



Your Voice is Needed to Pass Spay Neuter Funding Bill!

Dear Animal Advocate,

The bill to raise funding for spay neuter services has passed the Arizona State House by a [vote](#) of 47-11-2. Thanks to everyone for contacting your representatives! HB 2523 is now in the Senate where it is nearing a final vote. We need you to contact your senator by Monday at noon and ask him/her to support HB 2523.

[House Bill 2523](#), sponsored by Representative Drew John, would use the voluntary tax check off program to raise much-needed funding for spay neuter services for low-income Arizona families.



TAKE ACTION NOW!

Please contact your state senator now and ask him/her to vote YES on HB 2523!

Sample script: "My name is _____ and I'm a resident in Senator _____'s district. I'm calling to ask him/her to vote Yes on HB 2523, which uses the tax checkoff program to raise funding for spay neuter services for low-income families at no cost to the state. Thank you."

You can contact your senator [here](#). If you aren't sure who your legislators are, click on '[Find My Legislator](#)' and go to the link where you enter your address. You can then select legislators to find their contact information. You can call and leave a message day or night. Please let us know if you receive a response from your senator, or if you have questions about legislation. HumaneVotersArizona@cox.net

BILL INFORMATION

HB 2523 would do many important things:

- Curb pet overpopulation and shelter costs
- Reduce municipal tax burdens due to animal control
- Reduce euthanasia of adoptable cats and dogs
- Protect human health against bites from aggressive/stray animals
- Reduce dangers on roadways due to loose animals



Monies raised via this voluntary check off program would be administered at no additional cost through an existing fund.

Three years ago, seven Maricopa County based nonprofits committed to tackling pet overpopulation- through [Fix Adopt Save](#). Over the past three years, this coordinated effort has resulted in a 15 percent increase in the number of spay/neuter surgeries performed; which in turn has resulted in a 38 percent decrease in shelter intake and euthanasia rates have plummeted by 71 percent.

You can watch Animal Defense League of Arizona President Stephanie Nichols-Young testify in support of HB 2523 at the House Committee [here](#).

Thank you for speaking for Arizona's animals!