

MINUTES
Pet Care & Humane Treatment Study Committee
Wednesday, July 19, 2017, 10:00 AM
Room 105, Gressette Building

Members Present: Senator Vincent Sheheen, Chairman
 Representative Steve Moss
 Patricia Hill, DVM, SC Assn. of Veterinarians, Past President
 Kim Kelly, Humane Society US, SC Director
 Barbara Nelson, SPCA Albrecht Center, President
 Josh Rhodes, SC Assoc. of Counties, Staff Attorney
 Patty Van Sicklen, Am. Kennel Club, Legislative Analyst
 Clint Leach, SC Dept. Of Agriculture, Asst. Commissioner
 Rebecca Leach, SC Dept. of LLR, Dir. of Bus. and Govt. Affairs

Staff Present: Senate -- Gene Hogan, Emma Hall, Daina Riley; House -- Joannie Nickel

Chairman Sheheen called the meeting to order and thanked the committee for their input and participation during the past months. He then recognized Staff to give an overview of the day’s activities as related to the documents prepared by Staff in preparation for the work of the committee. These included a “Working Document”, “New Suggested Amendments” and a comparative analysis regarding dog tether.

The Chairman then led the committee in a section-by-section review of the documents. Several amendments were made and there were some sections in which the committee reached a philosophical consensus, but the Chair charged interested members to be in contact with Staff subsequent to this meeting to prepare a final text on which the committee can vote.

The committee worked through the Working Document and began work on the new amendments, then took a brief recess. Following that, the committee took up the final topic -- registration and identification of dogs. The final disposition of this matter was for the committee to address the issue as necessary of study by the General Assembly, but not to include it the proposed legislation.

Following this, the Chairman reviewed the legislative process of the draft bill which would be presented by the committee. He then recognized Rep. Moss for final comments and adjourned the meeting.