

**The Capital Area Humane Society, located in Columbus, Ohio
opposes Issue Two.**

The mission of the Capital Area Humane Society is to fight animal cruelty, help animals in need, and advocate for their well-being. We are a county humane society organized under Chapter 1717 of Ohio Revised Code which means in addition to pet adoption programs and other support and services for people and their pets, we are also the law enforcement agency responsible for the investigation of animal cruelty in Franklin County under Chapter 959 of Ohio Revised Code.

The Capital Area Humane Society opposes Issue 2, "A Proposed Constitutional Amendment to Create the Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board" on the grounds that this Board should not be created by Constitutional amendment. We strongly support the intent to create a Board for the purpose of establishing standards governing the care and well-being of livestock and poultry in this state. However, accomplishing this task by Constitutional amendment is improper. Further, we appreciate that there are many stakeholders vested in ensuring quality care for livestock and poultry including consumers, farmers, other businesses involved in agriculture, veterinarians, animal behavior experts, and advocates for animal welfare and the environment. We believe all stakeholders should have had the opportunity to debate, discuss and determine the composition of the Board and its role. Unfortunately, not all stakeholders were heard. Because this is a Constitutional Amendment, if passed, any future interest in changing the composition or role of this Board would be impractical and require extraordinary effort. Therefore, the Capital Area Humane Society opposes Issue 2 as proposed.

Position Approved by the Capital Area
Humane Society Board of Directors
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About Us

The Capital Area Humane Society, a non-profit animal welfare organization founded in 1883, provides programs and services for animals and people in Central Ohio. It is our mission to fight animal cruelty, help animals in need and advocate for their well-being. More than 95 percent of our funding is provided by donations and fees for services, we are not a government agency and we do not receive operating support from national organizations. The Capital Area Humane Society relies on the support of private donors and volunteers to make our work possible. For more information about the Capital Area Humane Society, visit www.cahs-pets.org.