

Federated Humane Societies of Pennsylvania

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Senator Mike Brubaker, Chairman
Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee
Main Capitol
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Senator Brubaker:

I am writing on behalf of the 60 member organizations of the Federated Humane Societies of Pennsylvania to let you know that we support HB 39 and amendment number AO1109. HB 39 makes it a violation of Section 5511 of the Crimes Code (Cruelty to Animals) for anyone other than a veterinarian to perform such surgical procedures as tail docking, surgical birthing and debarking by cutting of vocal cords or other means. It clarifies the provision that has been part of the law for more than 35 years which makes it a violation for anyone other than a veterinarian to perform the surgical procedure of ear cropping. We oppose any amendment that would weaken the provision that requires ear cropping to be performed by a veterinarian. We urge you to support HB 39 with amendment number AO1109 and to report it out of committee. Thank you for taking our views into consideration.

Sincerely,



Anne Irwin
President, and Legislative Chairman