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Liz White, who began her career as a registered nurse, has spent all her working life advocating for a fair and just world. For over 30 years she has been active in community service, advocacy for the disadvantaged, and environmental protection -- issues that have ranged from aboriginal land settlements to constitutional legal matters (Charter challenges concerning election and voting rights). But it is animal and environmental protection that forms the heart of Liz's work. In 1987, Liz began working with the Toronto Humane Society, an experience that redefined her activism.

In 1990 Liz was a founding member of Animal Alliance of Canada to advocate for change that would result in a better world for animals and the environment. Liz has been a Director of AAC for 18 years, and she and her colleagues and volunteers have achieved impressive victories in animal and environmental protection.

Liz devotes herself to practical measures that result in substantive improvements for animals and the environment nationally, provincially and municipally. Many jurisdictions (Kitchener-Waterloo, Clarington, Guelph, Mississauga, Toronto, Winnipeg, St. Johns, Montreal and others) have benefited from the untiring efforts to improve how communities deal with companion animals and wild animals in an urban environment. The results are better treatment of animals, reduced euthanasia rates of dogs and cats, improved public safety, and humane and more effective alternatives to human/animal conflicts.

Liz's advocacy on behalf of animals is not confined to companion animals. She has also worked to improve wildlife management across Canada, in particular advocating for an approach more consistent with the modern notion of environmental protection and biological integrity rather than the enhancement of recreational opportunities.

In 1999, Liz and longtime advisor, Stephen Best created Environment Voters, the political arm of Animal Alliance of Canada, in the belief that real political change was possible only by holding politicians accountable at the ballot box for their environmental and animal protection record. Environment Voters has campaigned in elections at all levels in support of candidates, policies, and political parties that are committed to the sound environmental and animal welfare policies.

When the Supreme Court decision severely limited third party spending in federal elections, Liz and those who work to protect animals and the environment were successful in forming the federally registered Animal Alliance Environment Voters Party of Canada, the first ever animal and environmental protection political party in North America. Liz serves as the Leader and has run in three elections in the riding of Toronto Centre. She is currently running as a candidate in the May 2nd, 2011 election in the riding of Thornhill against Peter Kent, the Environment Minister.