

HOUSE No. 456

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Peter J. Koutoujian

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to include animals in abuse prevention orders..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Peter J. Koutoujian</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/6/2011</i>

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By Mr. Koutoujian of Waltham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 456) of Peter J. Koutoujian for legislation to include animals in abuse prevention orders. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1499 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act to include animals in abuse prevention orders..

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 3 of Chapter 209A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "minor" in line 6 the following
3 words:-

4 ; ordering the possession, care and control of any animal owned, possessed, leased, kept,
5 or held by either party or a minor child residing in the household to the plaintiff. The court may
6 order the defendant to refrain from abusing, threatening, taking, interfering with, transferring,
7 encumbering, concealing, harming, or otherwise disposing of the animal;