



## Doris Day Animal League

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Dear Friend,

Do you know why experimenting on your family pet or mine is preferable to some researchers? It is enough to make you sick.

The reason is that dogs and cats who have been part of a family are so much easier to handle. They'll sit still, hoping for a treat, as they are injected with toxic substances. They are more likely to put up with cramped cages and neglect, as long as someone pats them every once in a while.

Because they've known kindness and love as family pets, they'll even lick the hand that hurts them.

The case of animal dealer C.C. Baird in Arkansas shows just how much danger our pets are in.

Baird had a USDA Class B animal dealer license. That meant he could legally sell "random source" animals to research labs. According to the Animal Welfare Act, he was required to keep records of where he got the animals, and show consent. But there are few inspectors, and little enforcement. For 15 years, police suspected Baird was operating illegally, but couldn't prove it. Dealers like him know they can ignore the rules and make tremendous profits every year.

Baird was buying animals from "bunchers." Bunchers are pet thieves who roam neighborhoods looking for trusting, but unattended, family pets.

The fate of these dogs and cats can be tragic. Most go to research labs. The rest are sold to puppy mills as breeders, or misused in some other tragic way.

This has gone on for far too long. When the Animal Welfare Act was first passed in 1966, the early animal welfare activists hoped it would protect pets from the worst kinds of cruelty, torture, and inhumane death. But the law has never been enforced very well over the years, and four attempts to amend it haven't helped.

That's why we're working with other animal welfare organizations to pass the Pet Safety and Protection Act (S. 451 and H.R. 5299). And we need your help.

The Pet Safety and Protection Act will end the Class B license animal traders like C. C. Baird hide behind. All dealers selling pets to research labs would have to meet the higher standards of a Class A license. The bill would also provide increased resources for enforcement. As it is now, there is only one inspector to monitor hundreds of dealers.



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For more information on this and other animal protection issues, please visit our website: [www.ddal.org](http://www.ddal.org)

There aren't many politicians who don't agree that something must be done when they learn that 1.5 to 2 million pets are stolen, abused and tortured every year. But several pet protection bills have been introduced into Congress over the last 10 years, and all have been buried or defeated.

We have to let our representatives in Congress know how much we care about this.

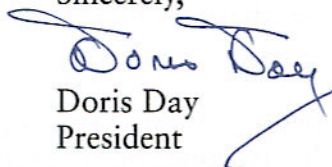
Millions of us provide loving homes for our dear pets, and they are members of our families. But a *buncher can get \$10-\$50 for your pet, no questions asked. C.C. Baird sold thousands of dogs and cats each year to researchers at prices ranging from \$250 to \$800 per animal*. When law enforcement agencies finally responded to the urgings of animal activists to shut him down, they found hundreds of dogs and cats in fetid kennels - sick, hungry, cold, and scared. Animal rescue groups mobilized to find homes for more than 700 animals, mostly beagles, labs and hounds.

C.C. Baird is out of business now, thank goodness. But there are hundreds of others like him.

That's why I hope you'll sign the enclosed petition to let our lawmakers know we demand action to put an end to this theft and carnage of our beloved pets. And I hope you'll send a donation of \$15, \$35, or even \$50 or more to help us get out the message and educate the Senate and the House of Representatives so they'll finally pass this legislation and do it quickly.

There are alternatives to the abuse and killing of our family pets in research labs. Please help us put an end to this now. Sign all three of your petitions, and send the most generous gift you can. Thanks for caring.

Sincerely,

  
Doris Day  
President

P.S. You can help now. Bunchers love "Free to a Good Home" ads. They pretend to be animal lovers looking for a family pet and then immediately sell that loving pet to a dealer like C.C. Baird for just a few dollars. Please tell your friends not to run such ads. And please help us put the bunchers and Class B animal dealers out of business by signing your petitions and sending a gift. Thanks!

P.P.S. I've enclosed your 2007 DDAL Calendar as a free gift to you, our loyal friend. Your continued support helps us protect wonderful animals like those in your calendar.

The Doris Day Animal League exists to increase the public's awareness of its responsibility to animals through public and membership information and legislative initiatives, and to ensure adherence to regulations already enacted to protect animals.

The Doris Day Animal League is proud of its history of fiscal responsibility. A summary of the registration and financial documents filed by this organization can be obtained by contacting us at: Doris Day Animal League • Suite 100 • 227 Massachusetts Avenue NE • Washington, DC 20002, or by contacting these state agencies: In New York, NYS Department of Law, Charities Bureau, the Capitol, Albany, NY 12224; in Maryland, for the cost of copies and postage, the Secretary of State, State House, Annapolis, MD 21401; IN NEW JERSEY, FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL BY CALLING 201-504-6215; IN NORTH CAROLINA, A COPY OF THE LICENSE TO SOLICIT CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS AS A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION OR SPONSOR AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, SOLICITATION LICENSING BRANCH, BY CALLING 919-807-2214; in Pennsylvania, residents may call the Pennsylvania Department of State at 1-800-732-0999; for West Virginia residents, the Secretary of State, State Capitol, Charleston, WV 25305; in Virginia, the State Division of Consumer Affairs, P.O. Box 1163, Richmond, VA 23218; Washington State residents may obtain a copy of the last report filed with the Washington Secretary of State by calling toll free within Washington, 1-800-332-4483; IN FLORIDA, RESIDENTS MAY CALL THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES AT 1-800-435-7352. Our license number in Florida is CH-01517. Registration with any of the above government agencies does not imply endorsement by the state.

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