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JGO Testimony Support SB1222

Senate Judiciary and Government Operations (JGO) Committee

Place:

Hearing Date: February 27, 2009 Conference Room 16

Time:

9:30 a.m.

Measure: SB1222, Humane Treatment of Pet Animals

Position: SUPPORT

Dear JGO Committee Members:

I speak on behalf of Animal Advocate Inc., and it is our organization which produced the 16minute documentary film, "The Failure of the Hawaiian Humane Society," which is now being shown on 'Olelo Community Television. This movie documented the activities of the so-called "cat lady of Honolulu" for a period of about one year, and reveals the cruel and inhumane confinement of animals she possesses.

When the story of our video and the history of the situation (i.e., it has been going on for over 10 years), appeared on the front page of The honolulu Advertiser, there were many reader comments. The story also appears on Ian Lind's webpage and blog. People want action to be taken!

Moreover, over these many years, an untold number of citizen complaints have been received, yet the animals are still in the same bad situation. We documented the cat lady's activities over a period of many months, at all times of the day and night, and we never observed her taking the animals out of the cages. They are confined 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If the Hawaiian Humane Society (HHS) can present evidence to the contrary, we ask them to please produce it. The cages are filthy as well, presenting a public health threat because the cages are within the public right-of-way, where people have to walk. We have seen feces being pushed down into the storm drain.

We are also very concerned about the fact that the animals are being allowed to breed. This unrestricted breeding is condoned by the HHS, and they even pick up the kittens and put them up for adoption at the HHS. Unwanted animals and unrestricted breeding are not something that the HHS should be promoting or engaging in, with this woman or with anyone else.

Please pass this bill out of your Committee to the full Senate floor where it may be heard. Please do not kill it now. If you do, then what will become of the animals? This is our opportunity to modify the language of the law in order to help free innocent animals from inhumane confinement.

Sincerely,

Pamela Davis President, Animal Advocate Inc.