



Irish Wolfhound Club of America, Inc.

April 14, 2009

Jose Solorio, Assembly Chairman of the Public Safety Committee

Subject: **OPPOSE AB 241 as Amended 4/13/2009**  
**VOTE 'NO' ON AB 241**

Dear Jose Solorio, Curt Hagman and Assembly Members;

I am writing on behalf of the Irish Wolfhound Club of America (IWCA) and the IWCA Legislative Committee (IWCA-LC. The IWCA was established on 2 October, 1926 as the parent club for Irish Wolfhounds nationwide with 14 Regional and Local Clubs. As a member of the American Kennel Club, the IWCA encourages the highest ethical breeding standards and responsible ownership of the Irish Wolfhound.

The IWCA and IWCA-LC oppose AB 241 in its current form as it's a misguided bill containing unenforceable, arbitrary numerical limitations and biased requirements that do nothing to improve animal welfare. Assembly member Nava's bill is well intended; however, the numerical limits imposed in this bill do not begin to address the underlying issues of responsible ownership and proper animal husbandry. Responsible breeders will be targeted while a loophole in the law allows dogs which are imported from Mexico to be sold from cars and the backs of vans in parking lots.

This bill would prohibit anyone who sells dogs or cats to the public or at wholesale from owning, possessing, controlling or having charge or custody of more than a combination of 50 intact dogs and cats. This bill in its current form would create a new crime of misdemeanor.

Further, this bill requires owners to sterilize, sell, transfer or relinquish animals above the cap and empowers officers to seize animals of those in violation.

California's dogs and cats deserve the best quality of care but please do not rush to pass flawed legislation that sounds good on paper yet will not meet its stated goal.

The IWCA-LC on behalf of the IWCA membership, many of whom are residents of California, respectfully urges you to **vote 'NO' when AB 241** is brought to a vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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