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Cameron Smyth, Chair
Assembly Committee on Local Government
Attention Katie Kolutso, Chief Consultant
Sacramento CA 95814

Re: AB 1939, Dog licensing: issuance: puppy licenses, OPPOSE

Dear Mr. Smyth and Members:

Please register our opposition to the above-captioned bill and include our organization on your Committee's Bill Analysis opposition list.

This bill is now the 16th in a series of California bills involving dogs we have considered since 199. These proposed complex schemes to be imposed on local governments as well as an array of individuals and entities in hopes of advancing ideas by entirely speculative means without regard to costs, consequences and risks at every conceivable level, both public and private. The previous 15 bills, including this bill's predecessor AB 1121, were all unsuccessful – too impractical and unrealistic as statewide mandates on California's wide-ranging, far flung local governments and individuals and small groups not normally operating businesses or institutions. Those in that latter class are challenged to comply with the array of regulations already in existence and will be unable to add and sustain another, more difficult reporting requirement.

AB 1939 is yet another bill to impose untold difficulties to implement initially or over time, far exceeding whatever its hoped benefits and possibly counterproductive to these, as well. 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,



SHARON A. COLEMAN
President, The Animal Council

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