

Dear Concerned Pet Owner,

On November 6, 2008 California Governor Schwarzenegger, as part of his budget plan to stimulate California's economy, proposed plans to add a sales tax on veterinary services. This is of great concern to not only current pet owners, but to all rescue organizations and their potential adopters. The cost of veterinary services is already high, and to add a tax of up to 9% would directly impact the quality of care provided to pets as well as increasing the possibility of pet abandonment.

Our pets have been placed in the same category as "appliance and furniture repair, vehicle repair, and golf." Those of us who have companion animals know that they are not a luxury, but rather a cherished, and often necessary part of our families. It is unconscionable to add this additional expense to pet owners, possibly forcing them to make decisions regarding the care of their pet based not on the welfare of the pet, but on financial constraints.

Feral Cat Foundation would like to ask your support in stopping this additional tax, which could take effect as early as February, 2009. Please voice your concerns by faxing this letter to the Governor's Office (916)558-3160, email address: <http://gov.ca.gov>. Or call, email, or fax your local Representative. Or, you may mail this letter to:

Office of the Governor
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Thank you for your support.
Feral Cat Foundation

Dear California Governor/State Representative:

I am strongly opposed to the sales and use tax proposal contained in the "Governor's Budget Special Session 2008-2009 document pertaining to "veterinary services." This would have a significant impact on the health and welfare of California's pets. Our pets are not "furniture".

Your Signature _____

Your City _____

Your Zip _____