

To whom it may concern,

I wished to voice my opinion on the legislation presently being heard regarding sterilizing shelter animals before adoption. If one were to take a look at the success rate of the current program a few facts would be evident. The current statute allowing for sterilization after adoption has gone a long way toward reducing the pet overpopulation problem. If you were to look at the statistics though, the number of vouchers issued is far greater than the number of animals being sterilized. This shows a gap in compliance once the animals leave the shelter. If the animals could be sterilized before leaving the shelter then quite easily we would attain a 100% compliance rate further decreasing the number of unwanted litters. This would not change the overall budget of the program since, in theory, these animals would be adopted with a voucher anyways. I feel it is an obvious step toward attaining the goal of reducing shelter populations and unwanted litters.

Sincerely,

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