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The need for PETA

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Until most people have their pets spayed, until most of the homeless and abandoned and feral animals are spayed, until people who 'own' animals provide for their animals responsibly there will be too many unwanted, uncared-for companion animals.

Some of those animals will carry communicable diseases and will be a burden on local government agencies that provide for the safety and well-being of the public.

No-kill animal shelters likely will not take animals that need immediate medical attention. No-kill shelters accept animals that are, generally speaking, readily adoptable. Open-admission shelters accept all animals, regardless of their condition. Private shelters are privately operated and run by donations. Public shelters are municipally governed and funded.

People who work in animal shelters are often overwhelmed by sadness. The stories shelter workers hear from individuals surrendering their pets, and the horrors they witness a never-ending line of abandoned, orphaned and abused animals are mind numbing.

Readers should think about the implications of SB1381, which redefines the purpose of animal shelters. And they shouldn't believe that euthanasia isn't necessary, until they work at or volunteer at an animal shelter and see the reality.

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