

animal wellness action

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Dear Chairman Williamson and Members of the Committee,

My name is Emily AhYou. I reside in Clackamas County. I am a volunteer and the Oregon State Director of Animal Wellness Action, a relatively new animal protection group. I am also the current president of Humane Voter's Oregon.

I am here today to ask that you support Senate Bill 638-A, which would allow dogs and cats to be adopted after they have been used for scientific research. This common sense bill would foster an open relationship between facilities that test on animals and rescue groups that provide humane treatment, shelter and care of animals. There are already similar programs underway in other states.

Animals used in research are sentient beings that have endured repeated trauma and unimaginable suffering. Often these studies have been found to be completely unnecessary. These animals have no escape and cannot speak for themselves. To have no light at the end of the tunnel, for the end result to be euthanasia, if not medically necessary, is the ultimate cruel fate. This piece of legislation is the very least we can do for these heroic animals. To be a part of the passage of SB 638-A is something we can all be proud of. We indeed owe it to these animals to be allowed to live their lives in loving homes or sanctuaries, free of painful invasive procedures, isolation and fear.

These dogs and cats need your help to provide them with a happy ending.

With Sincere gratitude,

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