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Congressman Wonder (D-NJ)

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Pet and Animal Protection Act

To toughen regulations on animal cruelty.

SECTION 1.

Short title

This act shall be known as the P.A.P.A., or the Animal Protection Act of 2019.

SECTION 2.

Harmful and Abuse to Pets

If a person is found and proven to be harmful or abusive to their pet, local police have the authority to take the pet to a local shelter or pound. Once taken, the shelter or pound must not euthanize the animal. If the shelter or pound is found to have euthanized the animal, they will have a fine of \$400 which will be used to waive adoption fees for animals.

SECTION 3.

Neglection of Pets

If a person is found and proven to be neglective to their pet, local police have the authority to take the pet to a local shelter or pound. The shelter or pound must not euthanize the animal. If the shelter or pound is found to have euthanized the animal, they will have a fine of \$400 which will

be used to waive adoption fees for animals. The pet owner has the ability to appeal within the court system to regain custody of the animal.

SECTION 4.

Killing with Intention

If a person kills their pet with intention and can be proven in a court of law, they can be sentenced to between 6 months and 5 years in prison. This does not apply to euthanasia when the pet is unhealthy, unable to live, or in rural areas as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau.

SECTION 5.

Pet Owning Blacklist

The Department of the Environment shall create a list of people who are barred from owning pets due to past offences of animal abuse. They shall distribute this list every year to shelters, pounds, and pet stores across the country.

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Definitions

1. Pet-

Any domesticated cat (*Felis catus*), dog (*Canis lupus familiaris*), bird (*Aves*), snake (*Serpentes*), lizard (*Lacertilia*), hamster (*Cricetinae*), rabbit (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*), or guinea pig (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*) that someone voluntarily offered to take care of through adoption, gift, or from purchasing from a petstore.

2. Shelter, pound

Any location that holds pets for adoption with no intentions of profits

3. Pet store

Any location that holds pets for sale with intentions of profits

4. Neglectance

Refusal to take care, feed, provide proper shelter, as well as outright ignoring a pet