

2008 General Election ~ State Representative ~ District 24

1. Did you grow up with animals?

Sue Schafer (D) Yes; cats, horseback riding lessons

Cheryl Palm (R) Yes; cats, dogs, rabbits, mice (well some of them were pets), guinea pig, hamsters, birds

2. Does your family have animals?

Sue Schafer (D) Yes; rescued Boston terrier dog, adopted domestic cat

Cheryl Palm (R) Yes; geriatric cat

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

Sue Schafer (D) Yes

Cheryl Palm (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?

Sue Schafer (D) Undecided

Cheryl Palm (R) Undecided

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

Sue Schafer (D) Yes

Cheryl Palm (R) Yes, in certain cases (e.g., in extreme cases only, or after the first offense)

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.

Sue Schafer (D) No answer selected

Cheryl Palm (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?"

Sue Schafer (D) Undecided

Cheryl Palm (R) Undecided

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?

Sue Schafer (D) Yes

Cheryl Palm (R) Undecided; I see value in students learning through these activities but I can see a time soon when this could all be done virtually.

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

Sue Schafer (D) Undecided

Cheryl Palm (R) No; Elephants could be protected through other means.

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?

Sue Schafer (D) Undecided

Cheryl Palm (R) Undecided; Some rodeos are not professional, so there needs to be local codes and enforcement.

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?

Sue Schafer (D) Yes

Cheryl Palm (R) Yes; All Coloradoans already have a say in how wildlife policy. We can all vote.

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	
Sue Schafer (D)	Wildlife and their environment are to be protected and preserved
Cheryl Palm (R)	Wildlife and their environment are to be managed; Because we have so many people in our state, managing wildlife is very important. We should, whenever possible, protect areas of habitat and preserve species. We all have to live together.

13. Would you be likely to support state legislation to prohibit the hunting of captive or confined animals (“canned hunting”)?	
Sue Schafer (D)	Yes
Cheryl Palm (R)	Undecided

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?	
Sue Schafer (D)	Undecided
Cheryl Palm (R)	Undecided

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?	
Sue Schafer (D)	No
Cheryl Palm (R)	Undecided

16. Do you think that initiating a state ballot issue should be easier, harder, or as it now is?	
Sue Schafer (D)	Harder
Cheryl Palm (R)	As it now is; Our state & federal governments are representative republics. Anyone can see an issue become reality through this system by following the law, if it is the will of the people.

17. Would you be willing to consider factual documentation from CHVL on a given issue?	
Sue Schafer (D)	Yes
Cheryl Palm (R)	Yes

This concludes our questionnaire. Please add any general comments below.	
Sue Schafer (D)	Thank you for the work you do for the protection and safety of animals.
Cheryl Palm (R)	I love animals, both domestic and wild. My hope is that we can find new and innovative ways to live together in the great state of Colorado.

Questionnaire Score	
Sue Schafer (D)	54%
Cheryl Palm (R)	27%