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PAGE 2: CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

Q1: Candidate Name	Denise "Mitzi" Epstein
Q2: Party Affiliation	Democrat
Q3: Legislative Chamber	House
Q4: Legislative District	18
Q5: Campaign Website	www.ME4AZ.com
Q6: Phone Number	480-704-4624
Q7: Email Address	Mitzi@AZEps.net

PAGE 3: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Q8: Have you ever been involved in any animal protection issues?	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q9: Do you have, or have you had in the past, any companion animals that have had an impact on you?	<p>YES,</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>I have never cared for, trained or had a companion animal. However, the first time I learned about the training programs for companion animals was when my neighbor started training a dog. I learned a little and admired her work and the work of the organization a lot.</p>
Q10: Do you financially or philosophically support any local or national animal protection organizations?	<p>YES,</p> <p>If so, which ones?</p> <p>I have from time to time donated to the World Wildlife Fund, and I have regularly donated and usually kept up my membership in the Sierra Club and the Natural Resources Defense Council. I have infrequently donated to the Humane Society.</p>

PAGE 4: FARM ANIMALS

Q11: Do you support removing farm animals and horses from protection under Arizona's animal cruelty law and placing them under new, weaker laws in the agriculture code?

NO,

Comments

Animals deserve some protections from cruelty. I was appalled when one legislator referred to animals as "products." Calling animals products is both wrong, offensive, and out of touch with Arizonans' respect for life.

PAGE 5: CITIZEN INITIATIVE PROCESS AND ANIMAL PROTECTION

Q12: Do you support Arizona's public initiative process? YES

Q13: If YES, what steps would you take to protect our public initiative process?

The citizens of Arizona have brought some valuable changes to our state via initiative. I will fight for this right to be protected. I would like to see the process for developing initiatives become more open so that Arizonans can comment on an initiative during the development phase, rather than waiting to only have the chance to vote yes or no. More transparency should make the resulting solution stronger and better able to meet the needs of more people.

PAGE 6: ANIMAL CRUELTY LAW

Q14: Do you support strengthening Arizona's animal cruelty laws to correct loopholes that make it difficult to prosecute animal abusers?

YES

Q15: Would you support legislation to make it more difficult for regions to charge acts of animal cruelty as felonies to be reduced to misdemeanors?

NO

PAGE 7: WILDLIFE AND HABITAT

Q16: Do you support a process that includes less than 1% of hunters & anglers and limits the voice of a majority of Arizonans to participate in the Arizona Game & Fish Commission appointment process?

NO

Q17: Do you believe that the AZ Game and Fish Commission Appointment Recommendation Board should be repealed?

YES,

Comments

The only way to make strong solutions is to include all stakeholders in the development of the solution.

PAGE 8: ENDANGERED WOLVES

Q18: Do you support legislation that weakens protection for endangered Mexican gray wolves?

NO

PAGE 9: CAPTIVE DOLPHINS IN ARIZONA

Q19: Do you support captive dolphin programs for human entertainment?

NO,

Comments

Forcing marine mammals to live in chlorinated water is cruel. With all the bad press on Sea World recently, it has been appalling to see those two facilities being constructed in Arizona.

PAGE 10: ANIMAL CONTROL

Q20: Do you believe that Arizona should have more uniform animal control laws to prevent inhumane treatment of animals?

YES,

Comments

I believe that some standards of humane treatment are appropriate. However, I do think it's important for different counties to be allowed to develop different approaches within a humane framework. What works in Maricopa County could be ridiculous in a rural county.
