

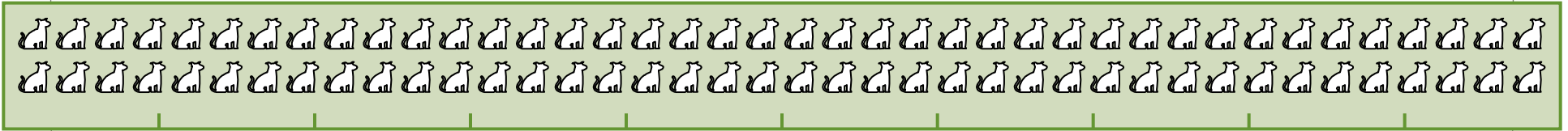
# Two Mile Long Rulers

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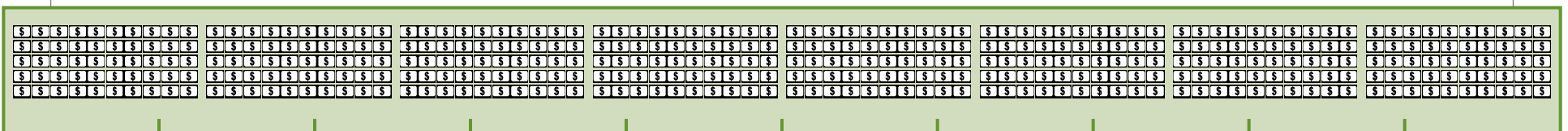


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This 10-inch ruler contains **80 animals**. Each animal in the ruler represents a dog or cat.  
If you were to print out over **6,000 rulers** and lay them end to end, you would create a **mile long ruler**  
*and it would represent the number of animals killed in California's shelters each year.*



This 10-inch ruler contains **40,000 dollars** (each little bill in the ruler represents \$100 of taxpayer money).  
If you were to print out over **6,000 rulers** and lay them end to end, you would create a **mile long ruler**  
*and it would represent the amount of taxpayer money spent holding and euthanizing animals in California's shelters each year.*



**And the rulers are getting longer.** The latest available statistics from the CA CDHS show an increase in both shelter intake and euthanasia.

This is a moral tragedy and a fiscal disaster for California. You can help reduce pet overpopulation by supporting common sense spay and neuter legislation like **SB 250 The Pet Responsibility Act**.

Visit [www.YESonSB250.com](http://www.YESonSB250.com) for more information.

**Source:** Shelter cost estimates provided by Los Angeles Animals Services and California Animal Control Directors Association. Population / percentages of animals incoming and exiting shelters, source: California Department of Public Health, Veterinary Public Health Section, "Rabies Control Activities Reporting by Local Health Jurisdiction (LHJ), California, 1995-2007, extrapolated to encompass incomplete data and private shelters.