Beagle Bill

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Prohibits the use of public funding toward devocalization surgeries on dogs and cats. Mandates transparency by requiring laboratories to be in compliance with federal regulations in order to receive commonwealth funding.

Those using animal testing will be required to keep thorough records and accounting for greater transparency.

Allows research facilities to partner with local animal shelters and rescue organizations to transfer the ownership of dogs and cats who have been test subjects and remain healthy to be eligible for adoption for a minimum of 30 days rather than automatic euthanasia.

Includes tighter regulations for kennels who breed test animals.

Requires laboratories to use available non-animal testing methods - often more affordable, accurate and humane - when they have been approved by regulating bodies.

Protects whistleblowers who expose animal cruelty in labs.

Bans the sale of cosmetics developed using animal testing beginning in 2027.

PhoebeAccording to 2023 data available from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), laboratories in the U.S. reported using more than 40,000 dogs and 12,000 cats in their facilities to assess the effects of drugs, pesticides, chemicals and other products. Here at home, more than 3,000 dogs and cats located in 13 facilities will be affected by the Beagle Bill if the legislation passes the House of Representatives and is signed into law. Furthermore, Pennsylvania would become the 13th state to ban the sale of animal-tested cosmetics.

Test animals continue to be subjected to cruel experimentation methods and should be treated with care and compassion. I was pleased that every member of the Pennsylvania Senate came together to support this animal-friendly bill and look forward to the day it becomes law because the love and care of our dogs and cats knows no bounds and we need to protect them.



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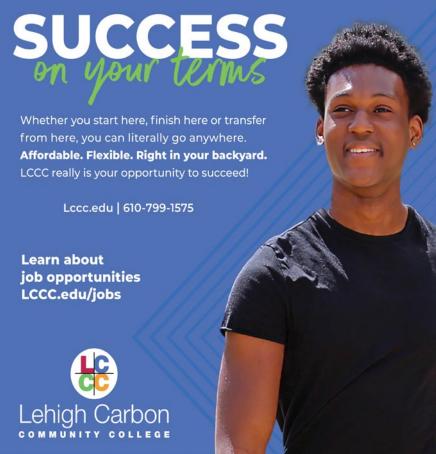
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