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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Jennifer M. Callahan**

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General
 Court assembled:*

 The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to damages for the malicous injury to pets.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Jennifer M. Callahan | 18th Worcester |

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to damages for the malicous injury to pets.

 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

 Chapter 140 of the General laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 174D the following section:-

Section 174E. In suits for damages for malicious injury or the killing of a pet, such damages may include emotional distress and loss of companionship.