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ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
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Re: AB 241, dog and cat breeders, as introduced Feb. 10, 2009 – OPPOSITION

Gentlemen:

We oppose AB 241 and request inclusion on the listed opposition for the bill analysis in your committee.

This bill would add the "Responsible Breeder Act of 2009" to the Penal Code to bypass the inherent fiscal obstacles of mandating new civil regulation by either a state or local agency. AB 241 creates a new misdemeanor criminal offense prohibiting anyone who buys or sells dogs or cats from owning, possessing, controlling or otherwise having charge or custody of more than a combined total of 50 dogs and cats with intact sexual organs – a unlikely factual circumstance that invites abusive and draconian investigation and enforcement against individuals. This is an unwarranted state measure that we oppose for these reasons.

THE ANIMAL COUNCIL (TAC) is a California nonprofit, public benefit corporation founded in 1991 to seek positive, humane solutions to the challenges of detrimental animal public policies, legislation and regulation through study, analysis and application of animal husbandry, statistics and law, and at the same time preserve human benefit from all species, breeds and registries.

Very truly yours,

SHARON A. COLEMAN
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