

2008 General Election ~ State Representative ~ District 38

1. Did you grow up with animals?

Joe Rice (D)	Yes; Dogs
David Kerber (R)	Did not respond

2. Does your family have animals?

Joe Rice (D)	Yes; Last year we lost 3 long time family pets within 9 months. Our dog was 18 years old; one cat was 20; and the other cat was 21. We will adopt more animals sometime in the future - just not ready yet.
David Kerber (R)	Did not respond

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

Joe Rice (D)	Yes
David Kerber (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?

Joe Rice (D)	Yes
David Kerber (R)	Did not respond

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

Joe Rice (D)	Yes, in certain cases (e.g., in extreme cases only, or after the first offense)
David Kerber (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.

Joe Rice (D)	Supported/would have supported this legislation on its merits
David Kerber (R)	Did not respond

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

Joe Rice (D)	Yes
David Kerber (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?

Joe Rice (D)	No; Decisions on what alternatives should be offered and how should be managed by local school boards. I believe it is not workable or wise policy for the state to set a one size fits all standard in this area.
David Kerber (R)	Did not respond

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

Joe Rice (D)	Undecided; I need more information to make an informed decision.
David Kerber (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?

Joe Rice (D)	Undecided; I need more information to make an informed decision.
David Kerber (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?

Joe Rice (D)	Yes
David Kerber (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	
Joe Rice (D)	Wildlife and their environment are to be protected and preserved
David Kerber (R)	Did not respond

13. Would you be likely to support state legislation to prohibit the hunting of captive or confined animals (“canned hunting”)?	
Joe Rice (D)	Yes
David Kerber (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?	
Joe Rice (D)	Yes
David Kerber (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?	
Joe Rice (D)	Yes
David Kerber (R)	Did not respond

16. Do you think that initiating a state ballot issue should be easier, harder, or as it now is?	
Joe Rice (D)	Easier/Harder; "Easier" for statutes; "Harder" for constitutional measures.
David Kerber (R)	Did not respond

17. Would you be willing to consider factual documentation from CHVL on a given issue?	
Joe Rice (D)	Yes
David Kerber (R)	Did not respond

This concludes our questionnaire. Please add any general comments below.	
Joe Rice (D)	Thank you for the information you provided to me in the last legislative session and I look forward to working with you again in the next legislative session!
David Kerber (R)	Did not respond

Questionnaire Score	
Joe Rice (D)	58%
David Kerber (R)	Did not respond