

Your Voice is Urgently Needed to Protect Dogs and Cats in Massachusetts!

Ever hear a devocalized dog? Listen, learn and post to Facebook:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MADA4SOaOqU>

Then take action.

An Act Prohibiting Devocalization, H. 344, would ban the cruel practice of devocalization--cutting vocal cords to stifle a dog's or cat's voice--in Massachusetts. It's painful, risky and more common than you think. Come to the public hearing, Tuesday, July 14, Noon, at the State House (Gardner Auditorium); wear a red ribbon to show your support for this humane legislation. Call 617-722-1639 a few days prior to confirm the date and time. Sign in early if you wish to deliver a *short* (limit 1 minute) statement.

AND CALLS URGENTLY NEEDED NOW THRU JULY 16:

Call or fax your State Rep and Senator (not those in DC) during business hours. To find your legislators: www.wheredoivotema.com and look for "Rep and Senate in General Court." Ask them to urge Rep. O'Flaherty and Sen. Creem to "report An Act Prohibiting Devocalization, H. 344, out of Judiciary quickly *with a favorable recommendation—as written.*" Call back periodically to ask the status of the bill and repeat your support.

**Powerful lobbies that profit from devocalization are fighting House Bill 344.
Dogs and cats depend on *your* voice to protect theirs.**