

March 25, 2021

Senator Scott Weiner
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Dear Senator Weiner,

On behalf of Rise for Animals (Rise), and our membership throughout California, I am writing to offer our strongest endorsement for your legislation to prohibit toxicological experiments on dogs and cats.

If enacted into law, S.B. 252, the Protection of Dogs and Cats from Unnecessary Testing Act, would prohibit painful and unnecessary toxicological experiments on dogs and cats, unless required by another law. This type of experimentation is especially cruel and does not result in cures that promote human health. California is a leader in animal protection legislation, and if S.B. 252 is enacted, California will once again be the first of many states to offer more comprehensive protection to dogs and cats used in research. S.B. 252 is especially important because of the sheer number of labs in California that use dogs and cats in research.

We applaud your leadership on this commonsense issue and appreciate your promotion of a reasonable path forward to prevent unnecessary suffering of dogs and cats in labs.

We look forward to continuing to support this legislation as it advances to the California Senate Judiciary Committee for consideration.

Sincerely,



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