



COLORADO FEDERATION  
OF ANIMAL WELFARE AGENCIES

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Colorado Senate Members  
200 E. Colfax, Room 307  
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Senator:

The Colorado Federation of Animal Welfare Agencies, representing over 50 member agencies throughout Colorado, supports HB19-1092, CONCERNING A PROHIBITION ON FUTURE OWNERSHIP OF AN ANIMAL FOR PERSONS CONVICTED OF ANIMAL CRUELTY.

This bill will contribute to the safety of animals through a couple of key additions. These include prohibiting a person convicted of animal cruelty from owning an animal for 5-10 years as well as requiring mental health treatment to prevent future abuse.

Because animal abuse is often a precursor to other abuse crimes including against people, this statute provides the courts resources and tools which may prevent other crimes from occurring in our communities.

Colorado Federation of Animal Welfare Agencies commends Representative Alex Valdez and Senator Joann Ginal for their leadership on this issue and urges you to support HB19-1092!

Sincerely,

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