

# Helping dogs and cats in WA is good for the economy!



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Over 60,000 dogs and cats are  euthanized\* in WA every year.

It costs millions of dollars to care for and kill these animals.

That is throwing money away.

Massive amounts of spay/neuter surgeries are needed to stop the killing.

***SB 5329/HB 1406, the Spay/Neuter Bill will help the economy.***

- \$ SAVED - Reduce costs to cities and counties by lowering the number of animals cared for and killed in municipal shelters.
- \$ MADE - Give Veterinarians across the state, who are struggling to make ends meet, approximately \$10 million in revenue.
- \$ SAVED - Decrease insurance claims by reducing dog bite injuries. Most dog bite injuries are caused by unaltered dogs.
- \$ SAVED - Offer a service, altering the pets of low-income citizens, without using the State General Fund or any local tax revenue.

*The Spay/Neuter Bill is funded by pet owners to help pets. **No General Funds needed***

*This is **NOT** a retail sales tax. It is a tonnage fee on pet food paid by distributors.*

Over 70 national and WA Animal Welfare groups are working to fund 70,000+ spays and neuters across the state by adding 3¢ per pound to pet food sold in WA.

**This bill is good for the economy and good for Washington.**