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It is already extremely expensive to own and care for dogs in this state. Vet bills and food have become astronomically expensive and is one of the reasons so many animals are not being spayed or neutered. Most purebred dog breeders only breed one litter every few years and are very careful about placing them into good homes, always willing to take the dog back if it does not work out or circumstances change. There is absolutely no reason to add an additional \$350 to \$600 fee when it is becoming cost prohibitive to adequately care for a beloved pet as it is. I also do not think the government needs to be involving itself in dog rescue organizations who are doing an excellent job of trying to place dogs in pet homes after health checks and spay and neuter. Is the plan to do the same thing with cats? Where do you draw the line? With small caged animals such as mice or gerbils? Where?