

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1499**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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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;