

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Executive Office

SUBMITTAL DATE: March 24, 2003

SUBJECT: Position on AB 326 by Assembly Member Robert Dutton.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors support AB 326 and direct the Executive Office and the Board's Sacramento representative to further the Board's position.

BACKGROUND: Existing law provides that, unless the county board of supervisors designates the animal control department to issue dog licenses, the county clerk shall issue dog licenses directly or through judges of municipal courts or the superior court in a county in which there is no municipal court, to owners of dogs that make application. This provision is also applicable to the governing body of a city that adopts the provision. Current law requires a dog receive a rabies vaccination before it can be licensed

AB 326 would additionally allow a local governing body to establish a "one stop" licensing process by authorizing veterinarians to issue dog license. The author's office states that this bill will encourage greater dog registrations by making it more efficient for dog owners.

Gary M. Christmas

Gary M. Christmas, Legislative Manager

Department Recommendation:
Per Executive Office:

FINANCIAL DATA: N/A
CURRENT YEAR COST: \$
NET COUNTY COST: \$

ANNUAL COST: \$
IN CURRENT YEAR: Yes/
BUDGET: No/
BUDGET ADJUSTMENT: Yes/
FY: No/

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: **APPROVE**

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LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS

BILL NUMBER:	Assembly Bill 326
AUTHOR:	Assembly Member Robert Dutton
PRESENT LAW:	<p>Existing law provides that, unless the county board of supervisors designates the animal control department to issue dog licenses, dog licenses shall be issued by the county clerk directly or through judges of municipal courts or the superior court in a county in which there is no municipal court, to owners of dogs that make application. This provision is also applicable to the governing body of a city that adopts the provision.</p> <p>Current law requires a dog receive a rabies vaccination before it can be licensed</p>
PROPOSED LAW:	AB 326 would provide that a city council or county board of supervisors may designate veterinarians to issue licenses to dog owners.
RECOMMENDATION:	Support
BACKGROUND:	According to the author's office approximately 8 million stray dogs and cats are euthanized each year in the United States. One way to reduce stray animals is to ensure that animals are registered. This bill expedites the registering process by providing that counties can authorize veterinarians to issue dog license. This would allow a dog owner to take his or her dog to the vet for a rabies shot and register it at the same time.
FISCAL EFFECT:	No fiscal impact.
ORGANIZATION POSITIONS:	The Fund for Animals is sponsoring AB 326. The California Federation for Animal Legislation is supporting the measure. There is no known opposition.