

**805 Ladykirk Lane
Greer, SC 29650**

**The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201**

Dear The Honorable Governor Nikki Haley,

South Carolina is ranked 45th in the nation for strength of animal abuse/cruelty laws. It is because the laws are not strong enough to assure that animal abusers will stop. We strongly believe that H.3392-large-scale cruelty seizures and H.3045-animal abuse registry should be passed.

H.3392- Large-scale abuse seizures, is a bill that will raise fines and jail time for large -scale abuse. It'll also make it count as a felony. If you change this law it will increase the fine to \$5,000. It will also make a minimum of 180 days and a maximum of 5 years in prison. If you do this it will make the abuser realize how bad animal abuse is and not do it again.

H.0345-Animal Abuse registry will make a person that has been convicted of animal abuse sing in with the sheriff within 10 days of moving in to a new county. This needs to be passed because to many people are getting away with animal abuse when they move into a new county. But if this law is passed it will not allow animal abusers to get away with it so easily. But if you pass this law when the animal abuser moves to a new county the sheriff will now know enough about him to say that this is his 1st, 2nd, or 3rd abuse. So, the sheriff will know if they are likely to do it again.

You may think 180 day to 5 years in prison and a \$5,000 for a fine is too much; think again. Remember we are 45th in the nation in these laws. If you want to prevent animal abuse you should pass this referendum so we will become higher in the rank. If an abuser moves into a new county they will only check in to the county sheriff. The sheriff will not have to deal with the abuser. The animal control will.

These reasons lead us to strongly believe that H.3392-Large-Scale cruelty seizures and H.3045 Animal Abuse Registry should be passed.

Concerned Citizens,

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5th grade students
Pelham Road Elementary, Greenville, SC**

Petition to Strengthen Animal Abuse Laws

Petition summary and background	South Carolina is #45 in the United States for the strength of the animal abuse/cruelty laws. We would like to see these laws improved and strengthened.
Action petitioned for	We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our leaders to act now to strengthen animal abuse laws

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Matt Randolph	<i>Matt Randolph</i>	Simpsonville	5-26-15
Sharita Chalmers	<i>Sharita Chalmers</i>	Simpsonville	5-26-15
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