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May, 1986

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Jeanie Henry

House Judiciary 3/17/86

1:30 pm

HOUSE  
COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)

Date referred: 2/19/86

FURTHER REFERRALS:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

The JUDICIARY Committee has considered SB 330

"An Act relating to civil liability for veterinary care; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

- do pass
- do not pass
- do pass with attached amendment(s)
- no recommendation
- replace with \_\_\_\_\_  same title
- \_\_\_\_\_  new title

and recommends \_\_\_\_\_

further referral to the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

- and attaches:
- letter of intent
  - first fiscal note
  - new fiscal note
  - zero fiscal note

SIGNING DO PASS:

SIGNING OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

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Chairman

300 Bunnell St.  
Anchorage, AK. 99508

March 7, 1986

E. M. Miller, Chairman  
House Judiciary Committee  
P.O. Box V  
Juneau, AK. 99811

Dear Mr. Miller:

On behalf of the Mayor's Animal Control Advisory Board, I would like to inform you of our approval of Senate Bill 330 - the veterinarians' "good samaritan" legislation. At a board meeting held on February 27, 1986, the Animal Control Advisory Board made and passed a motion unanimously to support the bill as proposed.

We strongly urge your support of this bill and hope to see its quick passage through both your committee and the whole House of Representatives.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

  
Susan Heuer, Vice Chairman  
Mayor's Animal Control Advisory Board

cc: John Sund, Vice Chairman  
Max Gruenberg  
Robin Taylor  
Don Clocksin  
Fritz Pettyjohn  
Randy Phillips  
Todd Palmatier, Chairman, Animal Control Advisory Board  
Ed Alger, MCA

VETERINARY ASSOCIATES, P. C.  
COLLEGE VILLAGE ANIMAL CLINIC  
2036 E. NORTHERN LIGHTS BLVD.  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99508

Telephone 274-5623

SB 330

Rep. Mike Miller  
Chairman, House Judiciary Committee  
P.O. Box V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

February 27, 1986

Dear Rep. Miller,

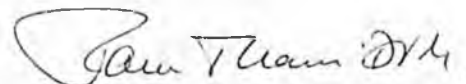
As a member of the Veterinary Examining Board, I hope that your committee can consider and pass Senate Bill 330 in the near future. This "Good Samaritan" legislation has been a project of the board since it was first suggested by our lay member, Dody Froelich, in 1980. Malpractice claims and awards have increased dramatically in all professions including veterinary medicine in recent years and we would hate to see fear of legal action influence the availability of emergency treatment for injured or gravely ill animals whose owners are not immediately identified or available.

The Southcentral Veterinary Medical Association has discussed the initial draft as presented from Senator Faik's office and feels that this wording covers the practitioners' areas of concern with one exception. Perhaps Sec. 9.65.097 line 12 should read "a person working under the direct supervision". This would prevent a situation where a poorly qualified employee (ie) a secretary or janitor, might take inappropriate action in the absence of their supervising employer while care by knowledgeable and properly supervised veterinary assistants would still fall under the act.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me in Anchorage at the address and phone number listed in the letterhead.

We would appreciate your prompt attention to this legislation.

Sincerely,



Pam Tuomi, DVM

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Representative Mike Miller  
Chairman, House Judiciary  
P.O. Box V  
Juneau, Ak. 99811

March 3, 1986

Dear Representative Miller,

I am actively engaged in veterinary practice in Anchorage. I hope that you will consider and pass Senate Bill 330 otherwise known as the Good Samaritan Bill.

Being both an animal owner and a veterinarian I would hate to see legal action placed against a qualified individual attempting life saving emergency treatment on an animal whose owner is not available.

Please also consider the meaning in sec. 9.65.097 line 12. My colleagues & I feel this line should read "a person working under the direct supervision." (ie) a technician under the direction of a veterinarian and not just anyone employed by a veterinarian.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Leslie McDaniel, DVM

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P.O. Box 10742  
Anchorage, Alaska 99511



March 5, 1986

**FOUNDING  
MEMBERSHIP**

Alaska  
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Alaska  
Human Society

Alaska  
Kennel Club

Dog Obedience  
Training Club  
of Anchorage

South Central  
Veterinary  
Medical Association

The Honorable M. M. Miller  
Chairman  
State of Alaska  
House Judiciary Committee  
Post Office Box "V"  
Juneau, Alaska 99822

Re: Senate Bill 330

Dear Chairman Miller:

Our organization is grateful to Senator Jan Faiks for sponsoring the above noted Bill - "Good Samaritan" legislation for veterinarians.

We request and urge you and your Committee members to give this Bill your strong support. This Bill is long overdue in Alaska. It was one of my personal projects when I served on the State Board of Veterinary Examiners several years ago. Five years later, Alaska is still without this legislation.

Veterinarians need the same protection as medical doctors in this area which this Bill will provide. Similar legislation has long been on the books of most other progressive states.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

CARE ALASKA, INC.

Dody Froehlich  
Secretary

Original sponsor: Faiks

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 330 (Judiciary)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to civil liability for veterinary  
7 care; and providing for an effective date."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 \* Section 1. AS 09.65 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 Sec. 09.65.097. CIVIL LIABILITY FOR EMERGENCY VETERINARY CARE.

11 (a) A veterinarian licensed in this or another licensing jurisdic-  
12 tion, or a person working under the direct supervision of a licensed  
13 veterinarian, who renders emergency care to an injured or ill animal  
14 that reasonably appears to the veterinarian or supervised person to be  
15 in immediate need of emergency aid in order to avoid serious harm or  
16 death is not liable for civil damages as a result of an act or omis-  
17 sion in rendering emergency aid.

18 (b) This section does not apply to service rendered at the  
19 request of an owner of the animal and does not preclude liability for  
20 civil damages as a result of gross negligence or reckless or inten-  
21 tional misconduct.

22 \* Sec. 2. Section 1 of this Act applies to all causes of action for  
23 damages which have not been filed in a court of this state before the  
24 effective date of this Act.

25 \* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1986.

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ANCHORAGE HORSE TRAILS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE  
5801 Moosemeadow Lane  
Anchorage, Alaska 99516

February 20, 1986

Senator Jan Faiks  
1024 West 6th Avenue  
Suite 302  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Jan:

The Anchorage Horse Trails and Facilities Committee would like to support SB 330 for an act entitled "An Act relating to civil liability for veterinary care; and providing for an effective date."

In this committee's ongoing public effort for horse recreation we would like to thank the legislature for its continued recognition of Alaska's horse population and their owners. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Julie A. Eaton  
Chairperson

JAE/mca

cc: Members  
Senate Judiciary Committee

300 Bunnell St.  
Anchorage, AK. 99503

March 7, 1986

M. M. Miller, Chairman  
House Judiciary Committee  
P.O. Box 7  
Juneau, AK. 99811

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Anchorage, Alaska 99511



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Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

CARE ALASKA, INC.

Dody Froehlich  
Secretary



ALASKA KENNEL CLUB, INC.

P.O. Box 100051  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA  
99510

March 15, 1986

House Judiciary Committee  
Alaska State Legislature  
P. O. Box V  
Juneau, Ak. 99811

Dear Members,

It is our understanding that Senate Bill 330 is now in the House Judiciary Committee for consideration. We would like to urge your strong support for Senate Bill 330. This important legislation is long overdue for "good samaritan" veterinarians.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

ALASKA KENNEL CLUB, INC.

(Mrs.) Ruth A. Marcy  
Corresponding Secretary

Alaska Veterinary Clinic, Inc.  
300 EAST FIREWEED LANE  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99503

March 19, 1986

Representative Mike M. Miller, Chairman  
House Judiciary Committee  
Alaska State Legislature  
Room 124, Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska  
99811

Dear Representative Miller:

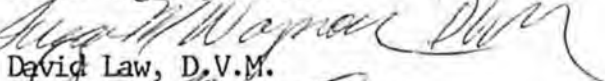
On behalf of the doctors at Alaska Veterinary Clinic, I am writing  
in support of a bill that is before your committee.

Senate Bill number 330 is needed to protect veterinarians from suits  
involving the treatment of animals whose owners are unknown or cannot  
be found. This bill is necessary to insure that unknown animals receive  
the best possible care.

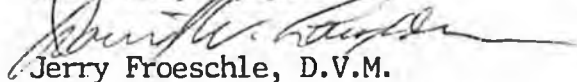
I appreciate your interest and support in this bill.

Sincerely Yours,

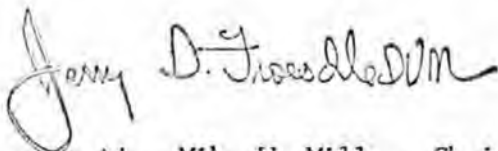
Susan Wagon, D.V.M.



David Law, D.V.M.



Jerry Froeschle, D.V.M.



CC Representative Mike W. Miller, Chairman  
House Rules Committee  
Alaska State Legislature  
Room 204, Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska  
99811



Dr. E.H. Shepard  
Dr. G.R. Wooldridge  
Dr. Anne Hurley

# NORTHERN LIGHTS ANIMAL CLINIC

2002 WEST BENSON BLVD., ANCHORAGE, AK 99517, (907) 276-2340

"We care for your pet as if it were our own."

March 26, 1986

Representative Mike M. Miller, Chairman  
House Judiciary Committee  
Alaska State Legislature  
Room 124, Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Representative Miller,

On behalf of the doctors at Northern Lights Animal Clinic, I am writing in support of a bill that is before your committee.

Senate Bill No. 330 is needed to protect veterinarians from suits involving the treatment of animals whose owners are unknown or cannot be found. This bill is necessary to insure that unknown animals receive the best possible care.

I appreciate your interest and support in this bill.

Sincerely yours,

*E. H. Shepard Jr. DVM*

E.H. Shepard Jr. D.V.M.

*Gerald Wooldridge, DVM*

Gerald Wooldridge D.V.M.

*Anne M. Hurley DVM*

Anne M. Hurley D.V.M.

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CC Representative Mike W. Miller, Chairman  
House Rules Committee  
Juneau, Alaska

Mr. W. W. Miller  
Chairman, House Judiciary

Dear Mr. Miller -

Please "make my day"  
& Support S.P. 330 - "good  
Samaritans" need your  
support sincerely

James R. Pettit

