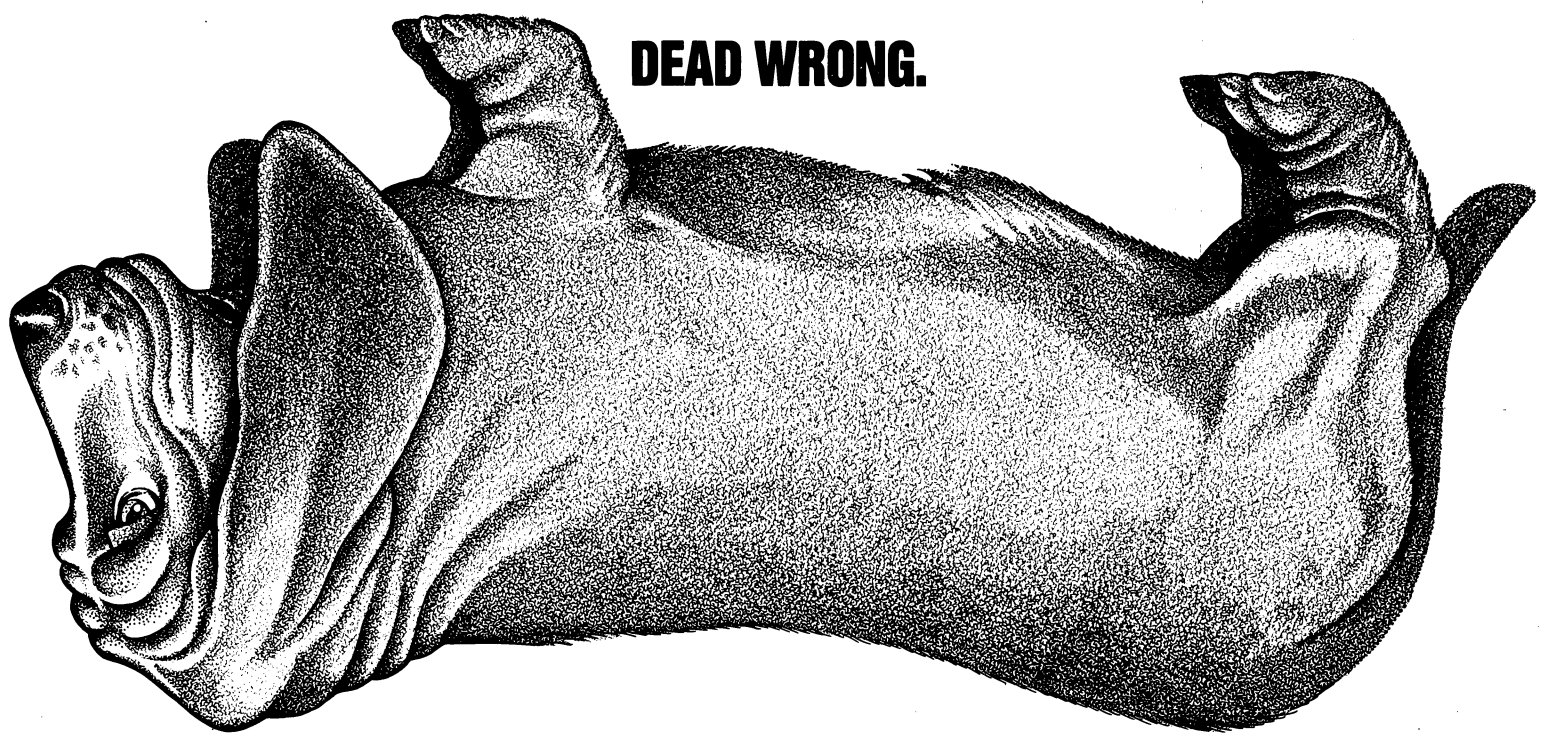




DEAD WRONG.

WE'RE LOSING OUR PETS BY THE POUND.

Under present state law, if your pet remains unclaimed in a pound it can be legally seized for experimentation. In the lab, your pet may be subjected to unimaginable treatment, including severance of vocal cords, isolation, confinement, electric shock, surgery with little or no anesthetic, and denial of food, water, sleep and exercise. Eventually, the pet dies — either quickly,

or slowly and painfully. Massachusetts is one of only seven states in the country that still legally authorizes this practice.

Something has to be done. And ProPets needs your help to do it.



Allen Smith

PROPETS CAN SAVE THEM.

ProPets is a group of concerned people from all walks of life who object to the use of household pets for experimentation. We've joined hands and resources to repeal this law — something our state legislature has refused to do. ProPets is *not* against research and experimentation. Our *only* intent is to stop the surrender of lost pets to research.

THERE IS AN ALTERNATIVE.

Many researchers have stated that household pets do not make desirable research animals. Yet between July 1981 and June 1982, nearly 2,000 dogs and cats in Massachusetts — perhaps your lost pet or your neighbor's — were bought for \$2 or

\$3 each by research labs for experimentation. ProPets asks that these unfortunate pets be reunited with their owners, put up for adoption, or humanely put to sleep. **PETS DO NOT BELONG IN LABORATORIES.**

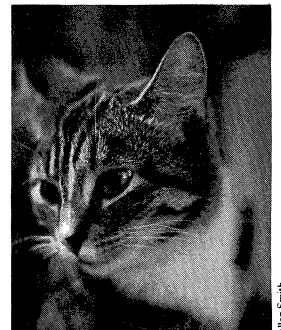
HERE'S WHAT WE'RE DOING.

Since the state legislature won't solve this problem, we want to take it straight to the people in the form of a petition on the November 1984 ballot. But this is no easy task. First, we must collect 61,000 valid signatures by November 23, 1983, to petition the 1984 legislature to enact our petition into law. If it fails to do so, 10,000 *more* signatures must be collected to put our question on the ballot in the form of a yes/no vote. And we must win that vote in order to end the use of pets in experimentation. All of this will take hard work — and money.

HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO.

ProPets urgently needs the support of people like you and your friends. We need volunteers to help us collect signatures, distribute information and perform other tasks.

We also need money. Your contribution will be put to good use to help protect pets. Won't you fill out and mail the coupon today? The fate of thousands of pets will depend on it.



Allen Smith

THE POUND SEIZURE LAW.

PROPETS

IT'S EVERYBODY'S PET PEEVE.

JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST PET EXPERIMENTATION.

Massachusetts law now permits animal pounds to donate or sell our lost or abandoned pets to research laboratories. PROTECT OUR PETS (ProPets) is a group of concerned citizens whose purpose is to force a public vote in November 1984 to end the use of pets in research in Massachusetts. We urgently need your help. Please read this brochure and then join us to help stop this senseless cruelty to our household pets.

THE POUND SEIZURE LAW MAKE IT YOUR PET PEEVE.

IT'S MY PET PEEVE.

Name _____
Address _____
Town/City _____
County _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone _____

- ☐ I would like to volunteer my time. Please have a ProPets representative contact me.
- ☐ I cannot volunteer any time, but I have enclosed my contribution to: Protect Our Pets, Suite 508, 10 Tower Office Park, Woburn, MA 01801.

PRO PETS

MORE PET PEEVE FACTS.

🐾 Every year nearly 7,000 dogs and cats are consumed by the Massachusetts research industry. The great majority of these are pets.

🐾 The mistaken belief that pound animals are a cheap resource encourages researchers to purchase more animals than are really needed. It also encourages repetitive and unnecessary experimentation.

🐾 Pound seizure undermines effective animal control programs and betrays the public trust in the shelter system. The fear that a pet may be sold for experimentation discourages people from delivering stray animals to pounds.

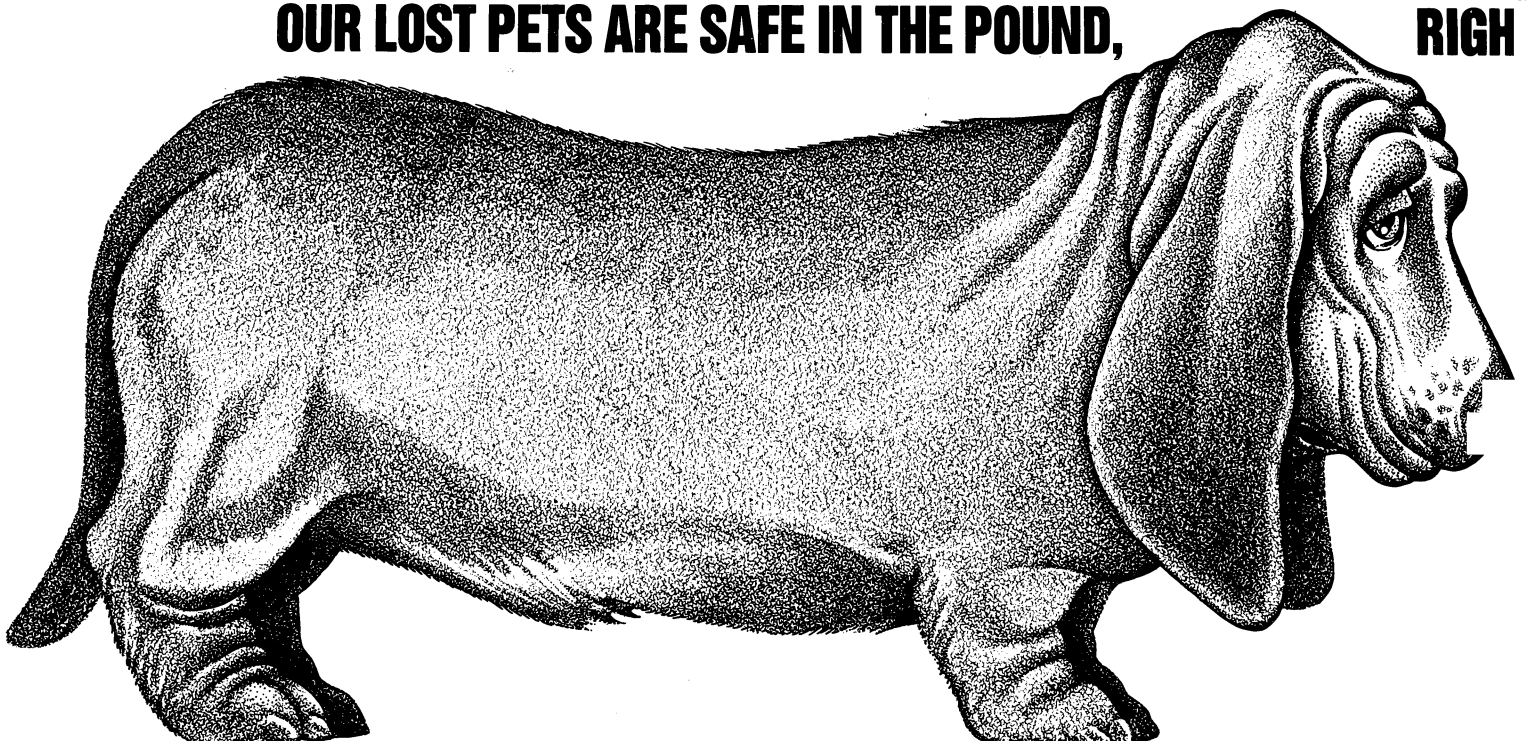
🐾 Researchers from neighboring states where the pound seizure law has been repealed report that this has not affected the quality or continuity of their work.

🐾 U.S. medical schools routinely use pound animals for practice surgery. Many prominent surgeons state that this use of animals is actually counterproductive to the development of compassion and concern in medical students. In Great Britain, the use of live animals by medical students has been prohibited for years.

🐾 Many researchers claim that if pound animals are no longer available, more pets will be stolen and sold to research labs. ProPets' petition will require research labs and animal dealers to keep detailed, public records of the animals they use, and of their source. This will eliminate or dramatically reduce petnapping.

OUR LOST PETS ARE SAFE IN THE POUND,

RIGHT ?



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September 14, 1983

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Mr. Paul E. Healy, Cambridge City Clerk
795 Massachusetts Ave.
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Healy:

I'm writing to request The Honorable City Council for permission to set up tables in Central Square and Harvard Square for the purpose of collecting signatures for an initiative petition.

The intent of the petition is to stop the seizure of pound animals anywhere in Massachusetts for experimentation. This is a state wide campaign called Protect Our Pets (ProPets). Its home office is in Woburn, telephone no. 938-9004. The enclosed flyer contains further information about ProPets.

We would like to set up in Cambridge in the following way: a small table, such as a card table, with two folding chairs where two or three volunteer workers would hand out buttons, bumper stickers and flyers (like the one enclosed) and, most important, collect signatures from registered voters on the certified petitions. There will be no soliciting or collection of money at the tables. There may be a poster displayed on the table.

We would like the following locations and times:

Central Square: Saturdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 1983
10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Harvard Square: Saturdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 1983
10:00 A.M. to 6:00 PM

Sundays, September 25, October 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 1983
12:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Ideally, in Harvard Square we would like to be located on Mass. Ave. between Church St. and the newstand (Nini's Corner), such as the place the Cambridge Election Commission uses for voter registration. In Central Square, if possible, we would pick the north side of Mass. Ave. between Prospect St. and Essex St. as an ideal place to be.

Thank you for your consideration. Replies can be sent to me: Ms. Nancy Kamen
4 Adamson St.
Allston, MA 02134

If you have any questions or need further information you can call me at: 783-1840 (day or eve).

Very truly yours,

Nancy Kamen

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Middlesex County Co-ordinator
for Cambridge - Somerville - Arlington - Medford

Comm. from Nancy Kamen, Middlesex County
Coordinator of "Protect Our Pets" requesting
permission to set up tables in Central Sq. &
Harvard Sq. on all Saturdays & Sundays during
the month of October for the purpose of gath-
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Re: seizure of pound animals for experimen-
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In City Council,

September 19, 1983

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