

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 No

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

Why would anyone mistreat an animal? You should not be around or own an animal if you are going to mistreat the animal. This cannot be tolerated in a civilized society.

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 No

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 No

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

I helped my family adopt a dog from an animal shelter we knew had been beaten and abused. It took a lot of patience and love to teach the dog "Carey" to trust again and accept our love. She still had some bad habits but we patiently loved and accepted her and helped her overcome her the habits she developed. It was sad but a rewarding experience to adopt, care for and give Carey a loving home.

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

I will enforce the Libre's Law and any other legal tool to stop any abuse.



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