



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
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MARGARET WOOD HASSAN
Governor

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BY HER EXCELLENCY
MARGARET WOOD HASSAN, GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2016-01

An order re-establishing the Governor's Commission on the Humane Treatment of
Animals

WHEREAS, domesticated animals provide support, companionship and assistance to many citizens of the State of New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS, failure to provide proper care for domestic animals is troubling, and abuse of such animals is both unacceptable and criminal; and

WHEREAS, the prevention of animal abuse is important to the safety and welfare of New Hampshire citizens; and

WHEREAS, a Governor's Task Force Regarding the Humane Treatment of Animals was established by Executive Order 2004-5 and then re-established by Executive Order 2006-3;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARGARET WOOD HASSAN, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, by the authority vested in me by Part II, Article 41 of the New Hampshire Constitution, do hereby order that:

There is an established Governor's Commission on the Humane Treatment of Animals. The Commission shall:

- 1) Prepare a biennial report for the Governor that documents
 - a) the number of animal-cruelty related convictions in that time period.
 - b) relevant proposed legislation and changes in statute and administrative rules.
 - c) suggested legislation as necessary to ensure the safety and welfare of domestic animals and New Hampshire citizens.
- 2) Research and evaluate possible funding sources for animal-cruelty related costs. Funding needs could include, but not be limited to: the housing, transportation, and care for seized animals; professional training; law enforcement and judicial system costs related to cruelty cases.
- 3) Maintain a Commission website that includes access to the Commission's Animal Cruelty Law Enforcement Resources document.

FURTHER, the Commission shall consist of the following members who shall be nominated by the organization listed for appointment by, and to serve at the pleasure of, the Governor:

- 1) Three New Hampshire citizens who are informed and concerned about animal abuse prevention;
- 2) A member of the Animal Control Officers Association of New Hampshire;
- 3) A representative of the New Hampshire Federation of Humane Organizations;
- 4) The New Hampshire state veterinarian or designee;
- 5) A representative of the New Hampshire Veterinary Medical Association;
- 6) A representative of the New Hampshire Farm Bureau Association;
- 7) A member of a New Hampshire equine association or organization;
- 8) A member representing canine interests, nominated jointly by the New Hampshire mushers' association and the Dog Owners of the Granite State;
- 9) A member of the New Hampshire Veterinary Technician Association;
- 10) A member of the New Hampshire Cat Fanciers Association;
- 11) A representative from the UNH Cooperative Extension with livestock or dairy; livestock expertise;
- 12) A State Representative recommended by the Speaker of the House; and
- 13) A State Senator recommended by the Senate President.

FURTHER, the Governor shall appoint the chair from the membership; and

FURTHER, Executive Order 2006-3 is hereby withdrawn and is replaced by this Executive Order, which shall be effective immediately.

Given under my hand and seal at the Executive Chambers in Concord, this 22nd day of January, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and sixteen, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and forty.



GOVERNOR OF NEW HAMPSHIRE