

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2326**

**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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

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

PETITION OF:

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

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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.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**

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:*

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

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

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