

**FIDO FINE**



**Declined**

As we all know, the budget process in California was long and grueling. However, thanks to the thousands of calls and emails from concerned Californians like you, the Fido Fine was dropped. The state legislature rejected Governor Schwarzenegger's proposal to extend sales tax increases to veterinary services.

Dogs, Cats, and our other animal companions are thrilled today, as this ill-conceived "Fido Fine" could have added up to 10 percent to the cost of caring for animals in California, sincerely endangering the health and well-being of pets and forcing people to make tough choices about whether animals get the care they need.

Thank you, Community, for taking the time to take action; it has paid off for the animals. PAHS and other concerned animal organizations supported HSUS' strong campaign which was assisted by the leadership of the California Veterinary Medical Association.

This is an issue we'll be watching over the coming months. As states and agencies struggle to come to terms with the current economic downturn, we all must ensure that animals do not bear the brunt.

*On behalf of PAHS, thank you for all you do for animals.*