

2008 General Election ~ State Representative ~ District 56

1. Did you grow up with animals?

Christine Scanlan (D)	Yes; Cat, Dogs
Ali Hasan (R)	Yes; Fish!

2. Does your family have animals?

Christine Scanlan (D)	Yes; Dog, 2 birds
Ali Hasan (R)	Yes; Dog

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

Christine Scanlan (D)	Yes
Ali Hasan (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?

Christine Scanlan (D)	Yes
Ali Hasan (R)	Yes

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

Christine Scanlan (D)	Yes
Ali Hasan (R)	Yes, in certain cases (e.g., in extreme cases only, or after the first offense); Normally I would say "YES" to this, but I would want to see specific wording of that kind of legislation, particularly how it figures into Colorado's Three-Strike Law policy.

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.

Christine Scanlan (D)	Supported/would have supported this legislation on its merits; Served on the House Agricultura and Natural Resources committee
Ali Hasan (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?"

Christine Scanlan (D)	Yes
Ali Hasan (R)	Undecided; I would need to see more information on this, and again, how it is written as many farms practice different methods of egg-laying.

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?

Christine Scanlan (D)	Yes
Ali Hasan (R)	Undecided

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

Christine Scanlan (D)	Undecided
Ali Hasan (R)	Undecided; I'm likely to support this, but again, I would want to see how strongly it would be written.

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?

Christine Scanlan (D)	Undecided
Ali Hasan (R)	Undecided; Regarding this, I have been to many county rodeos in my area and the animals are treated extremely well. I would like to see a better solution on this.

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?

Christine Scanlan (D)	Yes
Ali Hasan (R)	No answer selected; I don't understand what this is asking, thus I've elected to not answer it.

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

Christine Scanlan (D)	Wildlife and their environment are to be protected and preserved
Ali Hasan (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")?

Christine Scanlan (D)	Yes
Ali Hasan (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?

Christine Scanlan (D)	No
Ali Hasan (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?

Christine Scanlan (D)	Undecided
Ali Hasan (R)	Undecided

16. Do you think that initiating a state ballot issue should be easier, harder, or as it now is?

Christine Scanlan (D)	Harder; I am supportive of making changes to statute easier, but changes to the constitution more difficult.
Ali Hasan (R)	As it now is

17. Would you be willing to consider factual documentation from CHVL on a given issue?

Christine Scanlan (D)	Yes
Ali Hasan (R)	Yes

This concludes our questionnaire. Please add any general comments below.

Christine Scanlan (D)	While my district relies on hunting and fishing, I am very aware of animal cruelty issues
Ali Hasan (R)	I have a deep respect for the Colorado Humane Voters League. My dog, Deelya, is the love of my life. No matter what, as an elected official, I will always give CHVL top priority on their issues, mainly because I'm an animal lover. I will be honest in saying that some of the legislation we pass, regarding animal cruelty, can be difficult for me to support because I sometimes feel that we are over-regulating industries, individuals, and entities that are actually doing a great job of protecting and loving our animals. With that said, if I don't support an initiative by CHVL, it is because I don't want to over-regulate institutions that I think are already following good orders. I always look forward to working with CHVL in preventing animal cruelty - THANK YOU!

Questionnaire Score

Christine Scanlan (D)	85%
Ali Hasan (R)	42%