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SPEAK UP for Minnesota Dogs and Cats SUPPORT Dog and Cat Breeder Regulation

THE SITUATION

- Minnesota is among the top producers of puppies in the nation – with some breeding kennels housing 300, 600, or over 1,000 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, safety and well-being of the animals, unscrupulous and negligent breeders cut corners in their operations to maximize sales and profits – creating substandard and deplorable breeding conditions.
- Unhealthy dogs and cats are sold to unsuspecting consumers who end up paying thousands of dollars in veterinarian costs.



REGULATION IS NEEDED

A law is needed to protect dogs, cats, puppies and kittens from inhumane breeding practices and conditions. S.F. 462 / H.F. 702 (authored by Sen. Barb Goodwin and Rep. John Lesch) will regulate the dog and cat breeding industry in Minnesota through:

- **Licensing** - Require commercial dog and cat breeders in Minnesota to be licensed.
- **Inspections and Enforcement** - Give the Minnesota Board of Animal Health the authority to inspect commercial dog and cat breeding facilities and enforce existing State laws to ensure animal care standards are met.
- **Penalties** - Impose civil, administrative and criminal penalties for those who violate the law.

HOW TO HELP

- **Learn more** - Learn more about inhumane dog and cat breeding in Minnesota and why breeder regulation is needed at: www.animalfolksmn.org
- **Sign up** - Sign petition in support of the bill and sign up for timely updates and alerts at: www.animalfolksmn.org
- **Contact your legislators** - Call your State Senator and State Representative and ask them to support S.F. 462 / H.F. 702 (authored by Sen. Goodwin and Rep. Lesch) to regulate commercial cat and dog breeders in Minnesota. Find out who represents you at: www.gis.leg.mn/OpenLayers/districts/

THE GOAL OF BREEDER REGULATION – HEALTHY AND SAFE DOGS AND CATS

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