

MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Rep. Mark Cohen, Chair
Human Services Committee

DATE: May 23, 2011

RE: Co-sponsorship of Companion Animal Protection Act

Your co-sponsorship is requested for legislation creating the Companion Animal Protection Act.

This legislation would create standards for animal shelters. Animals would be required to be provided fresh food, fresh water, exercise, and enrichment such as toys and treats. It would also restrict the killing of sheltered animals to those irremediably suffering, dangerous dogs, and only when there is no other option after no one agrees to adopt an animal and all other cages are full. Any animal euthanized would be done so according to pain-free procedures.

This is model legislation from Rescue Five-0, a nationwide organization whose procedures have saved 95% of rescued animals.

To co-sponsor this bill, please contact Linda Huntington of my office at lhunting@pahouse.net or at 787-3085.