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Introduction to NYCLASS: Supporting Humane Candidates

We love animals. And we vote.

NYCLASS believes in the power of organizing and mobilizing the animal protection voting bloc to move humane legislation.

NYCLASS works to elect individuals to office who support humane legislation. Our supporters are passionate about issues of animal welfare and are frequently 'single issue voters'. We work tirelessly for candidates committed to protecting all constituents – two legged and four legged.

Instructions for completing the NYCLASS Questionnaire

Answer the following questions in as much detail possible. Return the completed questionnaire to info@nyclass.org. *If you have any questions about the issues below, please don't hesitate to ask us – we are happy to help candidates better understand animal protection issues.*

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Pets' Names (if applicable) : Trudy and Terry, my rescue cats. My dog, Chubi (another rescue), just passed away last month.

1. *New York's animal cruelty laws have been hidden away within the state's Agriculture and Markets statutes for decades, confusing police, prosecutors, and judges. The Consolidated Animal Crimes Bill (A.775b/S.6643) improves enforcement by placing animal crimes under the penal code, which is familiar, accessible, and taught to law enforcement personnel. It will also redraft anti-cruelty laws that have gone without substantial revisions since the mid-19th century. In addition to modernizing anti-cruelty laws, this legislation would enhance penalties for repeat offenders, give felony protection to all animals, and require fingerprinting/DNA sampling of offenders on all animal crimes, same as with Penal Law crimes.*

Would you actively support and vote for the Consolidated Animal Crimes Bill?

YES: Animals do not exist for the exploitation, pleasure and amusement of humans. They must be seen as the sentient beings they are, with as much right to exist as us, and with all the rights which that entails. This is especially true for domesticated animal

companions who depend entirely on humans for their health and safety.

2. *Travelling circuses often use exotic animals in their performances. Bears, elephants, tigers, and other animals do not voluntarily ride bicycles, stand on their heads, balance on balls, or jump through rings of fire. The animals perform because brutal training methods are used in order to coerce them to do so, such as the use of bull hooks, whips, and electric shock.*

Would you actively support legislation such as A.5407 & S.5971 which would ban the use of wild and exotic animals in entertainment, including circuses?

YES: Refer to my previous answer.

3. *Millions of farm animals are forced to spend their lives crammed into cages so small that they are unable to turn around. This harsh confinement within crates and cages deprives calves, pigs and chickens of the ability to engage in natural behavior. Other states around the nation have already banned gestation crates, veal*

crates, and battery cages.

Would you actively support A.0424 or A.08163, the bills to end the cruel confinement of farm animals, specifically prohibiting any person to tether or confine any pig during pregnancy, calf raised for veal, or egg-laying hen who is kept on a farm for all or the majority of any day in a manner that prevents such animal from lying down, standing up and fully extending it's limbs and turning around freely?

YES: If we are to continue to use farm animals as a food source (I'm vegan by the way), then we must allow them to live as natural and complete a life as possible.

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4. *While horse slaughter is banned in the United States, thousands are still being transported every year to Canada and Mexico, where the practice remains legal, and horses are killed before being shipped to Europe and Asia for human consumption, among other uses.*

Would you introduce or actively support and vote for legislation that would

prohibit the transport, sale, and possession of horses for slaughter and human consumption?

YES: For the same reasons I've already stated.

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5. *There have been dozens of carriage horse accidents in Manhattan, injuring drivers, tourists and horses. NYC carriage horses are massive 1,200 lb. animals that spook easily, have no space for daily pasture turnout, and create a public safety and cleanliness problem for the city.*

Would you actively support and vote for legislation, which would phase out the use of horse drawn carriages in Manhattan, enact a safe, humane retirement of all New York City carriage horses to sanctuaries, and replace them with electric, vintage-replica tourist vehicles that provide jobs for current drivers?

YES: This is not only an issue of animal rights but one of public health and safety as well. There can be no reasonable or logical justification for this anachronistic practice to continue.