

MANDATORY SPAY NEUTER LAWS FAIL EVERYWHERE

Mandatory Spay Neuter laws across America have led to

- more animals killed
- more animals impounded
- increased animal control costs
- decreased licensing revenues

Santa Cruz County, California

1995 mandatory spay/neuter ordinance change in shelter intakes and euthanasia rates are no better than the state average

- Animal control costs doubled after passage
- Animal control costs "spiraling" out of control, according to a Santa Cruz Sentinel investigation
- Capitola, CA canceled animal services contract with county due to rising costs
- Watsonville threatening to pull out due to rising costs
- Licensing compliance dropped significantly

Supporters of AB 1634 frequently claim that Santa Cruz County had a 50+% reduction in shelter intakes after imposed mandatory spay/neuter in 1995. This is not true. The official shelter data published by California's Department of Health Services (CDHS), County of Santa Cruz budgets per State Controller County Budget Act, show the annual budget for 1990 \$626,522, 1993 \$642,498. In 1995, the MSN law was passed. From 1995 to 2002, the annual budget increased from \$647,742 with an average increase of \$52,454 annually, for a 2007 budget of 1,329,637. http://www.naiaonline.org/pdfs/SC_budget.pdf

Los Angeles, California

In 2000, after passing the mandatory Spay or Pay ordinance, the LA County saw:

- A decline in licensing compliance.
- Animal control budget rose 269%, from \$6.7 million to \$18 million.
- City hired additional animal control officers and bought new trucks and equipment just to enforce the new law

Montgomery County, Maryland

Mandatory spay/neuter law was

- passed but later repealed as a failure

- 50% decline in licensing compliance while ordinance in effect

Euthanasia rates declined more

- slowly than before the ordinance passed

Fort Worth, Texas

- Ended its mandatory spay/neuter program
- licensing compliance fell off after passage of the ordinance

There was a reduction in rabies

- vaccinations which lead to an increase in rabies in the city

King County, Washington

1992 mandatory spay/neuter ordinance

- License compliance decreases since passage of the ordinance
- Animal control expenses increased 56.8% and revenues only 43.2%
- In 1990 animal controls were \$1,662,776. By 1997 animal control costs were \$3,087,350
- Euthanasia rates fell at a slower rate after passage of the ordinance

King County, WA is commonly held up by supporters as an example of MSN success. These two articles by Nathan Winograd (www.BestFriends.org) illustrate how MSN supporters spin data. <http://nathanwinograd.blogspot.com/2007/09/truth-about-king-county.html>

Aurora, Colorado

- mandatory spay/neuter ordinance
- licensing compliance has dropped dramatically.

Pinellas County, Florida

- breeder licensing since 1992
- animal control budget increased 75% with revenue increasing only 13%.
- shelter intake and euthanasia rates increased after the law took effect

San Mateo County, California

The nation's first mandatory spay/neuter law was in San Mateo County, CA. In 1991, dog deaths in the areas governed by the MSN ordinance increased 126% and cats 86%, while areas of the county not covered by MSN laws decreased. Licenses declined by 35%. It was primarily pushed by the Peninsula Humane Society (PHS). The PHS assessed the San Mateo MSN law to have been "disappointing" since it led to increases in shelter killing. As a result, the PHS does not support CA AB 1634. Supporters of AB 1634 do not use San Mateo statistics, as it is so widely recognized as a failure.

Camden County, New Jersey

1996 mandatory spay/neuter ordinance: PAWS NJ comments 5 years later, 'An analysis of these statistics shows the Humane Society of Southern NJ which operates the Camden County Animal Shelter, to be consistently one of the leading, if not the leading killers of animals in the state of New Jersey.'

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