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Local Animal Welfare Organizations Issue Joint Statement Endorsing PA House Bill 73 (Live Pigeon Shoot Ban)

The Humane Society of Berks County, Berks County's leader in animal welfare, announced today that it is joining with four other major regional animal welfare organizations to issue a joint statement in support of PA House Bill 73, which would ban live pigeon shoots in Pennsylvania. The Humane Society of Berks County, Bucks County SPCA, Humane League of Lancaster County, Humane Society of Lebanon County, and Humane Society of Harrisburg Area have issued the following statement:

“Our organizations endorse PA HB 73, which would ban live pigeon shoots in the Commonwealth. This bill bans a practice that no legitimate sportsman can defend as sporting and no defender of animal welfare can stand for. This is one time when both of these groups should join together to call on our elected Representatives to vote a good bill into law. We must set aside the false choices and distortions put forth by outside activist groups and make a reasonable, humane, and *sporting* decision to ban the antiquated and indefensible pastime of live pigeon shoots.”

The five animal welfare agencies encourage their constituents to contact their elected representatives and urge them to vote for House Bill 73.

The Humane Society of Berks County serves all of Berks County and surrounding communities. It is a private, non-profit organization funded through donations and service fees. In addition to enforcing Pennsylvania's animal cruelty laws, the Humane Society provides adoption services, spay and neuter services, humane education, pet behavioral counseling, and helps stray, injured and mistreated animals. The Humane Society is located at 1801 N. 11th Street, Reading.

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