

The Honorable Richard M. Daley
Mayor of Chicago
City Council of Chicago

Via e-mail:

Dear Mayor Daley and Councilmembers:

As a proud Chicago native and the guardian of two canine companions, I urge you to help end Chicago's dog and cat overpopulation crisis by passing a law requiring people to spay and neuter their cats and dogs.

As you know, every year Chicago's animal shelters are forced to euthanize thousands of unwanted dogs and cats simply because there aren't enough good homes for them all. Countless other animals starve, are killed by vehicles, or are abused by cruel people on the streets. I am sure you will agree that every dog and cat born into this world deserves a chance at a loving home, but the only way to make that happen is to lower the rate of animal births, and the *only* way to accomplish that is through legislation that imposes some basic requirements on people who wish to breed animals for sale.

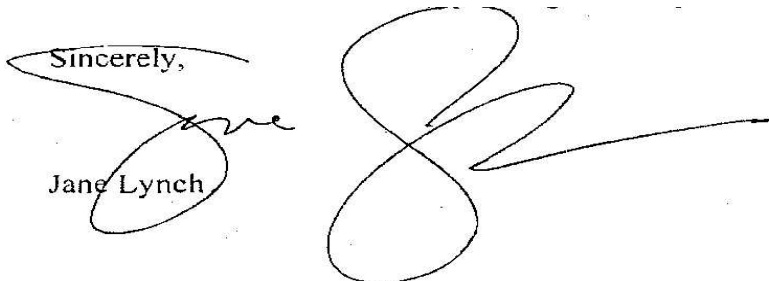
Of course, Chicago would be in good company if it were to pass such a measure. Cities across the nation, including Los Angeles, West Hollywood, Sacramento, Denver, Houston, and New York, have either mandated spaying and neutering, instituted differential licensing, or placed restrictions on breeding and/or the sale of puppies and kittens in pet shops.

Not only would preventing animals from being born into a world bursting at the seams with unwanted dogs and cats mean that fewer animals would be dying for homes in Chicagoland's shelters, it would also save taxpayers precious funds that are currently spent on picking up, sheltering, and euthanizing the city's unwanted and unadopted animals.

Won't you please stand up for Chicago's animals by considering lifesaving spay-and-neuter legislation? Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jane Lynch

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jane Lynch', written over the printed name.