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**HB2368**

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Alan Gottlieb	Hawaii Cattlemens Council	Support	No

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February 4, 2014

The Honorable Jessica Wooley  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 441  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Representative Wooley,

The American Kennel Club commends you for introducing a bill that would prohibit the slaughtering or trafficking of dogs and cats for human consumption.

On behalf of responsible dog owners in your state, we write to request a technical correction to H.B. 2368. We request that on Page 3, Lines 3-6 be amended to include the italicized section:

“Traffics dogs or cats or dogs or cat products” means breeds, raises, sells, offers for sale, exchanges, transports, transfers, receives, trades, or barter dogs or cats or dog or cat products *for the purpose of human consumption.*

We believe it is necessary to amend this definition so that it cannot be interpreted to define as “trafficking” accepted veterinary and animal husbandry practices that may include the use, exchange, transport, and receipt of blood, biopsied material, semen, tissue, and other parts of living cats and dogs for diagnostic and other accepted purposes, or the use, exchange, transport, and receipt of carcasses or parts of carcasses for necropsy and other accepted purposes.

We also believe it is necessary to amend this section so that the practices of breeding, raising, selling, offering for sale, transporting, transferring and receiving cats and dogs for purposes other than human consumption shall not be defined as “trafficking.”

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Sheila Goffe  
Director of Government Relations

CC: Rep. Della Au Belatti  
Rep. Tom Brower  
Rep. Richard Creagan  
Rep. Chris Lee  
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**THE HUMANE SOCIETY**  
OF THE UNITED STATES



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To: Honorable Chair Wooley and Committee Members  
940am House Agriculture Committee

February 6, 2014

From: Inga Gibson, Hawaii State Director, The Humane Society of the United States-Humane Society International, PO Box 891131, Honolulu, HI 96830, [igibson@humanesociety.org](mailto:igibson@humanesociety.org)

**RE: STRONG SUPPORT FOR H.B. 2368 Relating to Animal Cruelty; Slaughter or Trafficking in Dogs or Cats**

On behalf of The Humane Society of the United States' members and supporters across Hawaii and The HSUS's international arm, Humane Society International (HSI), we urge your support of H.B. 2368, based on the following:

- More than 60 percent of Hawaii households own dogs or cats who are considered “pets” and members of the family. The overwhelming majority of Hawaii residents abhor the practice of dog or cat slaughter for human consumption.
- Unlike farm animals who are bred and raised for consumption, dogs and cats who are slaughtered and subsequently sold for consumption are often lost or stolen pets or acquired from the internet or free to good home advertisements.
- Unlike farm animals, neither the United States Department of Agriculture nor the Hawaii Department of Agriculture recognizes nor regulates the slaughter or sale of dogs and cats. There is no provision in our state or federal constitution that protects any rights relating to the slaughter or consumption of dogs or cats as a recognized cultural practice or as a protected individual right.
- Despite our strong anti-cruelty laws, dog slaughter for human consumption continues to occur across Hawaii as current law requires that the perpetrator be caught in the act of killing the dog or cat. Furthermore, there is no law that expressly prohibits the selling, breeding, raising, transporting, trafficking or consumption of dog or cat meat.
- The proposed law, and its “possession with intent” language, would provide local law enforcement and local humane societies the tools necessary to investigate reports of dog slaughter or trafficking. Last year there were 2 incidents of dogs being decapitated with their feet removed, a method used to prepare a dog for consumption. Suspects have yet to be identified in either case.
- The Philippines (1998), Taiwan (2001) and Hong Kong (1950) have long prohibited the trade in dog meat. Our Humane Society International is currently working with the Governments of Thailand and Vietnam to prohibit the transfer or transport of dogs for the commercial dog meat trade. In the U.S., New York, New Jersey, California and other states explicitly prohibit the sale or consumption of dog (or cat) meat.

- Slaughtering dogs and cats also poses public health risks to people. While rabies is the most common vector (not present in Hawaii), toxoplasmosis, e-coli and other infectious bacterial and zoonotic diseases can be transferred to humans when slaughtering dogs or cats.

In closing, pets provide us with so much; comfort, security, safety, assisting us with disabilities, improving our health and longevity and more. Pets deserve our protection and we urge your support for HB2368.

For more information please see:

<http://www.envirowatch.org/Koko1.htm>

[http://www.hsi.org/issues/dog\\_meat/#id=album-216&num=content-3710](http://www.hsi.org/issues/dog_meat/#id=album-216&num=content-3710)

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February 6, 2014

The Honorable Jessica Wooley, Chair  
The Honorable Richard H.K. Onishi, Vice Chair  
House Committee on Agriculture

Testimony in support of HB 2368 Relating to Animal Cruelty

I am Mary Steiner, Policy Advocate for the Hawaiian Humane Society. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 2026.

The purpose of HB 2368 is to prohibit the slaughtering or trafficking of dogs or cats for human consumption. The Hawaiian Humane Society supports this bill.

The slaughter of cats and dogs is inhumane, resulting in great suffering. While the number of reported cases to our organization are few, each one is very distressing. We believe the only acceptable method of intentional death for cats and dogs is humane euthanasia following the AVMA panel on euthanasia.

On behalf of the Hawaiian Humane Society, I would like to thank you for your consideration. I hope you will pass HB 2368.

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RICKY BAKER	Retail Pet Store - The Pet Hale	Support	No

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**From:** Rodney & Terri Shishido <rodnrod@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 05, 2014 9:03 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** please support HB 2368 HB2534

Please support HB2368 regarding slaughter and traffic of cats and dogs  
Please support HB2534 to require that large scale breeders be registered

Both of these bills are vital steps in improving the humane standards we should have here in Hawaii.

Thank you

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**From:** hawaiidogmom@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 04, 2014 9:33 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** SUPPORT HB2368; dog slaughter and SUPPORT HB2534 Dog breeder registration

Please support these bills. I know first hand that people on Oahu on raising dogs in large scale breeding operations and many of these dogs are slaughtered for human consumption. During the past six months, I have been on a quest for a new puppy and have been searching advertisements in the Star-Bulletin, Craigslist, and Ebay for puppies for sale. I have responded to some of these ads. There was one person selling papillon-pomeranian puppies in Kalihi. I went to the woman's home and saw 15 dogs and puppies living in squalid conditions with the heavy stench of urine and feces all around. Many of the dogs she had needed medical care and attention. She told me that she never took her dogs or puppies to the vet for annual check-ups. I would never have bought a puppy from this woman because I was afraid the dogs had a disease or parvo infection since the living conditions were unclean. Also, the dogs were not mentally stable. I reported this woman to the Hawaiian Humane Society and they went to investigate, but they said there was nothing they could do because the law allows people to own 15 dogs and keep them at their residence. This woman also told me that her next door neighbors who are Filipino breed many dogs so they can slaughter them for eating. She even went so far as to describe to me how they kill the dogs and cook them. You must pass these bills. If you don't, you are blind to what is really going on here in Hawaii. Sincerely, Stephanie McLaughlin, 95-310 Haakualiki Place, Mililani, Hawaii, 96789, phone 808-3844764, email: [hawaiidogmom@gmail.com](mailto:hawaiidogmom@gmail.com)

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Rene Umberger	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dogs and Cats are pets -- even considered family members by many! This cruel practice should not be tolerated in the Aloha state. Dogs used for the dogmeat trade are often lost or stolen pets or acquired from free to good home ads or the internet. I recently met a woman on the beach who had rescued her adorable little dog from a mainland shelter that specifically rescues dogs at risk of being used as dog meat. Heartwarming... and heartbreaking that this goes on. Please protect Hawaii's pets! Mahalo, Rene Umberger

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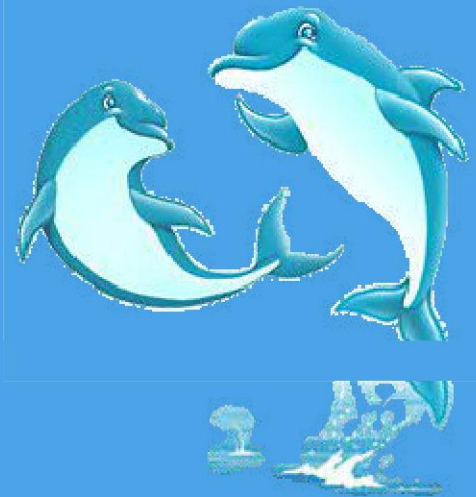
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**From:** bwaikiki@gmail.com  
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**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** SUPPORT HB2368

Pass this bill - this is not an admirable Asian custom and should not be perpetuated upon Hawaiian animals and pets. Nor should people who find the concept abdominal risk being served such meat. If this were to occur, the law should provide a significant punishment for all the people involved.

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**From:** Nancy Hitzemann <nhitz@hawaii.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 05, 2014 7:29 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** support HB2368 &HB2534

I support HB2368 to explicitly prohibit the slaughter or trafficking of dogs or cats for human consumption.

I support HB2534 to finally require that the large-scale dog breeders be registered.

Nancy J Hitzemann

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mike Moran	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Our culture in Hawaii is that cats & dogs are household PETS, not livestock. Most families here have either a dog or cat or several or both as family pets. On Maui we have seen an increase of pet dogs go "missing" from caretaker's property and never recovered. Logic indicates they are stolen as food or another horrendous act, as "bait dogs" for the savage dog fighter clans. I strongly support this companion bill to SB2026. Please pass it. Mahalo.

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**From:** Margaret Sueoka <feathers03@me.com>  
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**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** SUPPORT HB2368; dog slaughter and SUPPORT HB2534 Dog breeder registration

Please support these bills. Dogs and cats are companion animals, and they deserve to be treated as such. Outlawing their consumption sends an important message.

Also HB2534 does not place burdensome regulations on large scale dog breeders, it just requires them to register. For those people who want a pure bred dog, it will help prevent the heartache of purchasing--and then losing their new family member to an undisclosed disease or other illness.

Thank you,  
Margaret Sueoka  
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**From:** Jennifer Chiwa <bjcmd808@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 05, 2014 6:32 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** SUPPORT HB2368; dog slaughter and SUPPORT HB2534 Dog breeder registration

Aloha, Agriculture Committee Members. Please support HB 2368 which would prohibit the slaughter or trafficking of dogs or cats and HB 2534 which would require large-scale breeders to be registered. Slaughtering or trafficking dogs and cats is inhumane. Also, these animals are often lost or stolen beloved family members. Requiring registration of large-scale dog breeders would assist animal care agencies to monitor them. Mahalo.  
Jennifer Chiwa

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Fawn Liebengood	Individual	Support	No

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**From:** Donna Whitaker <exec.dir@hihs.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 05, 2014 8:48 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support HB2368

I am in support of HB2368 for the following reasons:

- Dogs and Cats are pets! More than 60 percent of Hawaii households have dogs or cats who they consider family members. This is an animal cruelty issue-- not a cultural or “food choice” issue.
- Dogs used for the dogmeat trade are often lost or stolen pets or acquired from free to good home ads or the internet.
- The Hawaii Island Humane Society receives dozens of lost animal reports per week. We support any legislation that will strengthen animal cruelty laws and will help us reunite families and their lost pets, without the worry that these pets had been eaten.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

**Donna Whitaker**  
**Executive Director**  
**Hawaii Island Humane Society**  
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**From:** Anita Wintner <anitabanana@hawaiiintel.net>  
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**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** SUPPORT HB2368; dog slaughter and SUPPORT HB2534 Dog breeder registration

I support HB 2369 and HB 2534. I worked at the Maui Humane Society for years and we had dogs stolen for consumption. I also see so many free dogs and cats to new homes that I know many of those end up dinner. Also my friend has a neighbor that gets many dogs that bark and a few days later, they are gone. Then another group comes in. Killing cats and dogs for human consumption NEEDS TO BE AGAINST THE LAW. This is America, not a 3rd world country. Anita Wintner Maui

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**From:** Victoria Anderson <[vanderso@hawaii.edu](mailto:vanderso@hawaii.edu)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 05, 2014 10:32 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** SUPPORT HB2368; dog/cat slaughter and SUPPORT HB2534 Dog breeder registration

Dear Agriculture Committee:

I am in strong support of both of the above-mentioned bills.

RE HB2368, a dogmeat trade creates a "market" situation where pets and lost animals can be preyed upon. Pets are beloved family, not food.

RE HB2534, we have seen the tragic and inhumane effects of the "profit-above-all" mentality as applied to pet factories. Registration is a very modest requirement.

Please support these bills.

Thank you,

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Associate Professor of Linguistics  
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**From:** SMJGRUNAUER@aol.com  
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**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support HB2368 ; HB2534 And HB2380 URGENT

**Dear Delegates,**

**We urge you to support these extremely important bills:**

**1) SUPPORT HB2368 ; to explicitly prohibit the slaughter or trafficking of dogs or cats for human consumption**

- Dogs and Cats are pets! More than 60 percent of Hawaii households have dogs or cats who they consider family members. This is an animal cruelty issue-- not a cultural or "food choice" issue.
- Dogs used for the dogmeat trade are often lost or stolen pets or acquired from free to good home ads or the internet
- Share your personal stories!

**2) SUPPORT HB2534 ; to finally require that large-scale dog breeders be registered.**

·Hawaii has NO large-scale dog breeder laws or regulations. This bill simply requires that they register in order to protect both dogs and consumers

·Dogs bred in puppy mills (that yes, we sadly DO have in Hawaii) are often neglected when profit is put over welfare

Without this registration requirement, animal care and control agencies often don't learn about such operations until conditions are extremely poor, and when animals are sick or dying.

**3) SUPPORT HB2380 ; Prohibits the killing of sharks or rays in Hawaii waters .**

·Sharks are apex predators: when they are killed our entire marine ecosystem is negatively impacted. Many shark species continue to be on the verge of extinction due to years of harvesting for their fins. This bill would prohibit cruel and unnecessary shark-hunting tournaments and recreational killing.

·In 2010, Hawaii became the 1st state in the world to prohibit shark-finning. This bill would again make Hawaii the global leader in shark conservation

·Sharks are sacred animals, aumakua, for many native Hawaiians. These important, magnificent creatures need our continued protection

Thank you in advance for supporting these important bills,

*Silvia Jovel Grunauer*

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**From:** Priscilla Grunauer <grunauer@hawaii.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 05, 2014 10:02 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** SUPPORT HB2368; dog slaughter and SUPPORT HB2534 Dog breeder registration

To Whom it may concern:

I am in support of HB2368. Dogs and Cats are pets and more than half of of Hawaii households have these animals and consider them family members. This is not a cultural issue of dog and cat consumption but an ethical issue. Dogs used for the dogmeat trade are often lost or stolen pets or acquired from the internet. Please consider in passing this bill and protecting these sentient animals.

I am also in support of HB2534:

It is disgraceful that Hawaii and NO large-scale dog breeder laws or regulations. This bill simply required that they register in order to protect both dogs and consumers. Dogs bred in puppy mills (which we have here in HI) are often neglected when profit is prized over welfare. Without this registration requirement, animal care and control agencies often don't learn about such operations until conditions are extremely poor, and when animals are already sick and dying.

Thank you for your consideration.

-Priscilla Grunauer

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**From:** owlit1@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 05, 2014 10:42 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** I support HB 2368

**I SUPPORT HB2368;** to explicitly prohibit the slaughter or trafficking of dogs or cats for human consumption. I'm so tired of hearing such excuses of "cultural" or "food choice" to justify when it's complete nonsense and most horrifying that any person(s) or group in this day and age of the 21th Century would promote the killing for consumption dogs and cats.

It's barbaric that anyone would even consider eating our dogs and cats, whether they are someone's pets, or strays, or imported from another state or country! I say let them eat beans instead of these wonderful creatures that are cherished by the majority of islanders as furry good friends or at times better than human family members!

Dogs and cats were specifically domesticated since we the homo sapiens first learned their importance of companionship. In this "bond" companionship, humans learned to use their animal's expertise to their benefit. Dogs helped in hunting of larger game, and cats and dogs in controlling rats from home and grain fields. Humans were taught by these animals, loyalty, kindness, and gentleness. How else would animal be loyal to humans if these traits of compassion was not established. We are not born with kindness, or gentleness it is learned "good" behavior.

We already or should be aware the psychological and physical benefits of dogs and cats provide in helping people with high blood pressure (just petting a cat/dog will lower anxiety), and filling in the void with hope with those suffering from depression, or other serious illnesses. Though the years this is well documented in medical and scientific journals.

So anyone trying to promote to kill and consume cats and dogs are in this day and age (millions of years we humans have supposedly progressed) to me is basically regressing as a savage, and not of any positive benefit to human(e)kind.

My cats and dogs are my chosen family members, whether a personal pet, or a stray.....all are welcomed to my heart as I cherish each as precious and in need of our protection!

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- HB2368
- Dogs and Cats are pets! More than 60 percent of Hawaii households have dogs or cats who they consider family members. This is an animal cruelty issue-- not a cultural or "food choice" issue.
- Dogs used for the dogmeat trade are often lost or stolen pets or acquired from free to good home ads or the internet
- Share your personal stories!

HB2534: dog breeder registration

- Hawaii has NO large-scale dog breeder laws or regulations. This bill simply requires that they register in order to protect both dogs and consumers
- Dogs bred in puppy mills (that yes, we sadly DO have in Hawaii) are often neglected when profit is put over welfare
- Without this registration requirement, animal care and control agencies often don't learn about such operations until conditions are extremely poor, and when animals are sick or dying.

Mahalo.

Dixon Smith



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Brenda Clark	Individual	Support	No

Comments: No one should have to worry that their lost pet will end up being stolen and sold for its meat.

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**From:** Laurie Pottish <pottishl001@hawaii.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 05, 2014 12:12 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** \*\*\*\*\*SPAM\*\*\*\*\* SUPPORT HB2368

Aloha:

I am hoping you will vote in support of HB2368 prohibiting trafficking and slaughter of cats & dogs for human consumption. Dogs and cats are pets! More than 60 percent of Hawaii households have dogs or cats who they consider family members. This is an animal cruelty issue-- not a cultural or "food choice" issue. Dogs used for the dogmeat trade are often lost or stolen pets or acquired from free to good home ads or the internet.

Mahalo for your time in reading this.

Sincerely,  
Laurie Pottish  
Pukalani, HI

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**From:** Elizabeth Profita <eprofit@hawaii.edu>  
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Although dogs and cats may be food in some cultures, in America they are usually seen as pets. Due to the risk of mistaking pets as a food source, their slaughter should be prohibited in order to avoid those instances. One mistake would cause a family to lose one of its members, their household pet.

Thank you,  
Elizabeth Profita

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**From:** Cindy Texeira <cindy@lokahipacific.org>  
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Cats and especially dogs are being stolen from their homes to be sold as dog meat. Families loose their beloved pets, a family member and for some the love of their life. If we could just be good humans and only do good things, we would not have a need for laws, unfortunately this is not the case, so laws are required to protect the helpless and those that cannot speak for themselves. Please support HB2534

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Please pass HB2368, I and others who testified at the last hearing have either spoken to people who have witnessed the horrifying dog slaughters so denial does not work. As far as cultural practices, it is an ongoing process of us imperfect human beings trying to figure as we go creating a lot of traumas along the way, slavery, foot binding, cannibalism, etc. etc. etc. as well as some healing practices. The earth did not dawn with the perfect cultural practices in place, rather it is always a practice of reevaluating and updating, uplifting to humane practices. I'm sure all of us would not want nor could handle many of past cultural practices done to us. Why is Hawaii so far behind in outlawing this excruciating practice? If you want Hawaii to be a model of evolution in the international world, the legislators have the most important duty to enact humane laws not cop out like the legislators have in the past sessions on this very important issue. Otherwise the tourism needs to be upfront in advertising to the international community of what our legislators allow, Aloha from Hawaii, come spend your money here in this nature place but really Hawaii's legislators have refused in the past to protect their innocent cats and dogs and this is the horror they allow to happen to them here.

We will all be accountable to life when we return for not doing actions that could have helped from much trauma or doing actions for healings. The legislators are their only hope. Please do not cop out. Please use your powers to be heroes to protect the cats and dogs from this horror we'd never want to endure and push this bill through with other legislators into law now. Thank you.

Please support HB2534 so dogs can have some basic protections from certain people who misuse them and care only for profit not for care. There needs to be humane guidelines for people who take advantage and cause animal suffering.

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**From:** INSPIREVISION@aol.com  
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Dear Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members:

Position: Support HB2368

The following is an excerpt from an editorial by the Star Bulletin editors in 2004. (Note: Caddy was brutally stabbed and butchered for dogmeat in 2007, we all remember).

[Honolulu Star-Bulletin Editorial - Our Opinion](#)



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Monday, August 23, 2004

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## Ban dog meat sales to prevent torture

### THE ISSUE

□ Honolulu police are investigating reports □  
of dog meat being sold at various spots  
on Oahu.

ASIAN countries have recognized in recent years that the killing of dogs and cats for meat is unacceptable in civilized society. Trade in dog or cat meat is so unthinkable in Hawaii that legislators have felt no need to make it illegal, but that has changed. Reports [that dog meat has been sold](#) in Kalihi, Waianae and downtown Honolulu should result in prompt legislation to ban this repulsive trade before it gains a foothold.

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A neuroscientist had been studying the brain activities of dogs put through an MRI scanner for two years.

<http://www.lifewithdogs.tv/2013/11/dogs-are-people-too/>

**In 2013, Neuroscientist Gregory Berns said,**

"Now, after training and scanning a dozen dogs, my one inescapable conclusion is this: dogs are people, too." He also said,

"The ability to experience positive emotions, like love and attachment, would mean that dogs have a level of sentience comparable to that of a human child. And this ability suggests a rethinking of how we treat dogs."

On July of 2012, Scientists declared that non human animals such as mammals and birds were conscious beings. ( dogs, cats are mammals etc.).

[Animals are conscious and should be treated as such - opinion - 24 September 2012 - New Scientist#.UuJfUHH6e1s](#)

Mark Bekoff, who studies animals emotions, writes, "I hope the declaration will be used to protect animals from being treated abusively and inhumanely.

In the past, references to cultural or racial discrimination very sadly confused the REAL issue - CRUELTY TO ANIMALS. However, many Asian countries such as the Philippines, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore and technically in South Korea have outlawed this horrible practice, but such practices continues illegally today.

In 2012, Weixian County, a province in China, has banned the slaughter and consumption of dogmeat as well.- [Groundbreaking regulation bans consumption of dog meat in Weixian County, China and promotes the human-canine bond | National](#)

[China to ban eating cats and dogs](#)

[Dog Meat Protest: Local Group Demonstrates Against South Korea's Consumption of Dogs And Cats](#)

### **Remembering Caddy:**

We remember Caddy, the 8 month old German Sheperd/Labrador mix, like a child to the Manuma family, stolen from Moanalua Golf Course and butchered for a meal.

- Kristine Yoo, prosecutor for Caddy's case said, "This is not about anybody's culture, it's not about anyone's eating habits," she said. "It's about cruelty to animals." [2 Hawaii men plead guilty to animal cruelty in eating of family's pet dog](#) (statement originally from that link, however the link contents has been updated with other news)
- Judge Randall Lee in Caddy's case said, "In this particular case the egregiousness of this crime to an innocent animal is dispicable," [Animal Abuse: Dog stolen, slaughtered for food - Moanalua Valley, HI | Pet-Abuse.Com Animal Cruelty Database](#) ( case updates).

This type of practice, declared illegal in many countries, should also be illegal in Hawaii. Please protect these animals, they are deeply deeply loved in Hawaii and in the mainland USA. **In listening to tapes of dogs being killed crying in tapes published by Animals Asia, I personally find any argument indefensible.**



Please move forward and pass HB2368.

Thank you,  
Jane Shiraki  
Honolulu, Hawaii