

SUPPORT LEGISLATION

Support legislation to regulate dog and cat breeding industry

ISSUE

- Minnesota is among the **top producers** of puppies in the United States — with some breeding kennels housing 600, 800 or more dogs. Kittens are also mass-produced in Minnesota.
- Minnesota has **no state laws** to license, inspect or regulate the dog and cat breeding industry.
- While reputable breeders invest in the health and well-being of the animals, **unscrupulous and negligent breeders** cut corners in their operations to maximize sales and profits — creating horrific breeding conditions.
- Due to lack of oversight, **animals are harmed** and suffer.
- Unhealthy dogs and cats are sold to unsuspecting consumers who end up paying **thousands of dollars** in veterinarian costs.

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Legislation is needed to help protect dogs, cats, puppies and kittens from inhumane breeding practices and to also protect consumers from fraud. A bill will be introduced in the 2011 Minnesota Legislature which will include:

- **Licensing** of commercial dog and cat breeders;
- **Inspections** of dog/cat breeding facilities and enforcement of existing laws to ensure care standards are met;
- **Penalties** for those who break the law.

HOW TO HELP

- **Learn more** - Learn more about inhumane dog and cat breeding in Minnesota and download materials to inform others at www.animalfolksmn.org
- **Sign petition** - Sign a petition of support and get email alerts and updates at www.animalfolksmn.org
- **Contact your legislators** - This is an election year. Ask your legislators to support breeder regulation in 2011. Find out who represents you at www.animalfolksmn.org



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