

*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

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REPORT  
OF  
THE COMMITTEE ON  
NATURAL RESOURCES AND AGRICULTURE  
Authorized To Make  
AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY  
RELATIVE TO THE FEASIBILITY OF  
ESTABLISHING INEXPENSIVE SPAY AND  
NEUTER CLINICS

(Under House Order No. 6391 of 1974)

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December, 1974

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House No. 6391 (1974)

Ordered, That the committee on natural resources and agriculture be authorized to sit during the recess of the general court for the purpose of making an investigation and study of the subject matter of the investigation proposed by current house document numbered 864, relative to the feasibility of establishing inexpensive spay and neuter clinics.

Said committee shall be provided with quarters in the state house or elsewhere, may hold hearings, may travel within the commonwealth and may expend for clerical and other services such sums as may be appropriated therefor.

Said committee shall report to the general court the results of its investigation and study, and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of such legislation necessary to carry such recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the house of representatives on or before the last Wednesday of December, nineteen hundred and seventy-four.

Adopted:

By the House of Representatives, June 26, 1974

By the Senate, June 27, 1974

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Membership of the Committee on Natural Resources and  
Agriculture:

Sen. Roger Bernashe, Senate Chairman  
Sen. John Olver, Vice Chairman  
Sen. James P. Rurak  
Sen. John Fitzpatrick  
Sen. Edward Burke  
Sen. William Saltonstall

Rep. Steve T. Chmura, House Chairman  
Rep. Richard J. Dwinell, Vice Chairman  
Rep. Robert Wetmore  
Rep. Frank Matrango  
Rep. Nickolas Lambros  
Rep. James Grimaldi  
Rep. Frank Antonelli  
Rep. Timothy Bassett  
Rep. William Starzec  
Rep. Robert Gillette  
Rep. Howard Cahoon, Jr.  
Rep. George Sprague  
Rep. Henry Walker  
Rep. Richard Silva

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Report signed by the following members of the Committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture:

John W. Olver  
James P. Rurak  
Edward L. Burke  
William Saltonstall  
John H. Fitzpatrick  
Steve T. Chmura  
Richard Dwinell  
Frank A. Antonelli  
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To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

The committee has investigated and studied the subject matter of this bill and does not recommend any new legislation or the establishment on any spay or neuter clinics program at this time. As part of this report, the committee submits the attached supportive information.

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October 22, 1974

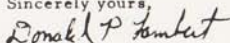
Mr. Francis W. Bloom  
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
House of Representatives  
State House  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir,

In answer to your query concerning the feasibility of establishing low cost spay clinics: -

I am presently a member of the Commission studying the recodification of the Dog Laws. It is hoped that a State Department of Animal Control might be established with provision for the establishment of such clinics. It is my opinion at this time that we should await the results of this study by the aforementioned committee before pursuing other avenues.

Sincerely yours,



Donald P. Lambert  
Chief Officer  
Law Enforcement

DL:bk

29 October 1974

Rep. Steve T. Chmura  
State House  
Boston, Massachusetts  
Attn: Francis W. Bloom

Dear Sir:

In answer to your letter dated 8 October 1974 to the Department of Public Health regarding the feasibility of establishing inexpensive spay and neuter clinics. To the best of our knowledge, there are no clinics operating in the State at this time. However, the City of Boston is advertising in the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association for a Veterinarian for a clinic to be established. I am enclosing the advertisement.

I would suggest that the State could establish clinics in their facilities such as University of Massachusetts Medical School at Worcester and the University of Massachusetts Veterinary Science Department at Amherst. In addition, there are about 15 Medical Institutions and Scientific Organizations around Boston who hold State issued licenses to procure impounded dogs for experimental purposes.

All of these places have the facilities and personnel that could run their spay and neuter clinics under the supervision of a Veterinarian. Many of these places i.e. Harvard have Veterinarians on their staffs that could supervise this work.

Also, operating in Massachusetts is an organization called, Friends of Animals, Inc., 11 West 60th Street, New York, N. Y., 10023. They work in conjunction with participating Veterinarians. In California, the City of Los Angeles also conducts clinics.

If I can be of any further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Yours truly,

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Two veterinarians needed for new, modern, fully equipped Spay and Neuter Clinic to be opened soon by city of Boston. Salary negotiable and commensurate with experience. Excellent fringe benefits. Massachusetts license required. Reply in writing to John Reid, Executive Secretary, Animal Control Commission, 5 Doane St, Boston, MA 02109.

Francis J. Fitzgerald, DVM

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