

Chair Golden, Vice-Chair Nash, and members of the committee,

My name is Alexis Jacobson, and as someone who works with livestock breeders and volunteers in many responsible dog organizations of heritage dog breeders, I am writing today to oppose SB 1076. Implementation of this Act will only harm the good breeders, and not fix any problems created by the bad breeders.

I volunteer with many youth livestock organizations, such as 4-H and FFA to give back to organizations which shaped me today. Youth members of these organizations rely on heritage breeders for their project animals, where they will learn responsibility, money management, marketing, career readiness, and much more. While some of these project animals may be sold at their local county fair at the end of the day, some return to their home or farm to become breeding projects for the youth member's own herd/flock or their family's herd/flock. If a youth livestock breeder must pay a fee to have a license for their project, that means that much less money is generated from their project. Often, the funds raised from their projects help pay for these members' college tuition, their first car, their first business, and much more.

In addition to the challenges this could pose for livestock breeders, I urge you to understand the challenges that would pose for many heritage, responsible dog breeders, as well. Responsible and heritage breeders of dogs are producing purpose bred dogs, preserving health and temperament and structure of their breed for future generations. They breed to a standard, created by a national club, to create a future generation with dependability to the purpose of the breed. Every purebred dog is bred to have a purpose, even Chihuahas, Pugs, French Bulldogs, Toy Poodles!

There is nothing easy about being a heritage dog breeder. For heritage dog breeders, a litter often costs much more than the money a breeder will receive from the puppies produced. Please see the last page of my testimony to see the costs associated with raising a litter in 2019 from Julie Dunkle, a breeder of Samoyed Dogs. With inflation – these costs have only risen significantly, and these costs do not take into account costs associated with trying to earn a dog's conformation Championship and/or working Championship (herding championship for herding dogs, hunting championships for retrievers, tracking championships for hounds, coursing championships for sighthounds, etc.) through an organization such as American Kennel Club or United Kennel Club. Responsible breeders make any breeding decision knowing that it is likely they are not going to earn any money from their breeding, but they are going to hopefully better their breed one generation at a time.

Responsible dog breeders are producing puppies with waiting lists of people in mind for each litter. They often match the personality of the puppy to the personality and lifestyle of the owner, so it is a good fit for life. Because they have raised these animals since birth, heritage breeders are fundamental in providing animals for service animal organizations throughout the USA. In addition, they often have clauses that allow the return of their dog at any stage of life if the owner cannot care for it anymore for any reason. They want to do anything they can to keep a dog out of the shelter. Heritage dog breeders often work with a club that has a rescue division for their breed, to keep the purebred dogs out of the shelter as well. If a purebred dog ends up in a shelter, these rescue organizations often ask if they can have custody of the animal to help alleviate the shelter and to help make sure the animal is placed with someone who understands the needs of the breed.

In conclusion, I oppose this Act in SB 1076. I believe this act could be useful for the retail rescue operations. Some rescue animal organizations are importing animals from other countries with forged or incomplete health information, increasing the occurrence of rabies, kennel cough, and other infectious diseases in our pet populations. It is unfortunate how many dogs are imported into our state when local shelters are full and heritage breeders are responsibly producing stable dogs.

Thank you for your time. Sincerely,



Alexis Jacobson

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Breakdown of expenses from Heritage Breeder, Julie Dunkle in 2019:

Prior and up to Breeding:

- Pre breeding check up \$165
- Brucellosis test \$85
- Progesterone testing \$430
- Travel to stud plus hotel and meals over Christmas 4 days \$980
- Stud fee \$2500

Total so far: \$4160. She's not pregnant yet...

Post-Breeding/Pregnancy Charges

- Ultrasound \$165 yay! Puppies!
- Progesterone testing \$430 (she didn't maintain a litter so we have to continue to monitor progesterone)
- 20 new towels (they wear out) \$64
- 10 used washable incontinence pads \$48
- 40 fleece \$100
- Underlayment for pen/whelping area - tarp \$9
- Indoor outdoor carpet \$22
- Thankfully my whelping box will hold up for another litter or two but I need x-pens \$180
- Forgot to add the Folic Acid above \$8
- Non waxed dental floss \$2
- Nitrile gloves \$12
- Garbage bags \$6
- Tums \$12
- Fenugreek \$8
- Need a new thermometer \$8
- Infant simethicone \$7
- Whelper helper: \$200 gas and \$100 a day plus food 14 days is \$1400
 - (she's an RN... that doesn't even cover the cost of her missing work)
- X-ray \$165

Total so far: \$6576

Whelp of Puppies (no c-section) Puppies come! Yay! 5 puppies

- Post whelp check up and pitocin shot \$110
- Dewclaws \$7/toe not all have rear toes- \$112
- Puppy struggling to breathe- Vet, dex given and amoxicillin \$148 (whelper helper spends hours with the puppy in a trendelenburg position doing gentle coupage)
- Dam's temp goes up- Vet check, shot of penicillin and amoxicillin to take home \$172
- Puppy makes it, dam makes it but we're battling mastitis.

Total so far: \$7,218

Puppy and Dog Care Post-Partum

- Puppy food- I start pups on ground chuck and then move to chicken wings \$320
- Kibble \$200
- Increased food for the dam \$168
- Puppy vet check and first vaccinations \$240
- Microchips \$220
- Litter registration \$35
- Incidental expenses:
- Puppy toys \$72
- Laundry (my old farm house doesn't have a washer/dryer) a 40 lb machine is \$7 and the dryer is \$3.50 for 35 min - towels and incontinence pads do not dry in 35 min. Thankfully the laundromat's machines take credit cards and I can track exactly what I spend there. Remember, the pen is changed daily because clean puppies are easier to housetrain) \$484
- Laundry soap \$48
- Dryer sheets \$28
- Electricity and propane \$112
- Mileage to and from Vet, Laundry, grocery store (I live 28 miles from civilization)- 1114 miles x 54.5 ~ \$700
- Litterbox pellets \$13
- Puppy registration \$100
- Accountant \$210

Total: \$10,158

Puppy sales:

- \$2500 each for 2 pets
- \$2000 each for 2 show pups with breeding strings.
- 1 show pup goes to the co-owner no \$. We're going to trade in a litter back and possible puppy futures.

Total Income: \$9000

Total loss: \$1,158