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## Dogs And Cats--Method Of Killing

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Elections Division  
(916) 445-0820

March 15, 1978

TO: ALL REGISTRARS OF VOTERS/COUNTY CLERKS

FROM: CASHMERE M. APPERSON, ELECTIONS TECHNICIAN

Pursuant to Elections Code 3520(b) you are hereby notified that the total number of signatures to the hereinafter named proposed initiative constitutional amendment filed with all county clerks is less than 100 per cent of the number of qualified voters required to find the petition sufficient.

Title: Dogs and Cats---Method of Killing

Summary Date: October 6, 1977

Proponents: Ruth Weddle and Alice A. Grant

The petition has failed and no further action is necessary.



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October 6, 1977

TO ALL COUNTY CLERKS/REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Pursuant to Section 3513 of the Elections Code, there is transmitted herewith a copy of the Title and Summary prepared by the Attorney General on a proposed Initiative Measure entitled:

DOGS AND CATS -- METHOD OF KILLING  
INITIATIVE STATUTE

Circulating and Filing Schedule

1. Minimum number of signatures required . . . . . 312,404  
Constitution II, 8(b).
2. Official Summary Date . . . . . Thursday, 10/6/77  
Elections Code Section 3513.
3. Petition Sections:
  - a. First day Proponent can circulate  
Sections for signatures . . . . . Thursday, 10/6/77  
Elections Code Section 3513.
  - b. Last day Proponent can circulate and  
file with the county. All Sections are  
to be filed at the same time within each  
county . . . . . Friday, 3/3/78\*+  
Elections Code Sections 3513, 3520(a).
  - c. Last day for county to determine total  
number of signatures affixed to petition  
and to transmit total to Secretary of  
State . . . . . Friday, 3/10/78

\* Date adjusted for official deadline which falls on Saturday or Sunday.

+ IMPORTANT NOTE: It will be necessary that this petition be filed with County Clerk or Registrar of Voters by December 1, 1977 to be sure that it will be verified by the county in time to qualify for the June 6, 1978 Primary Election. March 3, 1978 is the last date which the petition may legally be filed. However, a petition filed on that date could qualify only for a later election.

Call (916) 445-0820 if you wish further explanation of this note.

(If the Proponent files the petition with the county on a date prior to 3/3/78, the county has 5 working days from the filing of the petition to determine the total number of signatures affixed to the petition and to transmit this total to the Secretary of State.)  
Elections Code Section 3520(b).

- d. Last day for county to determine number of qualified electors who have signed the petition, and to transmit certificate, with a blank copy of the petition to the Secretary of State . . . . . Friday, 3/24/78\*

(If the Secretary of State notifies the counties to determine the number of qualified electors who signed the petition on a date prior to 3/10/78 the last day is not later than the fifteenth day after the notification.)  
Elections Code Section 3520(d), (e).

- e. If the signature count is between 281,164 and 343,644, then the Secretary of State notifies counties using the random sampling technique to determine validity of all signatures.

Last day for county to determine actual number of all qualified electors who signed the petition, and to transmit certificate, with a blank copy of the petition to the Secretary of State . . . . . Friday, 4/21/78\*

(If the Secretary of State notifies the counties to determine the number of qualified electors who have signed the petition on a date prior to 3/24/78, the last day is not later than the thirtieth day after the notification.)  
Elections Code Section 3521(b), (c).

4. Campaign Statements:

Last day for Proponent to file a Campaign Statement of Receipts of Expenditures for period ending 3/31/78 . . . . . Friday, 4/7/78

(If the Secretary of State finds that the measure has either qualified or failed to qualify on a date earlier than 3/3/78 the last date to file is the 35th calendar day

after the date of notification by the Secretary of State that the measure has either qualified or failed to qualify. The closing date for this campaign statement is 7 days prior to the filing deadline.)  
Government Code Section 84202.

5. The proponent(s) of the above named measure are:

Ruth Weddle  
22235 Parthenia Street  
Canoga Park, CA 91304  
(213) 340-8635

Alice A. Grant  
132 S. Westlake Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90057  
(213) 484-8766

WILLIAM N. DURLEY  
Assistant to the Secretary of State  
Elections and Political Reform



CASHMERE M. APPERSON  
Elections Technician

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NOTE TO PROPONENT: Your attention is directed to Elections Code Sections 41, 44, 3501, 3507, 3508, 3516, 3517, and 3518 for appropriate format and type considerations in printing, typing and otherwise preparing your initiative petition for circulation and signatures. Your attention is further directed to the campaign disclosure and petition circulating requirements of the Political Reform Act of 1974.

DECLARATION OF MAILING

RE: Initiative Statute--Dogs and Cats--Method of Killing  
Project No. 00002105--SA77RF0047

I, Mona Amaro declare as follows:

I am a citizen of the United States, over the age of 18 years, and not a party to the within action; I reside in the County of Sacramento, State of California; my business address and place of employment is 555 Capitol Mall, Suite 350, Sacramento, California 95814

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On the 6th day of October, 1977, I mailed a letter, a true copy of which is attached hereto, to the person(s) above named, in an envelope addressed to them at the address(es) set out immediately below the name(s), sealed said envelope(s), and deposited the same in the United States mail at the City of Sacramento, County of Sacramento, State of California, with postage thereon fully prepaid, and there is regular communication between the said place of mailing and the place(s) so addressed.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed at Sacramento, California, on October 6, 1977.



MONA AMARO



OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

**Department of Justice**

555 CAPITOL MALL, SUITE 350

SACRAMENTO 95814

(916) 445-9555

October 6, 1977

**FILED**

In the office of the Secretary of State  
of the State of California

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MARCH FONG EU, Secretary of State

By *Richard M. Gopewon*  
Deputy

Honorable March Fong Eu  
Secretary of State  
925 L Street, Suite 605  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Attention: Rico Nannini

Re: Initiative Statute--Dogs and Cats--Method of Killing

Dear Mrs. Eu:

Pursuant to the provisions of sections 3503 and 3513 of the Elections Code, you are hereby informed that on this day we mailed to Ruth Weddle and Alice A. Grant, as proponents, the following title and summary:

DOGS AND CATS--METHOD OF KILLING. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Prohibits the use of high-altitude decompression chambers to kill dogs or cats. Financial impact: Possible initial cost to cities and counties of approximately \$600,000 and unknown increase in their operational costs. No increase in cost to state government.

Enclosed herewith is a declaration of mailing thereof, and a copy of the proposed measure.

According to information available in our records, the addresses and phone numbers of the proponents of this measure are as stated on the declaration of mailing.

Very truly yours,

EVELLE J. YOUNGER  
Attorney General

*Floyd D. Shimomura*

FLOYD D. SHIMOMURA  
Deputy Attorney General

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Enclosures

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INITIATIVE MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE VOTERS

The Attorney General of California has prepared the following title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure:

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(Here set forth the title and summary prepared by the Attorney General. This title and summary must also be printed across the top of each page of the petition on which signatures are to appear.)

TO THE HONORABLE SECRETARY OF STATE OF CALIFORNIA

We, the undersigned, registered, qualified voters of California, residents of \_\_\_\_\_ County (or City and County) hereby propose amendments to the Business and Professions Code and the Penal Code, relating to animals, and petition the Secretary of State to submit the same to the voters of California for their adoption or rejection at the next succeeding general election or at any special statewide election held prior to that general election or otherwise provided by law. The proposed statutory amendments (full title and text of measure) read as follows:

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 13200 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

13200. For purposes of this chapter "animal euthanasic device" means any carbon monoxide gas chamber, chamber or nitrogen gas chamber, or high/altitude decompression chamber cabinet used by a person, peace officer, officer of a humane society, or officer of a pound or animal regulation department of a public agency, for the killing of any dog or cat.

SEC. 2. Section 13201 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

13201. Except as provided in Section 13206, the State Sealer shall semiannually inspect all animal euthanasic devices to ascertain that each such device meets the standards set forth in subdivisions (a) to (d), inclusive, of Section 597u of the Penal Code, subdivisions (a), (b), (c), and (f) of Section 597v of the Penal Code, or subdivisions (a), (d), and (e) of Section 597x of the Penal Code, as the case may be.



SEC. 3. Section 13205 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

13205. No animal euthanasic device, whether sealed or not, which does not meet the standards prescribed by either Section 597u, 597w, or 597x of the Penal Code shall be used for the killing of dogs or cats.

SEC. 4. Section 597v of the Penal Code is amended to read:

597v. No person, including any peace officer, officer of a humane society, or officer of a pound or animal regulation department of a public agency, shall kill any newborn dog or cat whose eyes have not yet opened by any other method than by the use of chloroform vapor or gas or by inoculation of barbiturates or by use of a high-altitude decompression chamber at a simulated altitude of 60,000 feet for a minimum of 30 minutes.

SEC. 5. Section 597w of the Penal Code is amended to read:

597w. No person, including any peace officer, officer of a humane society, or officer of a pound or animal regulation department of a public agency, shall kill any dog or cat by the use of any high-altitude decompression chamber unless all of the following are satisfied: *chamber.*

(a) The high-altitude decompression chamber shall be equipped with internal lighting and viewport providing direct visual surveillance of the collapse and death of any cat or dog within the chamber.

(b) The high-altitude decompression chamber's operating pump shall be located in a room separate from the chamber, outside the building in which the chamber is housed, or be installed in a soundproof enclosure within the same room.

(c) Each high-altitude decompression chamber shall have at least a 3/4-inch-in-length flexible tubing or pipe between the chamber and the compressor to minimize vibrations.

(d) The high-altitude decompression chamber and its compartments shall be thoroughly cleaned after every cycle of operation.

(e) Any dog or cat not covered by Section 597v shall be placed in an individual container or compartment of the high/altitude chamber, except dogs or cats from the same litter and their parents may be placed in the same container or compartment.

(f) The high/altitude decompression chamber shall reach a simulated altitude of 50,000 to 55,000 feet within one minute but no less than 40 seconds after the beginning of its cycle of operation, and the dogs or cats shall be left within the chamber for a minimum of 20 minutes.

SEC. 6. Section 597z of the Penal Code is amended to read:

597z. A humane officer appointed under Section 607f of the Civil Code or the State Sealer may enter any facility utilizing a high/altitude decompression or carbon monoxide chamber or nitrogen gas cabinet for the purpose of inspecting the operation of such facility to determine whether there is compliance with Sections 597u, 597v, 597w, and 597x.



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October 18, 1977

NEWS RELEASE CLARIFICATION

On Friday, Oct. 7, we put out a release relative to the "Method of Killing Dogs and Cats Initiative" which is aimed at eliminating the use of high-altitude decompression chambers to kill dogs and cats.

The second paragraph of that release said that only carbon monoxide gas chambers and nitrogen gas cabinets could be used by peace officers and animal regulation officials. While this is true, the initiative would not change current law relative to the use of barbituate inoculations by veterinarians or veterinary-trained personnel for putting dogs and cats to sleep. The proponents of the initiative measure have asked for a clarification of this point.

For further information, contact Caren Daniels at 5-6371.

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Sectarian Schools - Public Money - Doctrines  
Section 8

Change Section 8 to read:

No public money shall ever be appropriated for the support of any sectarian or denominational school, or any school not under the exclusive control of the officers of the public schools; nor shall any sectarian or denominational doctrine be taught, or instruction thereon be permitted, directly or indirectly, in any of the public schools of the state.

A student's parent, parents, guardian or guardians may use an Equal Educational Opportunities Scholarship in sectarian or denominational schools and in schools not under the exclusive control of the officers of the public schools if such schools are in compliance with Sections 5.1 thru 5.3 of this article. A student's desire to freely exercise religion shall not be abridged by the denial of an Equal Educational Opportunity Scholarship. The use of an Equal Educational Opportunity Scholarship at an eligible private school, including a sectarian or denomination school, is herein deemed not to be an appropriation, a grant, a payment, or an aid to such a school in that the scholarship funds are appropriated in the form of a voucher to the parent, parents, guardian or guardians of eligible students.

Article XIII Section 21  
Delete Section 21

  
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