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Missouri House of Representatives

Dear Ingrid Burnett,

We are Janelle Babington and Penny Eims, animal welfare petitioners from AnimalVictory.org. Attached you will find a petition which we created after John Ross III repeatedly stabbed a border collie named Teddy Bear on September 7.

Our petition was created in order to secure a felony animal cruelty charge against Ross for the brutal killing of this border collie and to ask for Ross to be given the maximum sentence for this heinous crime. We understand that House Bill 44 will make animal abuse a class E felony, even if the defendant has not been previously found guilty of animal abuse. We would like to submit this petition, with 8313 signatures, in support of HB

44. <https://www.house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB44&year=2019&code=R>

The allegations against John Ross III are damning and his actions, which claimed the life of a family's pet, are absolutely deserving of a felony charge, regardless of his past convictions, or lack thereof. As you know, individuals capable of hurting an innocent animal often wind up turning to acts of violence towards people. We believe that cases of animal cruelty must be taken seriously, and offenders must be severely punished.

Best regards,

Janelle Babington and Penny Eims

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