

2008 General Election ~ State Representative ~ District 53

1. Did you grow up with animals?

Randy Fischer (D)	Yes; Dogs and cats, mostly.
Donna Gallup (R)	Yes; Dog(s)

2. Does your family have animals?

Randy Fischer (D)	No; We do not currently have any animals, but have over the years owned a variety of dogs, cats, and even a donkey.
Donna Gallup (R)	Yes; Dogs (Cats at one time)

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

Randy Fischer (D)	Yes
Donna Gallup (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?

Randy Fischer (D)	Yes
Donna Gallup (R)	Yes

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

Randy Fischer (D)	Yes, in certain cases (e.g., in extreme cases only, or after the first offense)
Donna Gallup (R)	Yes

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.

Randy Fischer (D)	Supported/would have supported this legislation on its merits
Donna Gallup (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?"

Randy Fischer (D)	Yes
Donna Gallup (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?

Randy Fischer (D)	Yes; As a member of the House Education Committee, I supported HB08-1149, the bill that would require alternatives to dissection in classrooms.
Donna Gallup (R)	Yes

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

Randy Fischer (D)	Yes
Donna Gallup (R)	Yes

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?

Randy Fischer (D)	Yes
Donna Gallup (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?

Randy Fischer (D)	Yes
Donna Gallup (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	
Randy Fischer (D)	Wildlife and their environment are to be protected and preserved
Donna Gallup (R)	Wildlife and their environment are to be protected and preserved

13. Would you be likely to support state legislation to prohibit the hunting of captive or confined animals (“canned hunting”)?	
Randy Fischer (D)	Yes
Donna Gallup (R)	Yes

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?	
Randy Fischer (D)	No
Donna Gallup (R)	No

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?	
Randy Fischer (D)	Yes
Donna Gallup (R)	Undecided

16. Do you think that initiating a state ballot issue should be easier, harder, or as it now is?	
Randy Fischer (D)	Harder; With regard to state ballot initiatives, I supported SJR08-003 because I believe there should be incentives for citizens to initiate statutory measures, as opposed to constitutional changes. I believe there should be a higher threshold for constitutional measures.
Donna Gallup (R)	As it now is

17. Would you be willing to consider factual documentation from CHVL on a given issue?	
Randy Fischer (D)	Yes
Donna Gallup (R)	Yes

This concludes our questionnaire. Please add any general comments below.	
Randy Fischer (D)	As an incumbent House Rep. and member of the House Agriculture, Livestock and Natural Resources committee, I strongly supported the animal welfare bills that came to our committee, including the spay and neuter bill for rescued animals (HB08-1185), the livestock confinement standards bill (SB08-201), and the prohibition of computer hunting bill (HB08-1200). I also supported these bills on the House floor on second and third readings. I have been very supportive of legislation that advances animal protection standards in Colorado. I will continue to support the humane treatment of animals if re-elected in 2008.
Donna Gallup (R)	None given

Questionnaire Score	
Randy Fischer (D)	96%
Donna Gallup (R)	100%