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The Honorable Curran Price, Chair  
The Honorable Bill Emmerson, Vice-Chair  
Senate Committee on Business, Professions & Economic Development  
State Capitol, Room 2053  
Sacramento CA 95814  
Attention: Bill Consultant

Re: Dog licensing: issuance: puppy licenses, as amended June 19, 2012, OPPOSE

Dear Chairman Price and Members:

We write to re-state our opposition to the above-captioned bill as presented in our previous letter of June 19.

While we appreciate the author's efforts to scale up the mandated monthly reporting threshold for small rescue groups – to the same numerical threshold as dog breeders covered under Health & Safety Code Section 122045, these are still very low volume operators for whom the task of reporting is likely to fall through the cracks among the pressures of working with actual dogs and people besides keeping up with the far more obvious needs of running any operation. Both small breeders and rescuers, even at 20 placements or sales would still be at high risk for simply not knowing the reporting requirement, let alone filing at the proper 30-day intervals when required, and likely to be cited and penalized with substantial fines for mere oversights.

We remain dubious that the "puppy license" makes any sense when its maximum duration is 6 months, falling within the one year duration of a dog license issued for an initial 12-month rabies vaccination in California and initial 4 month age eligibility. This seems unduly confusing for both owners and administrators, particularly in counties such as Los Angeles where there are many local jurisdictions with varying fees and requirements.

Accordingly, we oppose AB 1939.

THE ANIMAL COUNCIL (TAC) is a California nonprofit, public benefit corporation founded in 1991 to seek positive, humane solutions to the challenges of detrimental animal public policies, legislation and regulation through study, analysis and application of animal husbandry, statistics and law, and at the same time preserve human benefit from all species, breeds and registries.

Very truly yours,



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President, The Animal Council

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