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TWO COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETIES SPEAK OUT IN OPPOSITION OF ISSUE 2

(Cleveland & Columbus, OH) October 13, 2009 – The Cleveland Animal Protective League in Cleveland, Ohio and the Capital Area Humane Society in Columbus, Ohio have taken positions in opposition of Issue Two, “A Proposed Constitutional Amendment to Create the Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board” on the grounds that the Board should not be created by Constitutional amendment.

The organizations strongly support the concept of creating a Board for the purpose of establishing standards governing the care and well-being of livestock and poultry in the state, however, feel that doing so through a Constitutional amendment will take away the voice of Ohio voters.

“The interests of Ohioans and the welfare of livestock and poultry would have been better served had this Board been created through a legislative effort at the Ohio Statehouse,” said Jodi Lytle Buckman, Executive Director of the Capital Area Humane Society.

“As the agencies responsible for investigating animal cruelty in our own counties, including cruelty to farm animals, local Humane Societies along with other Ohio stakeholders should have had a voice in the role and composition of this Board. However, as we did not, we can’t help but believe that Issue 2 is designed to serve the interests of agribusiness rather than those of Ohioans and Ohio farm animals,” adds Sharon Harvey, Executive Director of the Cleveland Animal Protective League.

The statements from each organization are attached for review.

Located in the Tremont District, the Cleveland Animal Protective League is the largest nonprofit humane society in Northeast Ohio and relies on donations to investigate and prosecute animal cruelty and provide shelter and care for nearly 10,000 homeless animals a year. The Cleveland APL has been serving the animals and people of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County since 1913. For information about the Cleveland APL, visit www.ClevelandAPL.org. Cleveland APL – Adopt ● Protect ● Love

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. For more information about the Capital Area Humane Society, visit www.cahs-pets.org.

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