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

Re: AB 1121, Dog licensing: issuance: puppy licenses, as amended 4/26/11 **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 the 15<sup>th</sup> in a series of California bills involving dogs we have considered since 1997, proposing complex schemes to be mandated of local governments together with an array of individuals and entities in hopes of advancing ideas by entirely speculative means without regard to costs, consequences and risks every conceivable level, both public and private. The previous 14 bills were all unsuccessful – too impractical and unrealistic as statewide legislation on local government. AB 1121 is yet another that would impose untold challenges to implement initially or over time, far exceeding whatever its hoped benefits and possibly counterproductive to these, as well. Accordingly, we oppose AB 1121.

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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