

To: Members of the House of Representatives
From: Representative Jesse White
Date: June 8, 2011
Re: Cosponsorship of Legislation– Tax Credit for the Adoption of a Dog or Cat



In the near future, I will introduce legislation that would provide a tax credit for the adoption of a dog or cat.

With the economic downturn, Pennsylvania's animal shelters, associations, and rescue agencies have seen a dramatic increase in the number of homeless dogs and cats statewide. While many people want to adopt a dog or cat, they are concerned about the expenses they would incur by doing so.

The legislation I will be introducing would provide a tax credit for the cost of the adoption of a dog or cat from a pound, shelter, society, or other protective or rescue association for the prevention of cruelty to animals. The amount of the credit would be \$300 per taxable year.

I will be hosting a press conference in the future and all cosponsors of this legislation will be invited to attend. Pet Search, one of my local shelters, has agreed to provide one of their long term residents, Ellie, as a mascot in hopes that she finds a good home. Ellie is a one year old female beagle mix. She was brought to Pet Search by animal control when she was abandoned in Washington County. She is about 18 pounds and is very sweet and playful. Ellie is great with dogs, cats and children.

This legislation is strongly supported by The Humane Society of the United States. If you would like to cosponsor this measure, please contact Eileen Cohick at 717-783-6437 or ecohick@pahouse.net.