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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 to prevent animal cruelty.

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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 to prevent animal cruelty.

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

**SECTION 1.**  Section 77 of chapter 272 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after the word “kind,” in line 18, the following words:- or fails to provide the animal with veterinary care to prevent unnecessary suffering,