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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?

YES,

Comments:

I worked with a bird rescue group in Wyoming to transport surrendered exotic birds to a safe facility. This involved quarantining birds and providing sanctuary for them until they could reach the rescue facility.

Q9

Do you have, or have you had in the past, any companion animals that have had an impact on you?

YES,

Comments:

All of my domesticated pets and livestock have had a positive impact on me and my family: from our hobby farm goats and chickens to our dogs and parrots. I have had friends that relied on registered Companion Animals for medical purposes.

Q10

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

YES,

If so, which ones?:

OASIS Bird Sanctuary, Foundation of Scottsdale. Facility is North of Benson, AZ.

Q11

If elected, would you be interested in sponsoring or working on legislation to protect animals?

Yes

Page 4: BAN ON CAT DECLAWING

Q12

Do you support legislation to prohibit non-therapeutic declawing of cats?

YES

Page 5: ARIZONA GAME & FISH COMMISSION

Q13

YES

Do you oppose a process that limits the voice of a majority of Arizonans to participate in the Arizona Game & Fish Commission appointment process?

Q14

YES

Do you believe that the AZ Game and Fish Commission Appointment Recommendation Board should be repealed?

Page 6: CITIZEN INITIATIVE PROCESS AND ANIMAL PROTECTION

Q15

YES

Do you support Arizona's public initiative process?

Q16

If YES, what steps would you take to protect citizen initiatives?

I will work to protect citizens by prohibiting outside monetary influence. I strongly recommend that Citizens go through their legislators to pass legislation instead of Initiatives. So many legal and financial considerations are often missed which cause court challenges down the road. In many cases small special interest groups with the backing of out of state money impose their will on unsuspecting Arizona citizens who do not read the entire initiative or understand future consequences of these law changes. I support every citizen's right to be heard, but my job as a legislator is to protect citizen's rights even if it is protecting them from themselves.

Page 7: PUPPY MILLS

Q17

Would you support repealing the law that preempts cities from banning the sale of dogs from puppy mills?

YES,

Comments:

Obviously there is no oversight by either the Federal USDA or the State of AZ to enforce this law. It should be returned to the local governments who should be held responsible for the local enforcement and local breeding policies as their citizens see fit.

Page 8: ENDANGERED MEXICAN WOLVES

Q18

Do you support keeping Mexican gray wolves in Arizona to help maintain healthy herds of deer and elk?

YES,

Comments:

As with any wildlife maintenance, there is a fine balance between protection from extinction and overpopulation. The AZGFC needs to be able to do it's job at both ends of the protection spectrum with all wildlife without restrictions or overreach on its authority. The job of maintenance is the AZGFC's duty. Bring more scientists into the department to do their job. That is how you protect the wolves, deer and elk, etc.

Q19

Do you support the protection of endangered species?

YES,

Comments:

Through close monitoring of endangered species they can be brought back to healthy populations and removed from the endangered species list. There will always be evolution of species through environmental changes.

Page 9: FARM ANIMALS

Q20

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

Comments:

I would need more specific information on the definition of a farm and agriculture and the role these animals are playing in these settings.
