



## 2021 Judge's Survey

1. Libre's Law (Act 10 of 2017) expanded animal protections and increased penalties for animal abusers. Felony violations *require* forfeiture of an animal, while lesser convictions *allow* for forfeiture.

- Would you include forfeiture as a penalty for misdemeanor convictions?

(Check one) **Yes**

- In 50 words or less, please explain your position, including offenses for which you would consider forfeiture as a penalty.

I would consider forfeiture in any case where the abuse was conducted with malice. If a person purposely harms an animal with the intent to cause suffering or death, I see little reason to leave the animal in that dangerous household.

2. Multiple studies have shown a link between animal abuse and future domestic violence abuse.

- Will you impose penalties for animal abuse that fit the serious nature of these crimes?

(Check one) **Yes**

3. Many domestic abuse victims stay with their abusers out of fear for the safety of household pets.

- Will you include custody and protections for household pets as part of the resolution for domestic abuse cases?

(Check one) **Yes**



4. In 50 words or less, please give an example of how you have fought for animals in the past.

My last dog was adopted after his previous owners decided to surrender him. I didn't want him to go to a bad home after being uprooted, so I took him in. He unfortunately passed away recently, but I did my best to give him a loving home.

5. In 50 words or less, please explain how you intend to help protect animals if elected.

The law makes it clear that animal abuse is illegal. I will enforce that. I am happy to remove animals from abusive situations, ensure their safety is considered during human/human disputes, and sanction offenders with the aim of rehabilitating them so they won't hurt another animal in the future.

HUMANE ACTION Pittsburgh is committed to working with local officials throughout Western Pennsylvania. We welcome the opportunity to begin a dialogue with you. Please feel free to contact us.