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To: Wisconsin Legislators

Fr: Dr. Doug Kratt, WVMA President
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Re: Support of licensing of dog sellers and breeders, animal shelters and animal control facilities (LRB-2375/2)

The Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association (WVMA) supports the Commercial Dog Breeders Licensure Bill introduced by Senator Pat Kreitlow and Representative Jeff Smith. By establishing standards of care for dog breeding facilities, this bill is intended to ensure that commercial dog breeders in Wisconsin provide humane care for their animals.

The WVMA has been involved in the development of this legislation and looks forward to being at the table as much needed standards of care are developed. We need to move forward in protecting animal health and relieving suffering. We believe our training and education in veterinary medicine will help ensure the legislation addresses all aspects of animal well-being, including proper housing, nutrition, disease prevention and treatment, and responsible care.

If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Kim Brown Pokorny, WVMA Executive Director, at 608-257-3665.