

To: The Agriculture Committee

From: Representative Lewis Bloom

A few years ago, I watched two animal rights/activists be appointed into our small advisory board while we had been told the previous day it would never happen in Kansas and especially not in the Kansas Department of Agriculture.

The Department of Agriculture Secretary and Laura Kelly have refused for over a year to fill the breeder position and have replaced the veterinarian on the board with a simple email "you're thorough". I called Doctor Laura Moreland a couple of days ago and she said the only reason they replaced her was they wanted someone more sympathetic to the Humane Society of the United States and they were seated immediately. Doctor Moreland said it was the only board she ever served on where you never even got a simple "thanks."

This bill by the Department of Agriculture and the Humane Society of the United States is nothing more than a "got-cha" bill designed to get the Kansas Dog Breeders out of business and let the Humane Society of the United States, animal shelters and rescue groups run the show. Do you know the ^{foster} adoption people aren't even inspected? The next time you hear non-profit, adoption fee, rehoming charge – wake up – it's not going to a good place.

Ask these places for a paper trail, see how far you get. Our kennel breeders have a paper trail that goes back to at least six dog generations. These pups are from DNA checked parents. They are socialized, wormed, vaccinated, veterinarian checked at least three times before you get them. They are chipped and kept in spotless, climate-controlled kennels. For Pete's sake, don't pay much attention to inspection reports, their job is to get you out of business. It never used to be. When we started they got out of their car and said, "how can we help you", now it's, let's just see what you have. They can and literally will take a speck on the wall and make a four-page write-up and threaten to take your dogs. Their job now is to put you out of business. It's the same old thing, just follow the dollar to the Humane Society of the United States, shelters, rescues, adoptions; they are all non-profit, donation, donation, donation. The Kansas Kennels are the only thing they can't make money on and they're doing their best to get rid of one of our states' best professions. Throw this trash bill out, and just follow the dollar.

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I will stay here as long as it takes and answer any questions you want. Be sure and ask me about the Mexican dogs coming across the border.