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PAGE 2: CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

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PAGE 3: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Q8: Have you ever been involved in any animal protection issues?	<p>YES,</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>My first experience with an animal protection issue was when I refused to dissect any animals or do a bug collection in my sophomore year of high school. It was at that time that I started to read PETA materials about animal testing in cosmetics and became committed only using cruelty-free products. I was vegetarian at the time and have now been vegan for over 6 years.</p>
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 four dogs and two cats right now. I have had pets all of my life and they are an important part of my life and my kids' lives. All of the animals in our family came to us in different ways, and none of them from a breeder or a store. They were either from rescue organizations or from people I know who needed to re-home them.</p>

Q10: Do you financially or philosophically support any local or national animal protection organizations?

YES,

If so, which ones?

I have been a PETA member at times, although my membership lapsed a while ago. I also support the Humane Society of the United States philosophically. I used to be a Girl Scout troop leader and for three years the Arizona Animal Welfare League was the recipient of our troop's donated cookie money and a drive we did for needed supplies. In fact, one of my dogs came to my family from that shelter after we were there for a Girl Scout visit.

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

Absolutely not. It is imperative that all animals have the same protections under the law and that any sort of animal cruelty is fully punishable.

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?

I will take strong measures to defeat any attempts to subvert the public initiative process. That may require meetings with other legislators (particularly those in the majority party) to make sure any bills like this die quickly, and/or it may require a very public approach of making sure voters know this protection is threatened and encouraging them to take action. I am very comfortable arguing in committee hearings and on the House floor in support or opposition to issues that are significant and this whole idea of undercutting voter initiatives is a very serious and dangerous threat to our state. I will fight it with everything I can.

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,

Comments

It is very important that we protect animals and have strong, meaningful ways to hold abusers accountable. Closing these loopholes is an important way to do that.

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

YES,

COMMENTS

I hope to see this legislation re-introduced, it is an important step in putting an end to animal cruelty.

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,

Comments

This change to the AZGFC is incredibly problematic and needs to be undone.

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

YES

PAGE 8: ENDANGERED WOLVES

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

NO,

Comments

I voted "no" on SB1243 and SB1344. I fully support protections for Mexican gray wolves.

PAGE 9: CAPTIVE DOLPHINS IN ARIZONA

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

NO,

Comments

The Dolphinaris attraction is actually in my legislative district. I reached out to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community this spring, as soon as I found out about this place, to see what I could learn. So far, I haven't learned much but I do intend to continue to pursue communication with the tribal leaders to encourage putting an end to what I see as ridiculous and cruel to the animals in captivity.

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

We need a more robust system statewide that is both funded and enforced to ensure that all animals throughout the state are safe.