

## BECAUSE OUR PETS CAN'T PROTECT THEMSELVES

Dear neighbor,

We love our pets. We offer them care and comfort, and ask for their companionship and protection. So I thought I'd vary my usual reports on the broader issues of the day, and highlight recent laws from last year that deal with protecting our pets.

Looking ahead, the General Assembly will be considering legislation that prohibits selling dogs from disreputable breeders (puppy mills) which is being championed by advocates including the ASPCA, Connecticut Votes for Animals, and the Humane Society. I'm also following proposals regarding animal abusers, who later become child or spouse-abusers, to create a registry of animal abusers that both law enforcement and the public can access.

My family owned a pet shop so I understand the emotional attachment to animals. As always, don't hesitate to call if you have any concerns on an issue facing our state, or need help with a state agency.

Sincerely



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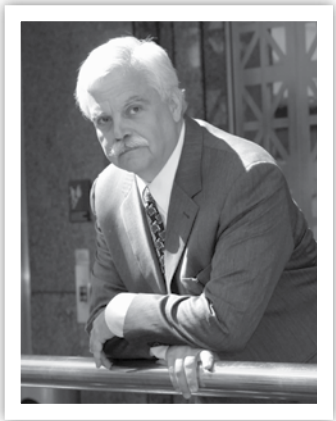
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## PET PROTECTIONS

### ANIMAL THERAPY

With the passage of **PA 13-114**, the State of Connecticut will partner with animal-assisted activity organizations to provide aid to people during and after traumatic events. Services will be provided by volunteers and be available within 24 hour notice.

### MAN'S BEST FRIEND

Some dogs are trained to serve our communities in partnership with the military or law enforcement agencies. With **PA 13-39**, we eased the state licensing requirement for groups that provide this valuable service.

### TETHERING

Reports of animal abuse skyrocket during extreme weather. With the passage of **PA 13-189**, we protect dogs by prohibiting outdoor tethering during extreme heat, cold, wind, rain, snow, or hail.

*you can read other public acts regarding animals here:*

[www.cga.ct.gov](http://www.cga.ct.gov)

**PA 13-99**      **PA 13-223**

**PA 13-241**    **PA 13-105**



### BREED SPECIFIC ORDINANCES

As many pet owners will tell you, there are good and bad animals in every breed. Cities and towns can restrict animals from public places or take a stand against animal cruelty but they can no longer single out entire breeds and restrict their ownership or presence in our communities with the passage of **PA 13-103**.

### USEFUL INFORMATION & ADOPTION

**CT HUMANE SOCIETY**

**800-452-0114**

**DANBURY DOG WARDEN**

**203-748-6456**

**DANBURY ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY**

**203-744-DAWS (3297)**

**PAWSAFE ANIMAL RESCUE**

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**860-713-2506**

