HOUSE DOCKET, NO. 279 FILED ON: 1/9/2013

HOUSE . . . . . No. 1852

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:	DATE ADDED:
Louis L. Kafka	*8th Norfolk*	*1/9/2013*
William C. Galvin	*6th Norfolk*	*1/9/2013*
Paul McMurtry	*11th Norfolk*	*1/9/2013*
Kathi-Anne Reinstein	*16th Suffolk*	*1/9/2013*
Carlo Basile	*1st Suffolk*	*1/9/2013*
James E. Timilty	*Bristol and Norfolk*	*1/9/2013*
Carolyn C. Dykema	*8th Middlesex*	*1/9/2013*
Jason M. Lewis	*Fifth Middlesex*	*1/9/2013*
Tom Sannicandro	*7th Middlesex*	*1/9/2013*
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	*12th Hampden*	*1/9/2013*
Peter V. Kocot	*1st Hampshire*	*1/9/2013*
Mark J. Cusack	*5th Norfolk*	*1/9/2013*
Lori A. Ehrlich	*8th Essex*	*1/9/2013*
Ruth B. Balser	*12th Middlesex*	*1/9/2013*
Sheila C. Harrington	*1st Middlesex*	*1/9/2013*
Colleen M. Garry	*36th Middlesex*	*1/9/2013*
Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera	*10th Hampden*	*1/9/2013*
Martin J. Walsh	*13th Suffolk*	*1/9/2013*

Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.	*34th Middlesex*	*1/9/2013*
Denise Andrews	*2nd Franklin*	*1/31/2013*
Christine E. Canavan	*10th Plymouth*	*1/29/2013*
Michael D. Brady	*9th Plymouth*	*1/29/2013*
William Smitty Pignatelli	*4th Berkshire*	*1/9/2013*
Mark C. Montigny	*Second Bristol and Plymouth*	*1/9/2013*
Kevin G. Honan	*17th Suffolk*	*1/9/2013*
Thomas M. Stanley	*9th Middlesex*	*1/9/2013*
Walter F. Timilty	*7th Norfolk*	*1/9/2013*
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*	*1/9/2013*
Jonathan Hecht	*29th Middlesex*	*1/9/2013*
John J. Binienda	*17th Worcester*	*1/9/2013*
James M. Murphy	*4th Norfolk*	*1/9/2013*
William N. Brownsberger	*Second Suffolk and Middlesex*	*1/9/2013*
Gale D. Candaras	*First Hampden and Hampshire*	*1/9/2013*
Timothy R. Madden	*Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket*	*1/9/2013*
Josh S. Cutler	*6th Plymouth*	*1/9/2013*
Thomas J. Calter	*12th Plymouth*	*1/9/2013*
John P. Fresolo	*16th Worcester*	*1/9/2013*
Brian R. Mannal	*2nd Barnstable*	*1/9/2013*
Eugene L. O'Flaherty	*2nd Suffolk*	*2/1/2013*
James T. Welch	*Hampden*	*1/9/2013*
Gailanne M. Cariddi	*1st Berkshire*	*1/9/2013*
John J. Lawn, Jr.	*10th Middlesex*	*1/9/2013*
Paul Brodeur	*32nd Middlesex*	*1/9/2013*
Paul R. Heroux	*2nd Bristol*	*1/9/2013*
Sean Garballey	*23rd Middlesex*	*1/9/2013*
Bruce J. Ayers	*1st Norfolk*	*1/9/2013*
John W. Scibak	*2nd Hampshire*	*1/9/2013*
Patricia D. Jehlen	*Second Middlesex*	*1/9/2013*
Byron Rushing	*9th Suffolk*	*1/9/2013*
Brian M. Ashe	*2nd Hampden*	*1/9/2013*
Jeffrey N. Roy	*10th Norfolk*	*1/9/2013*
Patricia A. Haddad	*5th Bristol*	*1/9/2013*
David M. Rogers	*24th Middlesex*	*1/9/2013*
Thomas P. Conroy	*13th Middlesex*	*1/9/2013*

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By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1852) of Louis L. Kafka and others relative to the care of animals in cities and towns. Municipalities and Regional Government.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *2326* OF 2011-2012.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

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 fails to provide the animal with veterinary care that results in unnecessary suffering,