill.

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Theresa Donnelly - SUPPORT

Dear Sen. Hee, Sen. Shimabukuro and other members of the committee on Judiciary and Labor,

My name is Theresa Donnelly, and I am a volunteer with many national and local animal nonprofits. Previously, I was an officer with a local Boxer dog club and the owner of Hawaii Military Pets, an online educational resource for Hawaii Military families.

I am writing to you to express my support for SB 9, relating to animals.

This bill would protect future animals from lifelong suffering by prohibiting those stains on our society who hurt animals from owning animals for at least five years.

To be honest, I wish it were much, much longer. We all know that those who inflict pain on innocent, defenseless creatures do go on to hurt humans. Sadly, there is no cure for people of this nature.

Our recent Waimanalo puppy mill case was a prime example of someone who can now go right back into the puppy abuse business despite the fact that animals in his care were found in deplorable conditions. This is ridiculous that our state allowed this travesty to happen.

Thank you for your time in reading my testimony.

Theresa Donnelly

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alice Saul	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Senator Clayton Hee, Chair, and Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair I write about SB9 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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diana pugh	Individual	Support	No

Comments: THEY SHOULD NEVER BE ALLOWED TO OWN ANIMALS AGAIN!!!

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Gordana Leonard	Individual	Support	No

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Kate Butts	Individual	Support	No

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Nancy Wolf	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I'm amazed this isn't already law. The time frame should be longer than 5 years, in my opinion.

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Liz Rizzo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Animal abusers should never be able to own animals. Animal abuse leads to human abuse.

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Karin Riedel	Individual	Support	No

Comments: That's called common sense!

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Nancy Davlantes	Individual	Support	No

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Helene Navaro	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Pls support this Bill. It is the absolute right thing to do. We must keep our animals safe from animal abusers. Our animals depend on us for their safety. Thank you.

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William Harris, M.D.	Individual	Support	No

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Mike Moran	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is very reasonable approach to protect defenseless animals from people who have already proven by their actions, that are abusers. Please support this bill. mahalo.

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Margaret Sueoka	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please make sure that people who have abused animals don't have an opportunity to continue to victimize other animals.

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Carolyn L Knoll	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Why would anyone consider "selling" or giving an animal to someone who has been convicted of animal cruelty. This one is a no brainer.

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Jane Arnold	Individual	Support	No

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Shanna Kodo	Individual	Support	No

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I support SB9 because I feel that if someone would be cruel to an animal, they shouldn't ever own an animal again. It is a privilege to own an animal and if you can't treat them with dignity and respect, then you don't deserve the rights to own an animal. Please pass SB9 to protect animals from being treated cruelly by known and convicted animal abusers. Thank you.