

FACT SHEET: SB 945

AUTHOR: SENATOR BILL MONNING PET BOARDING FACILITIES STANDARDS

PROPOSED BILL

Senate Bill (SB) 945 would establish minimum standards for the care of pets while they are in boarding facilities to provide operators of these facilities with clear guidance, help ensure the safety and well-being of pets, and provide protection to pet-owning consumers. Current law is silent on animal and consumer protections that relate specifically to pet boarding facilities.

BACKGROUND

Pet owners who board their pets may be unaware that California law does not establish minimum standards of care for items such as the condition and safety of the facilities, limitations on the amount of time animals spend in cages, the quality of food and water, veterinary care, or emergency evacuation plans.

The level and quality of care at pet boarding facilities varies widely. While some facilities are exemplary, providing safe and loving environments, others do not meet basic standards.

There are many tragic stories of animals being severely injured or even perishing at boarding facilities due to neglect, poorly maintained equipment, or failure to ensure hazardous materials are not present around boarded animals.

This past summer in Monterey, fifteen dogs were killed at a pet spa because a fire started inside the building while the owner was away for an extended period of time.

If a pet is injured or perishes at a pet boarding facility, there is no recourse for the owner in current law.

Many pet owners view their pets similar to how parents view their children and tragedies can be avoided if minimum standards of care are established for pet boarding facilities.

SB 945 establishes minimum standards for pet boarding facilities that are modeled after minimum standards for pet shops, as found in Health and Safety Code Sections 122350-122361.

SUPPORT

State Humane Association of California
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OPPOSITION

None at this time.

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