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To: Honorable Chair Yamane
Vice-Chair Morikawa, and Committee Members

Committee on Health
February 7, 2012, 10:00 am, Room 329

Submitted by: Natalie Lukashevsky, Community Outreach Coordinator
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Date: February 6, 2012

**RE: Support HB2726;
Relating to Animals: Spay and Neuter fund**

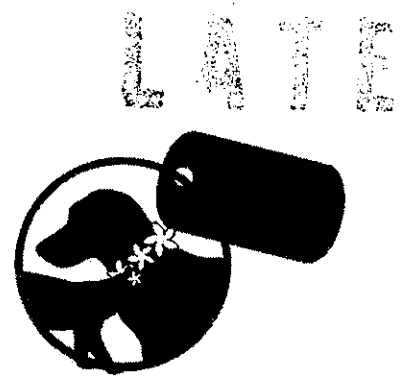
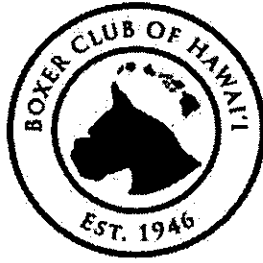
Dear Honorable Chair Yamane, Vice-Chair Morikawa and Members,

The Hawaiian Humane Society supports the passage of this bill and supports the continued work of spay and neuter initiatives in Hawaii by other animal groups and rescue organizations. To this end, we recognize the need for continued and consistent funding of these efforts and believe that designating voluntary funds through individual tax returns is an excellent solution to this issue.

Our commitment to spaying and neutering animals as a direct solution to animal overpopulation is indicative through our numbers. In our most recent Annual Report to the Community from July 2010 – June 2011 we sterilized a total of 10,496 animals; 4,819 were animals made available for adoption, 2,011 feral cats through Trap, Neuter, Return and Manage initiatives, 3,249 "Neuter Now" sterilizations, and 417 of owned pets. Our veterinarians perform approximately 20 surgeries a day and we also utilize the service of private veterinarians for mass sterilization clinics for feral cats, spaying and neutering well over 100 cats in one day.

Pet overpopulation is driven by too many litters and lack of affordable and accessible spay and neuter options. While our partnership with the City and County of Honolulu for the Neuter Now program has proven successful in providing reduced-rate spay and neuter services for owned animals, the program often sells out within the first 6 months of its availability. Additional funding is needed and necessary if we, as a community, are to reduce pet overpopulation and decrease euthanasia.

Thank you for the opportunity to present to the committee and we hope for your support to save more animals' lives in Hawaii.



Dear Honorable Chair Yamane, Vice-Chair Morikawa, and Committee Members,

My name is Theresa Donnelly, and I am urging you to support HB 2726, relating to the establishment of a spay/neuter check-off fund. I am the secretary of Boxer Club of Hawaii, a club founded in 1946 affiliated with the American Boxer Club and the American Kennel Club. I am also the owner of Hawaii Military Pets, an online resource helping educate on responsible pet ownership.

With our humane society's collectively taking in more than 50,000 animals, there is ample reason to believe we have a pet overpopulation crisis. So many in Hawaii directly benefit from the human-animal bond, leading me to think this measure would garner wide support and voluntary donations.

This is a wonderful measure and lets the taxpayers have an easy way to help animals. I hope you support this important bill.

Theresa

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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To: HLTtestimony
Cc: director@equine808.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2726 on 2/7/2012 10:00:00 AM

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Testimony for HLT 2/7/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2726

Conference room: 329
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Betina Parker
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Submitted on: 2/6/2012

Comments:

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Testimony for HLT 2/7/2012 10:00:00 AM HB2726

Conference room: 329
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Vivian S. Toellner
Organization: Hui Pono Holoholona
E-mail: viviansuet@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/6/2012

Comments:

Thank you for showing Aloha to the Animals of Hawaii. Your Legislative concern for Animal Overpopulation here in Hawaii is greatly appreciated. The fair dispensing of the fund is a concern. May I suggest portion of fund distribution be based on County of Residence of the taxpayer checking the box; a portion of fund distribution be based on animal euthanizing statistics; and another portion be based on general human population. Of concern also, is what organizations will receive these funds? Since most of the proposed advisory committee will be paid animal control contractors; I feel most of the funds would go to their inefficient organizations. A Committee with 3 more nonprofit members would insure fairness and future fund distribution concerns. Mahalo.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Conference room: 329
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Christin Matsushige
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Submitted on: 2/6/2012

Comments:

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Conference room: 329
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Mary Markl
Organization: Individual
E-mail: Ahimsamary99999@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/6/2012

Comments:

Please pass this measure and any measures to alleviate the suffering of animals. This idea is one of the solutions being offered to help prevent and help the funding to stop the cycle of how quickly reproduction produces so many precious beings that cannot be cared for and often have a tragic life. I help feed feral cats and have gotten cats sterilized. The rate at the humane society went from %5. to \$25. a cat which is hard to afford especially since I and others like me are trying to help and it gets to expensive and than the cats suffer. Please pass this and any measure to make this cooperative and affordable. Thank you.

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Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Susan Scott
Organization: Individual
E-mail: sue@kauaibeach.com
Submitted on: 2/6/2012

Comments:

Please support this bill. Every island has many many homeless dogs and cats resulting in the needless euthansia of hundreds of healthy animals, which in addition to being cruel, is a huge expense to taxpayers. Public education about the benefits to the community and the animals of spay and neuter is sorely needed.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Testifier will be present: No
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Organization: Individual
E-mail: jennylinmorris@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/6/2012

Comments: