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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Louis L. Kafka

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying:

An Act to ensure adequate care of animals in cities and towns.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Louis L. Kafka	*8th Norfolk*
Jennifer E. Benson	*37th Middlesex*
Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera	*10th Hampden*
Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.	*34th Middlesex*
Cory Atkins	*14th Middlesex*
Denise Andrews	*2nd Franklin*
Christine E. Canavan	*10th Plymouth*
Michael D. Brady	*9th Plymouth*
Tom Sannicandro	*7th Middlesex*
Robert L. Hedlund	*[District]*
Sheila C. Harrington	*1st Middlesex*
Brian M. Ashe	*2nd Hampden*
Jonathan Hecht	*29th Middlesex*
Kathi-Anne Reinstein	*16th Suffolk*
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*
William N. Brownsberger	

	[District]
Lori A. Ehrlich	*8th Essex*
Bruce J. Ayers	*1st Norfolk*

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By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2326) of Louis L. Kafka and others relative to the care of animals in cities and towns. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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An Act to ensure adequate care of animals in cities and towns.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 151 of chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding in line 22 after the word town, the following sentence:

In addition to any assistance the dog officer provides, the dog officer shall maintain a list of additional resources available to residents who are unable to care for an animal.

SECTION 2. Section 77 of chapter 272 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding, after the word "kind," in line 18, the following words:- or knowingly and unjustifiably fails to provide the animal with veterinary care that results in unnecessary suffering,