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February 28, 2011

To: **All House Members**

From: **Representative Bill Kortz** 

Re: **Co-Sponsorship - Reintroduction of HB 613 of 2010  
Amending the Animal Destruction Method Authorization Law (Act 83 of  
1983)**

**MEMORANDUM**

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In the near future, I will reintroduce HB 613 of 2010, which would ensure that pet animals that must be destroyed are provided with a safe and humane form of euthanasia. This legislation would amend Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes by amending provisions within the Animal Destruction Method Authorization Law (Act 83 of 1983).

I have introduced this legislation in response to a situation in which an individual euthanized dogs by means of carbon monoxide poisoning. This legislation would prohibit the destruction of pet animals by firearms, carbon monoxide poisoning, and the use of a decompression chamber. An exception for the usage of a firearm has been included if the animal is running at large or is located within a kennel setting and poses a clear and present danger to persons, property, or other animals.

Furthermore, this legislation would require that the destruction of an animal be by administration of an overdose of a barbiturate, barbiturate combinations, drug or drug combinations as approved by the Federal Drug Administration and in accordance with the guidelines established by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

If you would like to co-sponsor this measure, please contact Stephanie Jackson at (717) 787-8175 or [sjackson@pahouse.net](mailto:sjackson@pahouse.net).

**Previous co-sponsors:** Scavello, Brennan, D. Costa, Fabrizio, Frankel, Freeman, Goodman, Harhai, Hennessey, Hornaman, Killion, Kirkland, Millard, Murt, M. O'Brien, O'Neill, Swanger, White, Youngblood, Farry and Barbin