



## 2019 Judge's Survey

Name: **Beth Tarasi**

Office Sought: **Judge of the Superior Court**

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? **Yes**
  - In 50 words or less, please explain your position, including offenses for which you would consider forfeiture as a penalty. ***I would support fines and forfeiture for any abuse of animals. There is no reason for animal abuse. If you cannot care for an animal you chose to care for or have as a pet or companion then the animal should be taken from you.***
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? **Yes**
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? **Yes**
4. In 50 words or less, please give an example of how you have fought for animals in the past. ***I have not "fought" for animals in the past but I have with my family adopted a dog "Carrie" from the animal rescue league. She was an incredible family member until her death.***
5. In 50 words or less, please explain how you intend to help protect animals if elected. ***If elected to serve on the Superior Court I will uphold Libre's law in strict adherence to the law. My interpretation of the law is that animal abuse shall not be tolerated in this Commonwealth.***

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