

September 4, 2025

Chair Brian Waldschmidt  
Commissioner Melinda McCurley  
Commissioner Darrin Struble  
Harper County Board of Commissioners

Dear Chair Waldschmidt and Commissioners McCurley and Struble:

I hope this message finds you well. I'm writing on behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals regarding Jonathan Wilson's request to bleed approximately 100 dogs on a property near Danville. Because it raises significant animal welfare concerns—and risks to county residents—we **respectfully urge you to deny this request.**

Neither federal nor Kansas law addresses the animal blood banking industry or the many ways in which it compromises animal welfare and safety. Approving this request would pave the way for a business that would not be subject to any manner of oversight or inspection and would surely operate in secrecy. And given the success of community-based blood banks (which obtain blood from animals who live in loving homes)—like those at [Kansas State University](#) and [VCA Central Kansas Animal Hospital](#) in South Hutchinson—there's no need to imprison dogs the way Wilson desires to do in Harper County.

According to the Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners, Wilson is neither [a licensed veterinarian](#) nor [a registered veterinary technician](#) in Kansas, prompting justified local concern about his qualifications to operate the proposed business. Despite this, he [claimed](#) in July—without evidence—that he has “all the knowledge ... need[ed]” to provide adequate care for dozens of dogs, screen their health, extract blood from their jugular veins, safely process and store that blood, ship it (likely across state lines), and more. Ironically, though, Wilson wasn't aware that he needed a county permit for his proposed business and admitted that he doesn't know whether he needs to be certified—or meet any related requirements—to conduct his business and sell blood for the purpose of transfusion into sick, injured, and dying dogs who are in critical condition.

PETA has extensive experience investigating [this largely unregulated industry](#) across the U.S., with each investigation revealing animal suffering and welfare concerns. Notably, Wilson acknowledged residents' concerns about so many dogs barking nearby. PETA's undercover investigation of [an Indiana animal blood bank](#) similar to that which Wilson proposes for your community found that its owners cut dogs' vocal chords in an admittedly “horrible” and “gruesome” effort to quiet them. That facility keeps 900 dogs and cats in barren kennels and crowded pens and took blood from them every three weeks, even when they were elderly, emaciated, and sick with cancer and more. The Indiana facility's workers removed stray animals from the streets—and even answered ads seeking homes for unwanted animals, offering to give them a “good home”—only to put them in cages and bleed them until they died. Harper County shouldn't expose its residents and their beloved companion animals to that risk or host the abusive practices we uncovered in Indiana (where the facility's operator, who is a veterinarian, is under investigation by the Office of the Attorney General).

Similarly, we hope that the Board won't welcome an operation at which perpetually kenneled dogs might neurotically spin in circles and cower in fear of being dragged to be bled, as we exposed at [a Texas operation](#) that—like Wilson's proposed facility—was operated by someone with no veterinary credentials. And given that greyhounds' blood is the canine equivalent of a "universal" blood type, we ask that Harper County not facilitate an operation that crams such dogs into crates for 23 hours every day, as we revealed occurred at [a California dog blood bank](#).

**Respectfully, we urge you to deny Wilson's request to operate a captive dog-bleeding business.** Thank you for your consideration and for everything you do for the community.

Most respectfully,

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