



**MATT HANEY**  
Assemblymember, District 17



## MEDIA ADVISORY

# New California Bill Will Fast-Track Adoptions for Abused Animals

*AB 2344, the Rehome Abused Animals Act, will streamline the adoption process for animals involved in animal cruelty cases to be transferred from shelters to foster homes or animal welfare agencies before the case concludes.*

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## EMBARGOED UNTIL

**June 15, 2026**

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**WHAT:** Assemblymember Matt Haney will hold a press conference with co-sponsors Los Angeles District Attorney, Nathan Hochman, and Founder/President of Social Compassion in Legislation, Judie Mancuso, to promote AB 2344 - the Rehome Abused Animals Act

### **WHO:**

Assemblymember Matt Haney

Los Angeles County District Attorney, Nathan Hochman

Assemblymember Mark Gonzalez

Judie Mancuso, Founder/President, Social Compassion in Legislation

Gabrielle Amster, General Manager, Los Angeles Animal Services

**WHERE:** North Central Shelter - 3201 Lacy St., Los Angeles, CA 90031

**LIVESTREAM:** <https://www.youtube.com/live/tvfvcw2YXvY>

**WHEN:** June 15th, 2026 at 10am

Across California, animals that were involved in animal cruelty cases are required to be held in shelters as evidence during ongoing court cases. Oftentimes, this means they're left in shelters for months to years, without the ability to be adopted. This leads to extreme overcrowding in these spaces, limiting the amount of resources, quality of care, and time the staff can allocate for each animal. In LA County, it costs about \$105 a day to shelter just one animal.

AB 2344 will allow abused animals to be adopted into safe homes in 30 days if the defendant fails to appear in court. Animals should not have to wait longer than they need to to transition to a foster home. AB 2344 gives animals the second chance they deserve to live in a safe, stable home in a timely manner.

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