



Memo: UPDATE ON S-297

Date: January 18, 2016

Late Friday, January 15, Senator Vitale stated he would recall Bill S-297 at the next session which is set for Wednesday, January 20th. We will follow to make sure the bill is recalled. There is a chance Senator Vitale will revise the bill and reintroduce it. AWA remains uncertain as why Senator Vitale feels this bill, or any similar one is necessary and we hope to meet with him to discuss his concerns.

AWA has provided affordable and subsidized public pet spay/neuter and pet wellness care for over 45 years. Our Pet Clinic helps over 20,000 pets a year. Many owned by people like you and me, rescue groups, and those in need of financial support. We serve a diverse community.

We feel strongly that people have the right to decide where to get their pet's care. We work very hard to provide subsidized spay/neuter and pet vaccinations to pets at the greatest risk of euthanasia. We feel strongly that providing low-cost care to everyone is a major reason why our community has one of the lowest pet euthanasia rates in all of NJ.

Since opening the Pet Clinic in 1974 to provide spay/neuter we've fixed over 250,000 pets.

Thank you for supporting our work and the work of all non-profit clinics in New Jersey.