Sample Letter of Support for the New York CAPA - Version 2

This is a sample letter of support you can prepare for yourself and send to your elected officials to ask them to support the CAPA. We encourage you to modify the letter to suit your own opinions and that you remain respectful in all communication.

Honorable \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I (live in/work in/was raised in/have family members who live in) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, New York. I understand that there is a [Companion Animal Protection Act](https://newyorkcapa.weebly.com/) being proposed which would apply to the entire state of New York which would serve to keep healthy and treatable shelter animals alive and make our tax-funded animal shelters function in ways which are consistent with public values.

I know that if one of my pets ended up in an animal shelter due to circumstances beyond my control and was destroyed, I would be devastated. I would not consider that euthanasia. I would consider it having killed my beloved companion. I realize that some animals enter our shelters due to people who are either experiencing some life crisis or people who are just not responsible. Those animals should not pay the price of their lives due to human circumstances or failings.

I want all municipal animal shelters in New York to do everything possible to save every healthy and treatable animal in their care. I want my tax dollars spent to save the lives of shelter animals and not spent to end those lives. I do not think it is ethical to destroy healthy and treatable animals when there are proven ways to save them. When our shelter destroys healthy and treatable pets, it only adds to the false public perception that those animals are damaged or do not have value. I believe that the lives of shelter animals matter and I do not want them treated like they are disposable.

New York is a beacon for the entire world when it comes to progressive ideas, cultural diversity and the strength we have shown in the face of tremendous challenges. I believe New York can become an example of how to save the lives of shelter animals by taking a stand and adopting the Companion Animal Protection Act. You can find the [language for the New York Companion Animal Protection Act at this link](https://newyorkcapa.weebly.com/capa.html). The No Kill reforms mandated by the CAPA are a cost-effective solution for poorly performing pounds

Please read the proposed Companion Animal Protection Act and consider co-sponsoring the bill or supporting it. Only when we make our values clear through our choices can we reach out full potential as individuals, as communities, and as a state.

Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,