



FLOOR ALERT – SB250 Spay and Neuter Bill (Florez)-OPPOSE

We have been advised that Senator Florez plans to introduce amendments to SB250 in a last ditch effort to change minds and votes on this bill.

Moderate dog advocacy groups have been trying to work with Senator Florez on this bill since March of 2009 and he has been non-responsive. Concerned Dog Owners of California, Canine Companions for Independence, Save Our Dogs, the American Kennel Club all continue to oppose the bill. It has been proven over and over that mandatory spay and neuter, whether primary or secondary increases euthanasia and dumping of dogs.

Please remember these are among the many deficiencies in this bill:

This is aimed at licensed dogs. One licensed dog getting out of the yard without collar and his license tag attached one time actually violates 3 existing laws and therefore triggers the terrible consequences of SB250.

- No exemption for puppy raisers for service organizations.
- No exemptions for the hobby breeders across California that provide puppies or semen for service dog programs.
- No exemptions for people training their dogs for search and rescue – always off leash and without collars.
- No exemption for training dogs for cadaver work – always off leash and without collars.
- No exemption for people training their dogs for hunting.
- No exemption for the people who have the breeds that become police dogs but whose puppies cannot be designated as such until they are mature. And only intact dogs can be used in police work.
- No statute of limitations – if an owner runs afoul of SB250 once, there is no provision for lifting penalties after a period of good behavior.
- No clarification on what the requirements are for notifying agencies of a transfer of a dog, original location or new location. But doing it wrong triggers SB250.

An honest effort to deal with the concerns of stakeholders would not come the next to last day of a session without any discussion with stakeholders. We respectfully ask for your NO vote on SB250 as amended.

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