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SUPPORT THE BAN ON CARBON MONOXIDE EUTHANASIA

Sponsored by Representative John Fritchey (D-Chicago)

HB 4844

This bill is sponsored by Chicago English Bulldog Rescue, Inc. along with dozens of other rescue organizations and shelters. It is a comprehensive bill that includes the following provisions:

1. Prohibits the use of carbon monoxide euthanasia on animals. Carbon monoxide euthanasia is:
 - a. Inhumane to animals. The process involves leading or dragging an animal into container which is sealed and gas is piped in. In many cases panic ensues, especially in larger dogs who take longer to succumb to the gas. The process has been purported to take up to 45 minutes, and can occasionally leave some animals alive, only to have the process repeated.
 - b. Dangerous to the operator. A Tennessee shelter worker was asphyxiated to death while unloading dead dogs from a gas chamber. In another case, a gas chamber exploded in North Carolina when a broken light bulb was exposed to the carbon monoxide gas.
 - c. Euthanasia by injection of sodium pentobarbital, a controlled substance, is much more humane method. Animals die in seconds without pain or suffering.
 - d. Euthanasia by injection of sodium pentobarbital is less expensive than carbon monoxide.
2. Further Restricts who can get a Euthanasia Technician License
 - a. Prohibits individuals that have been convicted of certain animal abuse felonies, including dog fighting, sexual conduct with an animal or other abuses of the Humane Care for Animals Act, from receiving this license.
 - b. Prohibits individuals that have been convicted of certain controlled substance felonies such as violations of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act or the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act from receiving this license. This restriction is important so that these felons are not granted access to controlled substances such as ketamine, which is commonly used as a date rape drug.
3. Provides law enforcement with information on violations of this act so that they can investigate and prosecute individuals who inhumanely euthanize animals or violate the statute. The bill requires the Department of Financial and Professional Regulations to refer any alleged violations of the Act to local law enforcement or the Illinois State Police and the State's Attorney in the county within which the violation occurred or the Illinois Attorney General's office.
4. Requires that a Euthanasia Technician receive continuing education once every five years, as opposed to once in a lifetime as is now the mandate.

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2nd Chance Animal Rescue
Vandalia, IL
www.2ndchancevandalia.com

American Brittany Rescue
Downers Grove, Illinois
www.americanbrittanyrescue.org

The American Society for the Prevention of
Cruelty to Animals
New York, NY
www.asPCA.org

As Good as Gold,
Golden Retriever Rescue
Woodridge, IL
www.asgoodasgold.org

Association of Veterinarians for Animal
Rights
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www.avar.org

Chicago English Bulldog Rescue
Chicago, IL
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Dalmatian Rescue of Illinois
DeKalb, IL
<http://dalrescueillinois.net>

Doberman & Rottweiler Rescue
Terre Haute, IN
www.petfinder.com/shelters/IL52.html

Dog Advisory Work Group
Chicago, IL
www.dawgsite.org

Edgar County Humane Association
Paris, Illinois
www.echapolis-humane.com

The Eskie Connection
Wheeling, IL
www.eskieconnection.com

Foster Pet Outreach
Peoria, IL
www.fosterpetoutreach.org

Gordon Highlander Rescue Program
DeKalb, IL
www.gordonhighlander.org

Great Lakes Mastiff Rescue
West Branch, MI
www.glmr.org

Guardian Angels Humane Society
Galesburg, IL
www.petfinder.com/shelters/IL381.html

Henry County Humane Society
Kewanee, IL
www.petfinder.com/shelters/IL69.html

Hope Animal Rescues
Alton, IL
www.hoperescues.com

Humane Society of the United States
Washington, DC
<http://www.hsus.org/>

Humane Society of Geneseo
Geneseo, IL
www.petfinder.com/shelters/IL33.html

Illinois Birddog Rescue
Wood Dale, IL
www.illinoisbirddogrescue.org

Illinois German Shorthaired Pointer Rescue
Gurnee, IL 60031
www.ilshorthairrescue.com

Illinois Humane
Springfield, IL
www.illinoishumane.org

Keeps Animal rescue
Barrington Hills, IL
www.petfinder.com/shelters/IL370.html

Labrador Education and Rescue Network
Island Lake, IL
www.labadoption.org

Lean On Me Doberman Rescue Inc.
Batavia, IL
www.leanonmedoberescue.com

Lobo Animal Rescue Shelter
Mount Vernon, IL
<http://lobo.mvn.net/lobo.htm>

Lori's Pet Palace
Centralia, IL
www.petfinder.com/shelters/IL419.html

Louisville Weimaraner Rescue, Inc.
Indianapolis IN
www.louisvilleweimrescue.com

Midwest Boston Terrier Rescue
Mahomet, IL
www.midwestbtrescue.org

National Animal Welfare Society of the
United State
Chicago, IL
www.nawsus.org

PACT Humane Society
Downers Grove, IL
www.pacthumanesociety.org

Pets Are Worth Saving "PAWS"
Chicago, IL
www.pawschicago.org

Refuge for Saving the Wildlife Inc.
Northbrook, IL
www.rescuethebirds.org

Showing Animals Respect and Kindness
Geneva, IL
www.sharkonline.org

Quad City Lab and Senior Dog Rescue
Eldridge, Iowa
www.qclabrescue.org

Second Time Around Animal Rescue
Schaumburg, IL
www.petfinder.com/shelters/IL388.html

TAILS Humane Society
DeKalb, IL
www.tailshumanesociety.org

TAPS (Tazewell Animal Protective
Society)
Pekin, IL
www.tapsshelter.org

Triple R Pets
Western Springs, IL
www.triplerpets.org

Virtually Home
Chicago, IL
www.virtuallyhomeadoptions.org

Windy City Animal Foundation
Chicago, IL
www.windycityanimals.org

Young At Heart Pet Rescue
Palatine, IL
www.yahpetrescue.com