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Act No. 121 (H.841). An act relating to miscellaneous animal welfare procedures

Subjects: Public safety; animal welfare

This act gives the Director of Animal Welfare rulemaking authority. It establishes a registration requirement and penalties for animal shelters, rescue organizations, pet dealers, and any person importing one or more domestic pets into Vermont for adoption, sale, transfer, or breeding. The act further requires pet dealers, animal shelters, rescue organizations, and animal breeders to maintain commercial liability insurance. It requires all wolf-hybrids six months and older be sterilized. The act authorizes the Animal Welfare Fund to accept donations, grants, or gifts. The act requires the Director of Animal Welfare to submit a report regarding what is needed to establish a comprehensive animal welfare system in Vermont.

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