

Memo to the members of the Rhode Island General Assembly

To who it may concern:

We would appreciate you taking the time to listen to our thoughts on the rewording of ownership into guardianship regarding family pets. We believe you should recognize the importance of pets/animals in society. We believe that a pet is not a piece of property or something you own, but that pet is a living, breathing companion that you bring into your family and guard, protect, and love.

We think guardians have many responsibilities and some of them are:

Make routine doctor appointments

Pets must be clean and healthy

Pets must have proper nutrition

Pets must be safe at all times

Pets on private property must be fenced in

Pets on walks must be leashed at all times

If pets are on leashes they have to be 8 ft in length

Out in public you must curb your pet

Below are some examples of things you own.....

Your house

Your automobile

Your furniture

Your electronic devices

You are the guardian (protector) of.....

Your children

Your family

Your friends

YOUR PETS

We appreciate you taking the time to read our letter and taking it under consideration.

As you can see the rights if pets are very important to us and they deeply concern us. We believe very deeply that family pets should have the same rights as people have. We believe you should take this into consideration, because we need as much help as we can to protect the rights our family pets.

Other states have taken the leadership and begun to change the wording of their laws.

We would like RI to be amongst the leaders. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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