

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 485**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member O'Donnell**

February 13, 2017

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An act relating to animals.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 485, as introduced, O'Donnell. Dogs and cats: adoption and retail sales.

Existing law, the Lockyer-Polanco-Farr Pet Protection Act, governs the retail sale of dogs and cats. Among other things, the act makes it unlawful for a pet dealer, as defined, to fail to maintain facilities where dogs are kept in a sanitary condition or provide dogs with adequate nutrition, potable water, socialization, and exercise. The act also prohibits a dog from being offered for sale by a pet dealer to a purchaser until the dog has been examined by a veterinarian licensed in this state.

Existing law prohibits a public animal control agency or shelter, society for the prevention of cruelty to animals shelter, humane society shelter, or rescue group from selling or giving away to a new owner a dog or cat that has not been spayed or neutered and enacts other provisions relating to animal welfare.

This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would promote the adoption of animals from shelters and rescue groups and encourage humane practices in the purchase of dogs and cats offered for retail sale in California.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

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- 3 shelters and rescue groups and encourage humane practices in the
- 4 purchase of dogs and cats offered for retail sale in California.

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