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In Support of Oregon Senate Bill 1076
OR SB1076

Bill Relating to animals – Written Testimony

I encourage everyone to vote Yes, in support of SB1076, a Measure to License Animal Breeders in Oregon. Animal Rescue Entities are already licensed but that doesn't go far enough. Breeders need to be included in this licensing program.

As President of the nonprofit organization PDX Cat Trapper, we work tirelessly in our communities to prevent cat overpopulation through TNR – Trap Neuter Return - but also by sponsoring spays and neuters to low income residents in our communities while also diverting kittens into our rescue partners, where they will be spayed and neutered before adoption. Many of these breeding cats started from unfixed free or low cost kittens.

Although our Organization works with cats only, we do cross paths with our dog rescue partners on occasion as there is overlap in our work.

Unchecked dog and cat breeding is a problem in Oregon. Our shelters are constantly operating at or above capacity. This is not sustainable, and neither is the alternative of mass euthanasia. Rescue groups cannot continue to pick up the slack, especially since the vast majority of these operate fully on donations and receive no public funding.

Animal rescue entities, like ours, have been licensed and regulated since 2019. It is time for Oregon breeders to also be held to a licensing standard that encompasses responsible animal care, disease prevention and oversight. This is even more important as we face the ever increasing Avian Flu Zoonotic Epidemic, which has the potential to wreak havoc across our state.

I urge you all to please support Oregon SB 1076.

Thank you.

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