

## 2008 General Election ~ State Representative ~ District 6

### 1. Did you grow up with animals?

Lois Court (D)	Yes; I had cats and at one time I think I had a turtle. I had to "lobby" hard to get a dog. My parents finally let me have one when I was 12.
Joshua Sharf (R)	Did not respond

### 2. Does your family have animals?

Lois Court (D)	Yes; We currently have a 5 year old yellow Labrador Retriever, Miel.
Joshua Sharf (R)	Did not respond

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

Lois Court (D)	Yes
Joshua Sharf (R)	Did not respond

### 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?

Lois Court (D)	Undecided; I tend to favor local control on matters that generally are municipal, so I'd want more information about the details of such a proposal before committing to it. Generally, if something seems like a cruel practice I'd be in favor of changing it, but I still need to know more about details.
Joshua Sharf (R)	Did not respond

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

Lois Court (D)	Yes, in certain cases (e.g., in extreme cases only, or after the first offense); I'm unfamiliar with current law and would want to understand it, and any proposal better, before taking a definite position.
Joshua Sharf (R)	Did not respond

### 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.

Lois Court (D)	Supported/would have supported this legislation on its merits; I have very limited knowledge of agricultural issues and although I checked yes on this because it sounds like it eliminated some cruel practices, I must admit I'm insufficiently knowledgeable about these issues.
Joshua Sharf (R)	Did not respond

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

Lois Court (D)	Undecided
Joshua Sharf (R)	Did not respond

### 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?

Lois Court (D)	Undecided; When I took high school physiology I asked to be excused from the frog dissection because it made me sick. I was allowed to study charts, diagrams, etc instead. I'm not sure, however, that this needs a state law. Shouldn't this be an issue for school districts to decide? What about medical schools? Veterinary schools? I need to understand this better before taking a position.
Joshua Sharf (R)	Did not respond

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

Lois Court (D)	Undecided; Why just elephants? Are they more likely to suffer than lions or tigers, for example? Again, I need more information.
Joshua Sharf (R)	Did not respond

### 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?

Lois Court (D)	Undecided; On the fact of it, I'd say yes, but this another area in which my knowledge is lacking so I'd appreciate more information.
Joshua Sharf (R)	Did not respond

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?	
Lois Court (D)	Undecided; What does this mean - "all Colorado residents should have a voice in wildlife policy?" Don't they already by electing representatives? I don't know what you're getting at, so I'd appreciate clarification.
Joshua Sharf (R)	Did not respond
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	
Lois Court (D)	No answer selected; I do not see these two as diametrically opposed. Isn't it necessary to manage something to protect and preserve it? Can children be protected without management? Can forests be preserved without management? I simply see managing as an essential part of protecting and preserving.
Joshua Sharf (R)	Did not respond
13. Would you be likely to support state legislation to prohibit the hunting of captive or confined animals ("canned hunting")?	
Lois Court (D)	Yes
Joshua Sharf (R)	Did not respond
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?	
Lois Court (D)	Undecided; I do not believe that anit-trapping law belongs in our state constitution. I have worked on this issue - constitutional vs statutory change - for over 15 years. We simply have too much in our constitution that should be in statute.
Joshua Sharf (R)	Did not respond
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?	
Lois Court (D)	Yes and No; allowing counties to have statutory change on their ballots could make sense, and if so, consistent procedures are essential. But changes to foundational documents like charters or constitutions should be approached with far more constraints than we currently have.
Joshua Sharf (R)	Did not respond
16. Do you think that initiating a state ballot issue should be easier, harder, or as it now is?	
Lois Court (D)	Harder; I believe that the measure referred from the legislature to this Nov's ballot - it will be N, M, or O - is a good step forward. I agree with its provision to make constitutional change harder while making statutory change easier and protected. Your question doesn't differential between constitutional and statutory which is the most important distinction in this discussion.
Joshua Sharf (R)	Did not respond
17. Would you be willing to consider factual documentation from CHVL on a given issue?	
Lois Court (D)	Yes
Joshua Sharf (R)	Did not respond
This concludes our questionnaire. Please add any general comments below.	
Lois Court (D)	I appreciate the opportunity to respond. As I've stated, I am not sufficiently knowledgeable about some of these issues, and will welcome the education you can provide me. Thanks for contacting me, Lois
Joshua Sharf (R)	Did not respond
Questionnaire Score	
Lois Court (D)	34%
Joshua Sharf (R)	Did not respond