

Your Help Is Needed

Below is a sample letter that you can send to area state representatives and senators asking them to pass legislation to provide stiffer penalties for those convicted of abusing animals. Cut the letter out and send it to your representative and senator.

Dear _____,

Your leadership is urgently needed to combat animal cruelty such as was discovered on July 20 in Gautier.

A 16-week-old male black Labrador Retriever was found with its eyes, mouth and ears covered with PVC pipe glue. The glue had entered the puppy's throat and his hind legs were fractured in several places. The dog had to be euthanized by Dr. Colleen Lennep of Pet Connection Veterinary Hospital.

You are urged to reconsider House Bill 710 and Senate Bill 2410, which were introduced in the 2006 session. The bills expand the animal cruelty law and provide a felony penalty for:

- Cruelly beating, mutilating, or intentionally killing an animal.
- Unjustifiably administering any poisonous or noxious drug or substance to any domestic animal.
- Extreme deprivation of minimum care that causes critical physical injury to any living animal.

Please make cruelty to animals the serious crime it is.

Sincerely,

Where to send...

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