

District Number

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Last Name

Knudson

First Name

Dean

Please Select from the following:

- Candidate running for Assembly

Home City

Hudson

Please Select one:

- Republican

Election ID Number:

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1. Would you be likely to support state legislation that requires sharing of information between social service agencies and humane officers given the documented link between animal abuse and domestic violence? (similar to HB562 passed in Illinois in 2009)

Fully Supportive

2. Would you be likely to support state legislation that requires full disclosure by a pet store before purchase of the breeder's name, kennel name, and location for all puppies sold in retail stores? (similar to HB1468 passed in Indiana in 2010)

Fully Supportive

3. Do you believe that agravated cruelty/violence to animals should be a felony?

Fully Supportive

4. Would you be likely to support state legislation that requires all dogs and cats adopted from shelter and rescue organizations in Wisconsin be spayed or neutered?

Fully Supportive

5. Would you be likely to support state legislation that would ban the devocalization of dogs and cats? (similar to HB344 passed in Massachusetts in April 2010)

Generally Opposed

6. Would you be likely to support state legislation that would require humane education as part of the curriculum in public schools? (similar to Wisconsin Act 99 (2009) which requires labor history to be taught)

Generally Opposed

7. Would you be likely to support legislation similar to Wisconsin AB793 (2009-10) that shifts the financial burden of caring for abused or neglected animals in custody from taxpayers to the defendants? Similar laws have passed in more than 30 states.

Fully Supportive

Additional comments or questions which exemplify your position or feelings regarding the advancement of humane legislation in Wisconsin:

I am a practicing veterinarian with 24 years experience caring for the health and welfare of companion animals. It is possible that I would be the first companion animal veterinarian to serve in the Wisconsin legislature. I'm not certain of this but one of my supporters tried to research it and couldn't find any previous examples.

If elected I would be a strong advocate for animals and the human-animal bond.

I did not support Wisconsin Act 99 (2009) mandating the teaching of labor history. Similarly I would not support the mandated teaching of other subjects like humane education. Mandated curricula should be limited to core subjects.

I would support restrictions on devocalization so that these surgeries are never performed routinely and are only performed after documentation of the failure of behavioral modification efforts as well as the impending euthanasia of the dog. I would be happy to discuss with you some possible amendments to Mass. HB344 that would improve the legislation.

Thanks for your interest.

Dean Knudson, DVM