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May 29, 2013

Senator Ed Hernandez, Chair
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Senate Committee on Health
State Capitol, Room 2191
Sacramento CA 95814

Attention: Bill Consultant

Re: AB 272, Rabies: Vaccinations, as amended May 28, 2013, OPPOSE

Dear Chairs and Members:

In regard to our letter of May 28, 2013 in opposition to AB 272, we affirm our opposition to the bill as amended May 28 despite the modest "improvement" that was discussed in the Assembly Committee on Agriculture.

Our concerns remain as stated in our previous letter:

1. No epidemiological justification.
2. Risks of morbidity and mortality to 3 month old puppies whose owners are unaware or unwarned of these risks.
3. Risk of vaccine failure due to immaturity.
4. Conflicts and confusion with existing state statutes and regulations as well local ordinances throughout the state.
5. Lack of thoughtful, inclusive process given the gravity of the issue.

For these reasons, we must respectfully affirm our opposition to AB 272.

Very truly yours,



SHARON A. COLEMAN

President, The Animal Council

Cc: Author, Committee Members