

1 [Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 2344 (Haney) - Establishing Public Animal  
2 Abuse Registry]

3 **Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 2344, introduced by**  
4 **Assembly Member Matt Haney, which would establish a California Animal Abuse**  
5 **Registry, strengthen animal welfare protections, and promote public safety across the**  
6 **State of California.**

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8 WHEREAS, California State Assembly Bill No. 2344 (AB 2344), authored by Assembly  
9 Member Matt Haney, proposes the creation of a statewide California Animal Abuse Registry,  
10 a publicly accessible tool to help shelters, rescue organizations, law enforcement, and the  
11 public identify individuals convicted of felony animal abuse; and

12 WHEREAS, Under AB 2344, any person over the age of 18 who is convicted of felony  
13 animal abuse in California would be required to register with local law enforcement for a  
14 period of ten years, providing identifying information including name, photograph, physical  
15 description, and conviction details; and

16 WHEREAS, Under AB 2344, the California Department of Justice would publish certain  
17 registry information on an internet website by January 1, 2028, to improve transparency and  
18 support animal welfare efforts statewide; and

19 WHEREAS, Establishing an animal abuse registry would provide a critical resource for  
20 animal shelters and rescue organizations to make informed decisions that reduce the risk of  
21 repeat abuse and better protect animals placed in homes or foster care; and

22 WHEREAS, AB 2344 would also support law enforcement by creating a centralized  
23 database that assists in investigations, monitoring, and community safety efforts related to  
24 animal cruelty offenses; and

1           WHEREAS, Animal cruelty is widely recognized as a serious public safety concern,  
2 and peer-reviewed research has demonstrated that animal abuse frequently co-occurs with  
3 other forms of violence, including domestic violence, child abuse, and elder abuse; and

4           WHEREAS, Additional research has identified animal cruelty as a recognized indicator  
5 of broader patterns of interpersonal violence and criminal behavior, reinforcing the importance  
6 of early identification and intervention to protect both animals and communities; and

7           WHEREAS, Local data underscores the urgency of addressing animal cruelty, as the  
8 San Francisco Animal Care and Control (SFACC) reported that in Fiscal Year 2025-2026 it  
9 completed 2 felony arrests for animal cruelty, 23 misdemeanor arrests, issued 7 misdemeanor  
10 citations, and currently has 7 pending warrants, including 4 bench warrants, while also noting  
11 that no recent felony arrests have yet resulted in convictions; and

12           WHEREAS, During the same period, SFACC impounded 196 animals as part of  
13 investigations into suspected neglect or abuse, not including additional cases involving  
14 animals that were deceased upon arrival; and

15           WHEREAS, The San Francisco Police Department reported approximately 50 animal  
16 cruelty-related cases in the past year alone, with data indicating a concerning upward trend,  
17 increasing by approximately 20 to 30 cases annually in prior years; and

18           WHEREAS, These figures reflect a growing need for stronger preventative tools and  
19 accountability measures to protect animals and support enforcement efforts; and

20           WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has a longstanding commitment to  
21 animal welfare, responsible pet ownership, and humane treatment, and supports measures  
22 that strengthen protections for vulnerable animals and communities; and

23           WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance of  
24 state-level action to implement consistent and effective protections that benefit all Californians  
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1 and uphold the City's values of compassion, accountability, and public safety; now, therefore,  
2 be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
4 hereby urges the California State Legislature and the Governor to pass AB 2344; and, be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby directs  
6 the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of this Resolution to the San Francisco State legislative  
7 delegation and the City Lobbyist upon passage.

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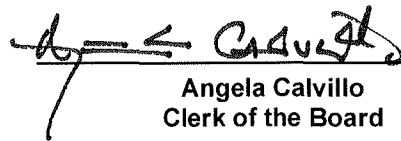
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April 07, 2026 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill, Walton and Wong  
Excused: 1 - Fielder

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 4/7/2026 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

  
Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

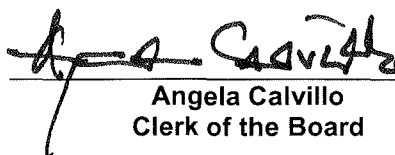
Unsigned

04/17/2026

Daniel Lurie  
Mayor

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

  
Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

04/17/2026

Date