

2008 General Election ~ State Senator ~ District 27

1. Did you grow up with animals?

Nathan Wilkes (D)	Yes; Always dogs, sometimes cats/birds/hamsters/snake.
Nancy Spence (R)	Yes; dogs, cats, rabbits, chickens, bird, gerbil

2. Does your family have animals?

Nathan Wilkes (D)	Yes; 2 dogs - Shetland Sheepdog and Miniature Pinscher
Nancy Spence (R)	No

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

Nathan Wilkes (D)	Yes
Nancy Spence (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?

Nathan Wilkes (D)	Yes
Nancy Spence (R)	Yes

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

Nathan Wilkes (D)	Yes
Nancy Spence (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.

Nathan Wilkes (D)	Supported/would have supported this legislation on its merits
Nancy Spence (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?"

Nathan Wilkes (D)	Yes
Nancy Spence (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?

Nathan Wilkes (D)	Yes
Nancy Spence (R)	Undecided

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

Nathan Wilkes (D)	Undecided
Nancy Spence (R)	No

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?

Nathan Wilkes (D)	Yes
Nancy Spence (R)	No

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?

Nathan Wilkes (D)	Yes
Nancy Spence (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	
Nathan Wilkes (D)	Wildlife and their environment are to be protected and preserved
Nancy Spence (R)	Wildlife and their environment are to be managed

13. Would you be likely to support state legislation to prohibit the hunting of captive or confined animals (“canned hunting”)?	
Nathan Wilkes (D)	Yes
Nancy Spence (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?	
Nathan Wilkes (D)	Undecided
Nancy Spence (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?	
Nathan Wilkes (D)	Undecided
Nancy Spence (R)	Yes

16. Do you think that initiating a state ballot issue should be easier, harder, or as it now is?	
Nathan Wilkes (D)	As it now is
Nancy Spence (R)	Harder

17. Would you be willing to consider factual documentation from CHVL on a given issue?	
Nathan Wilkes (D)	Yes
Nancy Spence (R)	Yes

This concludes our questionnaire. Please add any general comments below.	
Nathan Wilkes (D)	None given
Nancy Spence (R)	Thank you for the opportunity to respond to these questions.

Questionnaire Score	
Nathan Wilkes (D)	85%
Nancy Spence (R)	38%