



CALIFORNIA ANIMAL VOTERS ALLIANCE
2010 Candidate Questionnaire

Dear Candidate:

As a candidate for office in California you've indicated your views on a number of issues facing voters. The California Animal Voters Alliance (CAVA) is a state-wide, non-partisan group of voters involved in animal ownership, hunting, fishing and agriculture; we would like to better understand your position on these activities and your views on certain organizations.

To put some scale on these activities, over 60% of all U. S. households have a pet, most frequently a dog or a cat. In addition, 1.8 million Californians buy sport fishing licenses and 218,000 citizens are licensed hunters. Finally, about 400,000 Californians are directly employed in farming, and several million more Californians work in agricultural-related industries.

These Californians are under attack. Using the guise of "animal welfare," groups such as the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), Fund for Animals, ASPCA, Doris Day Animal League (DDAL) and the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) seek to eliminate or severely restrict many of these citizens' existing rights and traditions. Voters across the state need to learn your opinions about and relationships with these and other organizations which are part of the "Animal Rights" industry.

This is your opportunity to let your constituents know where you stand on these issues that affect so many voters. Please respond as soon as possible. Feel free to add additional sheets as needed. Your responses (or non-response) will be summarized and shared with voters across California.

Your Name:

Candidate for

Date(s) of Primary and/or General Election(s):

Party Affiliation:

Previous Public Offices:

Mailing Address:

Phone Numbers and Email Address:

If you provide an electronic version of your photo and the address of your Web site, we'll include the information with our summary.

Web Site Address:

Do you or anyone in your immediate family own a pet (dog, cat, bird, etc.)?

YES NO

Comments:

Do you or anyone in your immediate family hunt or fish?

YES NO

Comments:

Do you or anyone in your immediate family participate in animal agriculture?

YES NO

Comments:

Do you support any animal rescue organizations or shelters?

YES NO

Comments:

Do you philosophically or financially support any animal rights or animal protection organizations? If so, please identify the organizations.

YES NO

Comments:

Do any animal rights or animal protection organizations, including the HSUS, PETA and their affiliates, endorse you as a candidate or financially support your campaign?

YES NO

Comments:

Have any animal rights or animal protection organizations, including the HSUS, PETA and their affiliates, ever endorsed you as a candidate or financially supported your previous campaigns?

YES NO

Comments:

Should the sterilization of an animal be controlled by the government through legislation or should it be left between a veterinarian and their client to decide?

YES NO

Comments:

Do you believe that animal owners should have their status as owners changed to the status of guardians? As a guardian you do not own your animals, you are strictly a caretaker.

YES NO

Comments:

Do you support the states' prerogatives to manage their resident wildlife populations and establish local hunting regulations without federal interference?

YES NO

Comments:

Do you believe in people's rights to own (responsibly) any animal of their choice, regardless of species: exotic or domestic?

YES NO

Comments:

Do you believe it is okay to discriminate against exotic animal owners through unfair bans?

YES NO

Comments:

What is your position on the following animal-related issues?

a) Animal ownership (including livestock, pets, pet and livestock breeding, research animals, circuses and rodeos)

b) Hunting, including the use of hunting dogs

c) Fishing

d) Animal medical research

Date:

Thanks for your cooperation!

Please return the completed questionnaire to California Animal Voters Alliance via Email or regular mail. Should you have any questions, please contact CAVA at any time.

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