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To: Long, Janet C; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Morroni, John; Gerard, Pat; Welch, Kenneth; Justice, Charlie; Brightwell, Doug
Subject: County Breeder Ordinance

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing in response to the announcement that the discussion around changes to the county breeder ordinance has been added to the agenda for the February 21 Commissioners Meeting.

As the executive director of Friends of Strays, a non-profit animal shelter in Pinellas County, I am happy that this ordinance is back on the agenda for further discussion. Friends of Strays supports the ordinance change and agrees with Director Brightwell's statement that 'the ordinance changes for Pinellas County would enable us to meet our goal of safeguarding public health, safety and animal welfare.' That is what I want as well, and to reach this goal I strongly feel that 'Hobby Breeders' should have yearly inspections and the 2 litter yearly limit should be included in the proposed ordinance changes.

I appreciate your consideration of these issues. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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