

2008 General Election ~ State Representative ~ District 5

1. Did you grow up with animals?

Joel Judd (D)	Did not respond
JJ Swiontek (R)	Yes; Cats and dogs mostly. Some livestock.

2. Does your family have animals?

Joel Judd (D)	Did not respond
JJ Swiontek (R)	Yes; Currently, 2 cats.

3. Are you in favor of the spaying/neutering of dogs and cats to reduce overpopulation?

Joel Judd (D)	Did not respond
JJ Swiontek (R)	Yes

4. Would you be likely to support state legislation to restrict the length of time and conditions under which a dog may be tethered outdoors?

Joel Judd (D)	Did not respond
JJ Swiontek (R)	Yes

5. Do you believe that aggravated cruelty/violence to animals should be a felony?

Joel Judd (D)	Did not respond
JJ Swiontek (R)	Undecided; While I believe that aggravated cruelty/violence to animals is a crime, I'm not sure that it should be a felony.

6. During the 2008 legislative session, a bill was passed to prohibit inhumane forms of confinement, such as "veal crates" and "gestation crates," of calves and pigs raised for slaughter (SB08-201). If you are an incumbent, please indicate your level of support for this legislation. If you are not an incumbent, please indicate the position you believe you would have taken.

Joel Judd (D)	Did not respond
JJ Swiontek (R)	Supported/would have supported this legislation on its merits

7. Would you be likely to support state legislation to prohibit the confinement of egg-laying hens in "battery cages?"

Joel Judd (D)	Did not respond
JJ Swiontek (R)	Yes

8. Would you be likely to support state legislation to require that educational institutions at all levels provide (and advertise to students) an alternative to animal dissection?

Joel Judd (D)	Did not respond
JJ Swiontek (R)	Yes

9. Would you be likely to support state legislation prohibiting the use of elephants in traveling acts, such as circuses?

Joel Judd (D)	Did not respond
JJ Swiontek (R)	No; Not all circuses mistreat their elephants. I would like to encourage those who do mistreat to change their ways rather than ban them all.

10. Rodeos currently enjoy a blanket exemption from the state's animal cruelty statute. Would you be likely to support legislation that would limit this exemption to those events currently sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association?

Joel Judd (D)	Did not respond
JJ Swiontek (R)	Yes

11. Section 33-1-101 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, states, "It is the policy of the state of Colorado that the wildlife and their environment are to be protected, preserved, enhanced, and managed for the use, benefit, and enjoyment of the people of this state and its visitors." Do you believe that all Colorado residents should have a voice in wildlife policy?

Joel Judd (D)	Did not respond
JJ Swiontek (R)	Yes

12. Of the two following value statements, to which are you likely to give higher priority? =Wildlife and their environment are to be protected and preserved =Wildlife and their environment are to be managed	
Joel Judd (D)	Did not respond
JJ Swiontek (R)	Wildlife and their environment are to be managed

13. Would you be likely to support state legislation to prohibit the hunting of captive or confined animals ("canned hunting")?	
Joel Judd (D)	Did not respond
JJ Swiontek (R)	Undecided; I am willing to hear more as to where and how wide-spread this issue is a problem.

14. Do you believe that Amendment 14, the anti-trapping initiative passed by Colorado voters in 1996, should be overturned or weakened in any way?	
Joel Judd (D)	Did not respond
JJ Swiontek (R)	No; Regarding Amendment 14, a new amendment should be started to clearly focus on the ban of poison in Colorado simply based on the environmental impact.

The following two petition-related questions will not be used for scoring.

15. Would you be likely to support state legislation to (1) require counties to allow county-level ballot initiatives and (2) establish consistent procedures and criteria for such initiatives?	
Joel Judd (D)	Did not respond
JJ Swiontek (R)	Yes

16. Do you think that initiating a state ballot issue should be easier, harder, or as it now is?	
Joel Judd (D)	Did not respond
JJ Swiontek (R)	Easier

17. Would you be willing to consider factual documentation from CHVL on a given issue?	
Joel Judd (D)	Did not respond
JJ Swiontek (R)	Yes

This concludes our questionnaire. Please add any general comments below.	
Joel Judd (D)	Did not respond
JJ Swiontek (R)	I am a hunter. However, I do not believe in sport hunting. I believe in "you killed it, you eat it". I also believe that hunting is a necessary aspect of wildlife management. Beyond that, all animals have the right to live without harassment. And veal boxes and tiny chicken cages are just wrong.

Questionnaire Score	
Joel Judd (D)	Did not respond
JJ Swiontek (R)	62%