

I am an adopter of a devocalized dog. He was given to a rescue group after his owner had him devocalized.

Although I do not live in Oregon, I follow all legislation regarding devocalization and should this legislation pass in Oregon as proposed, never again will I visit your beautiful state.

I know first hand what devocalization does to a dog and because of what it has done to my dog I can say that devocalization should NEVER be an option. There are no exceptions to murder, rape, etc. and there should be no exceptions for this cruelty. I found out that my dog was devocalized by a very experienced vet, so it doesn't matter how it's done or who does it. I had to put my dog through a very expensive LIFE-SAVING surgery to remove scar tissue which formed from the devocalization and blocked much of his airway. Luckily I was able to afford this, otherwise he would have died. Still my dog's breathing will never be normal. He cannot exercise like other dogs, he coughs and gags daily and he risks dying a horrible death. These are not uncommon problems which develop from this surgery. PLEASE, if you really care about animals, reject this bill as proposed. If you would like to contact me regarding my experience with a devocalized dog and how stressful it is for both me and my beloved pet, I would be happy to answer any other questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Sue Perry