

Attitudes About Spay and Neuter in California

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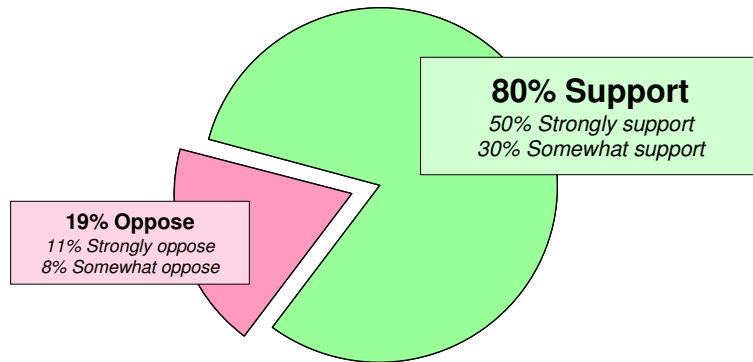
Support for Spay and Neuter Laws is High

“California voters are strongly in support of a law that would enforce the spaying and neutering of pets. Their support is strong before any information is provided to them about the benefits and consequences of such a law and their support increases dramatically after they are given information about ... pet overpopulation.”

- From “Poll of California Voters: Support for the Spaying and Neutering of Pets” Executive Summary, 2008, Zogby International. Emphasis added.

“...Would you support or oppose a law that would require pet owners to have their dog(s) or cat(s) spayed or neutered once the pet reaches six months of age...?”

(Among people who have heard standard informational statements about spay and neuter)



“Voters are three times more likely to say they would vote for a legislator who supports a spay and neuter bill than they would be to vote against him or her.”

“Support is strong among all demographic groups... Even majorities of those groups that might be considered anti-regulation – Republicans, those living in rural areas, and conservatives – say they are in support of such legislation before any information is read to them.

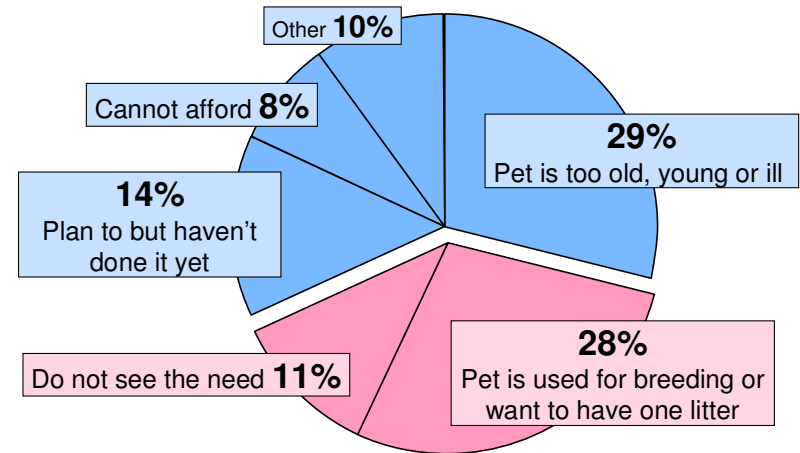
After the informational statements are read, support increases in every demographic group... It is clear the proponents of a spaying and neutering bill have the public on their side.”

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Many Owners Neglect Spay and Neuter

“Why is your pet(s) not spayed or neutered?”

(Among owners who have not spayed or neutered their pets)



Dog/Cat Breeders - Playing by the Rules?

“Do you believe individuals who sell cats or dogs for profit should obtain a business license, pay sales tax, and report their income?”

