2008 General Election ~ State Representative ~ District 13

1. Did you grow up with animals?	
Claire Levy (D)	Yes; Dogs
Robert Houdeshell (R)	Did not respond

2. Does your family have animals?	
Claire Levy (D)	Yes; One English Setter, one greyhound
Robert Houdeshell (R)	Did not respond

3. Are you in favor of the spaying/neutering of dogs and cats to reduce overpopulation?	
Claire Levy (D)	Yes
Robert Houdeshell (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?	
Claire Levy (D)	No
Robert Houdeshell (R)	Did not respond

5. Do you believe that aggravated cruelty/violence to animals should be a felony?	
Claire Levy (D)	Yes, in certain cases (e.g., in extreme cases only, or after the first offense)
Robert Houdeshell (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.	
Claire Levy (D)	Supported/would have supported this legislation on its merits
Robert Houdeshell (R)	Did not respond

7. Would you be likely to support state legislation to prohibit the confinement of egg-laying hens in “battery cages?”	
Claire Levy (D)	Undecided
Robert Houdeshell (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?	
Claire Levy (D)	No; I answered "no" on the animal dissection law because I believe the state already mandates too many school district policies. School districts should offer an alternative to animal dissection.
Robert Houdeshell (R)	Did not respond

9. Would you be likely to support state legislation prohibiting the use of elephants in traveling acts, such as circuses?	
Claire Levy (D)	Yes
Robert Houdeshell (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?	
Claire Levy (D)	Undecided
Robert Houdeshell (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?	
Claire Levy (D)	Yes
Robert Houdeshell (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	
Claire Levy (D)	Wildlife and their environment are to be protected and preserved
Robert Houdeshell (R)	Did not respond

13. Would you be likely to support state legislation to prohibit the hunting of captive or confined animals (“canned hunting”)?	
Claire Levy (D)	Yes
Robert Houdeshell (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?	
Claire Levy (D)	No
Robert Houdeshell (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?	
Claire Levy (D)	Undecided
Robert Houdeshell (R)	Did not respond

16. Do you think that initiating a state ballot issue should be easier, harder, or as it now is?	
Claire Levy (D)	As it now is; I believe constitutional changes by initiative should be harder and statutory changes by initiative should remain the same.
Robert Houdeshell (R)	Did not respond

17. Would you be willing to consider factual documentation from CHVL on a given issue?	
Claire Levy (D)	Yes; I always consider any information provided to me by membership organizations.
Robert Houdeshell (R)	Did not respond

This concludes our questionnaire. Please add any general comments below.	
Claire Levy (D)	I hesitate to state unequivocal support for legislation without knowing the specific language. Often I support the concept behind legislation but feel the legislation takes the wrong approach. I consider myself to be very friendly to Colorado Humane Voters. I like to examine legislation on a case-by-case basis and don't commit until I've seen the language and heard from both sides. In general, I am definitely an animal lover.
Robert Houdeshell (R)	Did not respond

Questionnaire Score	
Claire Levy (D)	58%
Robert Houdeshell (R)	Did not respond