



2019 Judge's Survey

1. Libre's Law (Act 10 of 2017) expanded animal protections and increased penalties for animal abusers. Felony violations *require* forfeiture of an animal, while lesser convictions *allow* for forfeiture.

- Would you include forfeiture as a penalty for misdemeanor convictions?

(Check one) Yes No

- In 50 words or less, please explain your position, including offenses for which you would consider forfeiture as a penalty.

As a Judge, I would be committed to upholding the laws as they exist. To the extent that existing law allows for forfeiture and the facts of a particular case warrant forfeiture for a misdemeanor conviction, such as for unlawful tethering, I would include forfeiture as a penalty.

2. Multiple studies have shown a link between animal abuse and future domestic violence abuse.

- Will you impose penalties for animal abuse that fit the serious nature of these crimes?

(Check one) Yes No

3. Many domestic abuse victims stay with their abusers out of fear for the safety of household pets.

- Will you include custody and protections for household pets as part of the resolution for domestic abuse cases?

(Check one) Yes No

To the extent that existing law at the time of decision allows custody and protections to be addressed in such situations, I would certainly do so recognizing the need for safety of the victim and household pets.

4. In 50 words or less, please give an example of how you have fought for animals in the past.

I regularly support local animal shelters and adopt rescue dogs. I successfully tried a case where an ex-spouse stole a dog. The dog was placed in a safe environment. I also successfully resolved a case where an individual wrongfully tried to divert funds from our local animal shelters.



5. In 50 words or less, please explain how you intend to help protect animals if elected.

Recognizing the vulnerabilities of animals at the hands of human violence and abuse, as a Judge I would protect animals to the fullest extent allowed by law.

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