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⌘ **Humane Society Legislative Fund Endorses Forty-Three in New Jersey State Races**

(October 25, 2007)—Citing their leadership and support of animal welfare policy, the Humane Society Legislative Fund (HSLF) announced its endorsement of 43 New Jersey Senate and Assembly candidates in the Nov. 6 election.

"In order to have humane laws, we need to elect humane lawmakers," said Michael Markarian, president of Humane Society Legislative Fund. "We urge Garden State voters to elect candidates who care about the humane treatment of animals."

New Jersey lawmakers have recently taken several positive steps to protect the welfare of animals. Legislators have passed a bill to protect pets in disasters, have banned Internet hunting, and have allocated funds for non-lethal black bear management. The General Assembly is considering other important bills related to animal protection, such as providing more balanced representation on the Fish and Game Council, requiring the use of alternatives to product testing on animals, strengthening the laws against animal fighting, and protecting the safety of our pet food supply.

ENDORSEMENTS IN SENATE RACES:

DISTRICT 12	Ellen Karcher (D)
DISTRICT 15	Shirley Turner (D)
DISTRICT 16	Christopher Bateman (R)
DISTRICT 17	Bob Smith (D)
DISTRICT 19	Joseph Vitale (D)
DISTRICT 20	Raymond Lesniak (D)
DISTRICT 34	Nia Gill (D)
DISTRICT 35	John Girgenti (D)
DISTRICT 37	Loretta Weinberg (D)
DISTRICT 38	Robert Gordon (D)

ENDORSEMENTS IN ASSEMBLY RACES

DISTRICT 3	John Burzichelli (D)
DISTRICT 5	Nilsa Cruz-Perez (D)
DISTRICT 5	Joe Roberts (D)
DISTRICT 7	Jack Connors (D)
DISTRICT 7	Herb Conaway (D)
DISTRICT 10	David Wolfe (R)
DISTRICT 10	Jim Holzapfel (R)

DISTRICT 12 Mike Panter (D)
DISTRICT 12 Amy Mallet (D)
DISTRICT 14 Linda Greenstein (D)
DISTRICT 15 Reed Gusciora (D)
DISTRICT 15 Bonnie Watson Coleman (D)
DISTRICT 17 Upendra Chivukula (D)
DISTRICT 18 Peter J. Barnes III (D)
DISTRICT 19 Joseph Vas (D)
DISTRICT 20 Neil Cohen (D)
DISTRICT 22 Linda Stender (D)
DISTRICT 26 Wayne Marek (D)
DISTRICT 26 Michael Spector (G)
DISTRICT 27 John McKeon (D)
DISTRICT 29 Alberto Coutinho (D)
DISTRICT 30 Joseph R. Malone III (R)
DISTRICT 30 Ronald S. Dancer (R)
DISTRICT 31 Anthony Chiappone (D)
DISTRICT 32 Joan M. Quigley (D)
DISTRICT 32 Vincent Prieto (D)
DISTRICT 33 Ruben Ramos (D)
DISTRICT 37 Gordon Johnson (D)
DISTRICT 37 Valerie Huttle (D)
DISTRICT 38 Joan Voss (D)
DISTRICT 39 Charlotte Vandervalk (R)
DISTRICT 39 Carl Manna (D)
DISTRICT 40 Lisa Sciancalepore (D)

HSLF is a nonpartisan organization that evaluates candidates based only on a single criterion: where they stand on animal welfare. HSLF does not judge candidates based on party affiliation or any other issue.

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The Humane Society Legislative Fund is a social welfare organization incorporated under section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code and formed in 2004 as a separate lobbying affiliate of The Humane Society of the United States. The HSLF works to pass animal protection laws at the state and federal level, to educate the public about animal protection issues, and to support humane candidates for office. On the web at www.hslf.org.

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