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An act to prevent animal abuse

Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Right now all you have to do to adopt a dog is a survey. The survey is designed to help find compatible animals for their individual life styles; it says nothing about how well the owner is going to take care of the animal. Kentucky is the worst state for animal abuse for years in a row. For example in 2007 there were 1,880 animals that were abused. That might not seem like a lot but over half of animal cruelty is not reported.

Section 2: We will change animal cruelty by putting in background checks instead the survey. Putting in more background checks will make sure the pet has a good home. More background checks can include things such as past jobs or criminal activity.

Section 3: The benefit of preventing animal abuse. People who abuse children often start off by abusing animals if we prevent them from abusing animals it will keep the amount of child abuse down.

Section 4: The cost of preventing animal abuse would be very low because we are trying to add a back ground check. Background checks only cost about thirty dollars and with that small of a fine you can add that to the cost of the animal.

Section 5: This bill will go in effect 6 months after the law passes.