

The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. Legislative Alert - February 28, 2013
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ACTION IS NEEDED NOW- from all pet lovers in the United States.

BRIEF SUMMARY: The "Puppy Uniform Safety & Protection Act" (PUPS) has been reintroduced in congress for the new legislative session.

PUPS is a bill to amend the federal Animal Welfare Act (AWA). The AWA regulates large-scale commercial breeders who sell pets at wholesale or research.

PUPS would dramatically change the concept of the AWA as established by Congress. It would require federal licensing and inspection of the private homes of many hobby dog breeders. It would vastly expand the power of the federal government to regulate pets in private homes.

CURRENT STATUS: PUPS has been introduced in both houses of congress. Senate Bill 395 has been assigned to the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry. House Bill 847 has been assigned to the House Committee on Agriculture. Neither bill has been scheduled for committee hearing. The supporters of both bills have been actively gathering additional sponsors.

IMMEDIATE ACTION IS NEEDED. PUPS is NOT limited to Internet sales as the supporters imply. It applies to any breeder who reaches the numerical quota who places pets "via any means of conveyance" which includes talking on the phone or placing an ad in the classified section of a local newspaper! Supporters of the bill fail to demonstrate how use of the Internet, telephone, newspaper or other means to communicate with potential buyers have any inherent relationship with the welfare of the animals or substandard conditions.

ACTION TO TAKE: ORGANIZATIONS/INDIVIDUALS (clubs, rescue groups, etc.) should contact both your U.S. Senators and your Congressmen to let them know you oppose the "Puppy Uniform Safety & Protection Act" (PUPS) as it is written. Ask them to OPPOSE PUPS (Senate Bill 395 or House Resolution 847). Last session PUPS garnered over 200 co-sponsors and we need to act quickly before it becomes impossible to stop.

CONTACT LIST: To find your two U.S. Senators and your Congressmen to let them know you oppose PUPS you may use the following links: U. S.

Senate: www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm

U.S. House of Representatives: www.house.gov ("Find Your Representative" is located on the upper right corner of the web page).

Watch for future updates online. These will be posted on the CFA website www.cfa.org/Legislative/LegislativeAlerts.aspx.
Your help is critical.

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