



## 2011 Legislative Questionnaire

Candidate Name: Johnny Cash

Office Sought: City Commission at-large

Candidate Committee: Committee to elect John Cash

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1. Do you have any pets? If so, please list species, breed and name(s) of pets.

Yes. Yellow Labrador retriever and his name is Bear. And I have a cat named Little Joe

2. Do you believe issues related to the population of stray dogs and/or cats negatively impact important development strategies in our community? If so, please explain.

I believe that over population of feral cats has somewhat affected the marketability of properties in the city of

Battle Creek

3. Do you believe the current municipal animal control budget provides adequate funding for its overall responsibilities? If not, please explain areas of critical need not currently provided by animal control.

No, but considering the economic times, two (2) officers, and the contract with Calhoun County would be all

that the city could afford at this time

4. Do you believe that pet-friendly policies, particularly in downtown areas, can be important factors contributing to economic development or a more livable community? If so, please describe.

It would be hard to implement pet-friendly areas in the downtown area due to abundance of concrete and the

increase in people.

5. How would you handle the feral or stray cat overpopulation problem in our community?

I believe there is an organization that captures, spays or neuters, feral cats in the city then releases them. I

think this is a good idea and possibly be expanded.

6. If elected, would you support any form of canine breed restrictions?

In my opinion, it's deplorable the amount of pit bulls that are being put down at the Calhoun County Shelter

I would be open to anything that would allow those dogs a quality of life.

7. If elected, would you support stricter penalties for animal related offenses such as neglect and abuse?

Yes. No animal should be allowed to suffer at the hands of any one. For someone to torture an animal

regardless of species should not only be incarcerated, but be subject to a psychological evaluation.

Upon the completion of this survey please contact Jake Smith at (269)963-1796 to schedule a brief meeting and tour of our facility.