



April 21, 2011

Assembly Committee on Local Government
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RE: AB 1121 (Pan) OPPOSE as amended March 31, 2011 and April 5, 2011

Please include the California Responsible Pet Owners' Coalition/CaRPOC in the Analysis as OPPOSED

Honorable Members of the Assembly Committee on Local Government:

We oppose AB 1121 and request inclusion on the opposition list for the bill's analysis in your committee.

AB 1121 requires specific licensing terms for both new puppy and existing dog licenses. A puppy license would expire when a dog reaches one year of age, at which time the owner would have to obtain an adult dog license. This represents an unnecessary duplication of licensing. Only a single license is required to license a vehicle. This bill would require monthly reports including contact information of any person who receives a dog and other information regarding the dog from the entity selling or adopting out the dog during that month.

Allowing the state to remove the ability of local governments to determine which licensing program is best for their community is an intrusion into every local government's policies and will be onerous to their animal control facilities. The reporting requirements are invasive to the buying/adopting public and burdensome to organizations with limited staff. Time would be more productively spent caring for the animals, interviewing and assisting prospective buyers or adopters than filling out unnecessary reams of paperwork.

AB 1121 is vague and poorly worded, especially in regard to the requirement of issuing a license to intact dogs, either at 6 months or one year.

Thank you for your consideration and we urge your committee to defeat this bill.

Sincerely,

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