

Please Support SB 1076, Breeder License Legislation

Senate Natural Resources and Wildfire Committee
900 Court St. NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: Support SB 1076, Breeder License Legislation

The following organizations fully support SB 1076, directing the Department of Agriculture (ODA) to create a breeder licensure and standards program for dogs, cats, small mammals, and small birds.

Oregon's Animal Rescue Entities (AREs) have been licensed and inspected through the ODA for the last four years. However, the program was only funded for the first biennium, and it was anticipated that for future years, the annual ARE license fees, which come from largely nonprofit organizations, would fully fund this state program's operational and staffing costs.

There is a clear and ongoing shelter capacity crisis in Oregon. According to Shelter Animals Count, in 2024, 65,764 cats and dogs entered Oregon's shelter and rescue system. It is vital to find a secure and equitable financial solution for this program so that increasing licensing fees do not overburden at-capacity Oregon's rescues and shelters, which serve as a public resource in both urban and rural communities and provide lifesaving services across the state.

Conversely, Oregon breeders are not licensed, regulated, or inspected. It is time for Oregon breeders to be held accountable to high standards and responsibility for animal care and welfare, disease prevention, and oversight.

In the face of the shelter capacity crisis in Oregon and the unsustainable strain on our animal rescue entities across our state, please support SB 1076. Thank you for your consideration.

*Cat Adoption Team, Sherwood
Cat's Cradle Rescue, Hillsboro
Columbia Gorge Cat Rescue, Hood River County
Greenhill Humane Society, Eugene
Fences For Fido, Statewide
First Nations Veterinary, OR Sovereign Nations
Friends of Baker, Baker County
Friends of Felines, Salem
Fuzz Ball Animal Rescue, Hermiston
Harney County Save A Stray, Burns
Hazel's House Rescue, Yamhill County
Humane Society of the Ochocos, Prineville
Indigo Rescue, Hillsboro
Kayla's Foundation, Depot Bay
Lark Ranch Rescue Rehabilitation, Powell Butte
Little Critters Rescue, Salem
Many Miles 2 Home Rescue, Veneta
Match Made in Heaven, Portland
Melly Cat Rescue, Jacksonville*

*Meow Village, Clackamas County
Oregon Coast Small Animal Rescue, Toledo
Oregon Friends of Shelter Animals, Hillsboro
Oregon Humane Society, Portland
Out to Pasture, Estacada
Pendleton Animal Welfare Shelter, Pendleton
Rat Way Sanctuary, Portland
Relief Angels, Klamath Falls
Rogue Valley Humane Society, Grants Pass
Rogue Valley Street Dogs, Medford
Salem Dogs, Marion/Polk Counties
Silver Linings Rescue Ranch, Central Oregon
SNYP Spay/Neuter Clinic, Jackson County
Street Dog Hero, Bend
Unbreakabull Animal Rescue, Eugene
Underdogs Rock! Rescue, Portland
Welcome Home Animal Sanctuary, Creswell
Silverton Cat Rescue, Silverton*