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CALIFORNIA HEALTHY PETS ACT

Background and Existing Law

The Legislature has declared that the overpopulation of cats and dogs is "a problem of great public concern," noting that overpopulation causes public health problems, affects local animal control departments, and results in euthanizing too many cats and dogs (AB 1856, Vincent, 1998).

State law requires animal control agencies and shelters to spay or neuter the cats and dogs that they sell or give away. For cats and dogs that are injured or too sick to be spayed or neutered, state law requires the adopter to agree to have the animal sterilized at a later date and pay a sterilization deposit. State law requires fines for the owners of nonspayed or unneutered cats and dogs that are impounded (SB 1301, Vincent, 2004).

Public officials regulate cats and dogs under a mix of state laws and local ordinances. Some cities and counties have ordinances that require owners to spay or neuter their cats and dogs. State law allows cities and counties to adopt programs to control dangerous dogs that are more restrictive than state law, but these local ordinances can't be breed-specific (SB 428, Torres, 1989). However, local officials can adopt breed-specific ordinances for their mandatory spay or neuter programs and breeding requirements (SB 861, Speier, 2005). The City and County of San Francisco used the 2005 Speier bill to adopt breed-specific restrictions.

Despite these regulations and despite the availability of low-cost spay and neuter services, some groups believe that the Legislature should take stronger action to reduce the overpopulation of cats and dogs.

Proposed Law

Assembly Bill 1634 enacts the California Healthy Pets Act, which becomes operative on April 1, 2008.

AB 1634 prohibits a person from owning a cat or dog that is over six months old unless the animal has been spayed or neutered, or unless the person has an "intact permit."

A person who has been cited for violating this prohibition has 30 days to provide proof that the person has met the requirement to spay or neuter the animal. Failure to provide proof within 30 days of the citation results in a civil penalty of \$500 per animal, in addition to any other local civil or criminal penalties. The bill requires waiving the civil penalty if the person provides verification that the cat or dog has been spayed or neutered.

AB 1634 declares that it does not obligate veterinarians to enforce its provisions or provide information to local officials about a cat or dog's spay or neuter status. The bill also declares that its provisions don't prohibit local officials from adopting or enforcing more restrictive spay or neuter programs. A city, county, or city and county that adopted a dog breed-specific ordinance pertaining to mandatory spay or neuter programs and breeding requirements is exempt from the Act.

<u>Extensions</u>. AB 1634 allows the owner of a cat or dog to postpone complying with the spay or neuter requirement until the animal is nine months or a year old by obtaining a letter from a California licensed veterinarian stating that the animal should not be spayed or neutered.

The bill declares that a person who holds a local document permitting the possession of an unaltered cat or dog is deemed to be in compliance with its requirements until the document expires or January 1, 2009, whichever comes first. When the permit expires, the person must obtain a new intact permit.

<u>Intact permits</u>. AB 1634 requires local officials to issue an intact permit under specified conditions. A dog or cat license that meets those conditions is considered an intact permit. An "intact permit" is a locally issued annual document that allows a person to own an unaltered cat or dog.

To get an intact permit, the owner must provide proof to local officials that any of the following six conditions exists:

- The owner is a licensed breeder.
- The owner's cat or dog belongs to a recognized registry or association, and <u>either</u> is a show animal or being trained as a show animal, <u>or</u> has earned or is earning a title from a recognized registry or association.
- The owner is a breeder of working dogs or supplies working dogs to law enforcement, fire agencies, or working dog organizations.
- The dog is actively being used or is being raised to be used by law enforcement, fire agencies, or working dog organizations.
- The owner provides a veterinarian's letter stating that it is unsafe to spay or neuter the cat or dog because of the animal's age, poor health, or illness.
- The dog is used for herding or guarding livestock and the dog's owner lives on or owns the agricultural property.

The bill also declares that a person or organization that breeds guide dogs, signal dogs, and service dogs is presumptively entitled to an intact permit.

The spay and neuter requirements apply when an animal with an intact permit ceases to meet these conditions.

<u>Intact permit fees</u>. The fees that local officials charge for local intact permits cannot be more than the amount reasonably necessary to fund the administration of the intact permit program. These fees cannot duplicate other local fees.

Local officials must waive the intact permit fee:

- When the owner is a breeder of working dogs or supplies working dogs to law enforcement, fire agencies, or working dog organizations.
- When the dog is actively being used or is being raised to be used by law enforcement, fire agencies, or working dog organizations.
- For persons or organizations that breed guide dogs, signal dogs, and service dogs.

Local officials may waive the intact permit fee when the owner provides a veterinarian's letter stating that it is unsafe to spay or neuter the cat or dog because of the animal's age, poor health, or illness.

<u>Single-litter intact permits</u>. Until January 1, 2012, AB 1634 allows local officials to issue an intact permit for up to a year and impose an intact permit fee for one male and one female dog per household so that the dogs can produce a single litter of offspring.

The bill requires nine conditions for a single-litter intact permit:

- A licensed veterinarian has examined the dog and the dog is following the veterinarian's recommended preventive health care program.
- The owner has not been convicted of one or more of nine specified crimes.
- The owner has not been convicted of two or more violations of local ordinances involving the dog.
- The owner has not received an order from local officials involving the dog.
- Local officials have not determined that the dog is a "vicious animal."
- The dog is properly housed and cared for, citing four conditions.
- The owner provides local officials with a signed statement agreeing to four conditions regarding the adoption or sale of the offspring dogs.
- The dog has a current local license.
- The owner has considered an identification microchip for the animal.

AB 1634 requires the owner to keep records about the offspring dogs. The owner must prove that the dog has been spayed or neutered after producing the single litter.

The bill allows local officials to impose an intact permit fee that does not exceed administrative costs.

The bill's authority to issue single-litter intact permits automatically terminates on January 1, 2012.

Exemptions. AB 1634 provides four exemptions from its requirements:

- A cat or dog owner who is not a California resident if the owner proves that the cat or dog is temporarily in California for training, showing, or another lawful purpose.
- An animal possessed by an individual with a disability protected by the federal Americans with Disabilities Act if the animal is a guide dog, service dog, or signal dog.
- Licensed guide dog, signal dog, and service dog programs.
- A person with a federal license under the Animal Welfare Act.

<u>Enforcement and funding</u>. AB 1634 requires local animal control agencies to enforce, conduct outreach efforts, and administer its provisions. A "local animal control agency" is a city or county animal control agency or another entity that enforces animal-related laws.

The bill requires that the civil penalties must be used to fund the administration, outreach, and enforcement activities. To the extent that funding is available, the bill requires local officials to "establish a free and low-cost spay and neuter program for low-income individuals." They must undertake outreach efforts to inform people about these programs. When local officials cite someone for violating the Act, they must provide information about these free or reduced cost spay and neuter programs.

The bill requires local officials to use their permit fees for funding the administration of their permit program.

Comments

1. <u>Strategic action</u>. Tackling the problems caused by cat and dog overpopulation requires the combined efforts of animal owners and breeders, veterinarians, private organizations, local officials, and state leaders. Many owners and breeders already take personal responsibility for controlling the number and sizes of their animals' litters. Many veterinarians contribute their services to free and low-cost spay and neuter programs. Private organizations actively educate the public about overpopulation programs and existing solutions. Local officials have adopted local ordinances to curb dog and cat overpopulation. Yet despite these efforts and some successes, California still endures the problems caused by overpopulation. AB 1634 confronts the problem of dog and cat overpopulation by setting up a system of prohibitions, penalties, and permits. With specific exten-

sions and exemptions, including provisions for single litters, the bill requires spaying or neutering most cats and dogs. As the bill's requirements take hold, the number of unwanted cats and dogs will go down.

- 2. <u>Personal responsibility, public regulation</u>. Owning and caring for cats and dogs is deeply emotional for many people. Some pet owners resent even the existing state and local government limits on how they treat their animals, believing that these decisions are best left to the owners themselves. Responsible pet owners and breeders want what's best for their cats and dogs. Although many cat and dog owners acknowledge the public health and public finance problems caused by unregulated pet overpopulation, they oppose a statewide requirement for spaying or neutering animals. But not all animal owners are responsible. Uncontrolled litters result in inappropriate cross-breeding, feral cats, and unwanted dogs. Those who fail to take personal responsibility for their animals create expensive problems for all taxpayers. AB 1634 forces legislators to think about how they balance private decisions with public regulation.
- 3. State control or local regulation? Legislators continually struggle with how to balance state and local control. State laws that preempt local control promote uniformity. Local controls allow local officials to adapt controls to fit their communities' circumstances. Statewide statutes are important when individuals' rights are at stake --- voter qualifications, equal justice, fair access to public accommodations, uniform tax rules. Local controls are important when individual rights aren't at risk and when there is general agreement that local elected officials should respect community differences. Some industries and interest groups favor statewide laws because they don't have to deal with 58 counties and 478 cities. Other groups prefer local regulations because they can advance their policies and economic goals one community at a time. AB 1634 forces legislators to think about how they balance state control and local regulation for cats and dogs.
- 4. <u>Big problems, local responses</u>. The 1989 Vincent bill identified three public policy problems that result from uncontrolled cat and dog overpopulation: public health, public costs, and unnecessary euthanization. The Legislature declared that the most effective solution is spaying and neutering. Some cities and counties already have spay and neuter ordinances, at least one ordinance is breed-specific. AB 1634 creates a statewide program that applies to nearly all counties and cities. The Committee may wish to consider whether this kind of statewide uniformity is critical to curbing dog and cat overpopulation. Should legislators enact a statewide standard statute and then allow counties and cities to opt-out if they think that local conditions justify different solutions?
- 5. <u>Finding the fit</u>. Two of the more contentious provisions in AB 1634 have been the animal's age and the amount of the civil penalty. The bill requires spaying or neutering cats and dogs by the age of six months, but allows for two three-month extensions based on a veterinarian's medical judgment. Although the bill is now more flexible than its earlier versions, some critics say that the characteristics of

certain dog breeds justify longer delays. For civil penalties to influence behavior, supporters say that they must be sufficiently costly. The \$500 civil penalty set by AB 1634 is more expensive than spaying or neutering an animal. By keeping this penalty high, the bill promotes a rational response --- it's just cheaper to follow the law than to flaunt it.

6. <u>Drafting improvements</u>. When legislators amend complex bills, drafting inconsistencies occur. As AB 1634 nears the end of the legislative process, the Committee may wish to consider these clarifying amendments:

Entitlements and exemptions. The presumptive entitlement for intact permits for guide dogs, signal dogs, and service dogs belongs with the other conditions, not with the list of exemptions (page 6, lines 21-25).

Consistent terms. The bill's references to "unaltered animal certification" should use the term, "intact permit" (page 8, lines 8, 11, & 12; page 9, line 5).

Free and low-cost programs. The bill requires local officials to spend the civil penalties on "spay and neuter programs for low-income individuals." The author probably means spay and neuter programs for the cats and dogs that are owned by low-income individuals (page 9, lines 29 to 33).

Numbering. To avoid confusion, clarifying amendments should renumber the section regarding intact permits (page 7, line 24) and strike out the stray reference to a code section that doesn't exist (page 10, line 16).

Assembly Actions

Assembly Business & Professions Committee: 7-3 Assembly Appropriations Committee: 10-0 Assembly Floor: 41-38

Support and Opposition (7/5/07)

It is the Committee staff's custom to prepare lists of a bill's supporters and opponents by asking the bill's author for that information. The Committee's staff supplements the information that the author provides with the letters that the Committee has received. These lists report the information that was available on Thursday morning, July 5.

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Benevolent Animal Rescue Community

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Feral Cat Alliance

Feral Cat Coalition - San Diego

Fight for Animal Rights

Firehouse Dogs

Forte Animal Rescue

Four Legged Friends Foundation

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Friends of Cats

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Furry Friends Rescue

Garberville Thrift Shop

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German Shorthaired Pointer Rescue

Give a Dog a Home Rescue

Glendale Humane Society

Got Boxers?

Great Dane Rescue of Northern California

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Happy Tails Pet Sanctuary

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Love of Animals Inc

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Many Little Cats Inc.

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New Beginnings for Animals

New Hope for Animals, Inc.

New Leash on Life

No Voice Unheard

Noah's Bark

NoHo Alliance for Animals

NorCal Aussie Rescue

NorCal Boxer Rescue

North County Humane Society

North Star Pet Assistance

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Northern California Great Dane Rescue

Ohlone Humane Society

Open Arms Network

Orange County Boxer Rescue

Orange County People for Animals

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Spay Neuter Action Program

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Taxpayers for Responsible & Ethical Animal Treatment

Teaching Everyone Animals Matter

Tehachapi Canine Canyon Ranch Dog Rescue

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Opposition:

Letters and petitions from approximately 10,000 people.

Public Agencies and Public Officials

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County of Yuba

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National and Statewide Organizations

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California Cattlemen's Association

California Chapters of Safari Club International

California Farm Bureau Federation

California Federation for Animal Legislation

California Federation of Dog Clubs

California Gold Jack Russell Terrier Club, Inc.

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California Organization of Police and Sheriffs

California Outdoor Heritage Alliance

California Rescue Dog Association

California Veterinarians Against AB1634

California Veterinary Medical Association

Canaan Dog Club of America, Inc.

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Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America, Inc.

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Harrier Club of America, Inc.

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National American Pit Bull Terrier Association

National American Shorthair Club, Inc.

National Animal Interest Alliance

National Animal Interest Alliance Trust

National English Shepard Rescue

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National Pet Alliance

Newfoundland Club of America

North American Whippet Racing Association

Norwegian Lundehund Association of America, Inc.

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Outdoor Sportsmen's Coalition of California

Pacific Coast Bulldog Club, Inc.

Pacific Coast Working Dog Club

Papillon Club of America, Inc.

Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America

Pets for Disabled Americans

Regional Council of Rural Counties

Saint Bernard Club of the Pacific Coast (SBCPC)

Saints of the West Rescue

Scottish Deerhound Club of America

Siberian Husky Club of America Inc.

Sierra Dachshund Breeders Club of Los Angeles Co.

Silky Terrier Club of America, Inc.

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Sportsmen's and Animal Owners' Voting Alliance

Standard Schnauzer Club of America, Inc.

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The American Brittany Club, Inc.

The American Lhasa Apso Club

The American Lhasa Apso Rescue of Northern California

The American Shih Tzu Club, Inc.

The Border Terrier Club of America

The Border Terrier Club of the Redwoods

The Bulldog Club of America, Inc.

The California Sportsman Lobby, Inc.

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Aztec Doberman Pinscher Club of San Diego

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