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:	
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		
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		
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.

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:
- 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,