



Vermont Humane Federation

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Society ♦ VT Companion Animal Neutering, Inc. ♦ VT Disaster Animal Response Team ♦ Windham County Humane Society*

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Dear Members of the House Committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife:
I am writing to you on behalf of the Vermont Humane Federation (VHF) concerning Bill H.411. VHF was formed in 1990 by the merger of two humane organizations, the VT Humane Society (founded in the late 1800's) and the VT Federation of Humane Societies, which began in 1977. We were founded as a vehicle for sharing ideas and finding solutions to problems as it relates to animal welfare. Our Federation currently represents Vermonters from every corner of the state.

We are writing in support of Bill H.411, *An act relating to the retrieval and disposal of wild animals, otherwise known as the wanton waste bill.* We ask the Committee to vote this vital piece of legislation out of Committee and help elevate the ethics of hunting and trapping in Vermont. We understand that this bill would require the utilization of wildlife that's hunted and trapped, and it also allows for a number of fair exemptions. We are particularly pleased to see the inclusion of coyotes and crows in this bill.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Stanley, VHF President

Founded in 1990, the VHF remains a united voice for Vermont's animals. Members use their collective resources to tackle state-wide issues like animal cruelty, pet homelessness and legislative advocacy.