

## ATTACHMENT A

### State and Local Actions Taken to Control Dog Over-Population

#### **San Francisco**

- Mandatory spay and neuter for all pit bulls and pit bulls mixes
- Permit requirements for breeding pit bulls in the city

#### **Los Angeles**

- Mandatory spay and neuter for all breeds over 4 months of age
- Breeding regulations include conditions, veterinarian exam, and one litter per year.
- Free vouchers for low income spay/neuter.
- Mobile spay/neuter clinics traveling from neighborhood to neighborhood; no charge to city residents.
- Free assessment and training for problem dogs.

#### **Santa Cruz, California**

- Mandatory spay and neuter for all dogs.
- Breeding regulation program.
- Unaltered animal certificate must be posted in newspaper ads, in pets stores, etc., when puppies are sold.
- Upon a reported animal bite, Animal Control must visit home and place animal in quarantine as well as release animal from quarantine 10 days after bite. Fee is charged for this service.

#### **Boston, Massachusetts**

- Owners may possess no more than two pit bulls or pit bull mixes.
- Pit bulls and pit bull mixes must be muzzled in public.
- Increased licensing fees for vicious and dangerous dogs.

#### **Auburn, Washington**

- All dogs greater than 30lbs. must be classified as potentially dangerous.

#### **Denver, Colorado**

- Banned pit bulls in 1989.
- Currently confiscates approximately 150 pit bulls per month.

#### **Washington, D.C.**

- Rottweilers and pit bulls are considered dangerous as a breed and must be muzzled.
- Animal may be confiscated for any dog law related violations.
- All aggressive animals are classified as potentially dangerous.

#### **Rhode Island**

- Owners will be fined \$500 the first time their dog bites a human, and \$1,000 for subsequent offenses.
- All vicious dogs must be kept in locked enclosures.

- No pit bulls will be licensed unless they are tattooed with an identification number and their owners show proof of \$100,000 in liability insurance.
- Owners of vicious dogs who do not meet the requirements will face a \$250 fine and/or the dog will be seized or destroyed.

**Georgia**

- Required registration of dangerous dogs.
- Dangerous dog owners must carry at least \$15,000 in liability insurance.
- Owners that do not comply may have their dogs confiscated and destroyed.

**New Jersey**

- At least eight communities have breed-specific ordinances aimed at restricting pit bulls.
- Dog can be confiscated simply because a police officer, animal control officer or neighbor thinks it looks like a pit bull.

**Miami, Cincinnati, Pawtucket**

- Ban by breed for dangerous dogs.