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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- ANIMAL CARE

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Baldelli-Hunt, Costantino, Serpa, and Ferri

Date Introduced: February 13, 2013

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 4-19 of the General Laws entitled "Animal Care" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **4-19-22. Rhode Island incorporated animal welfare or animal rights organization**
4 **may assist pet owner in adoption process. --** [Nothing in this title shall prohibit a Rhode Island](#)
5 [incorporated animal welfare or animal rights organization from assisting a pet owner in the](#)
6 [adoption process; provided, that the said organization is not involved in the sale of such animal.](#)
7 [Nothing in this title, shall prohibit a Rhode Island incorporated animal welfare or animal rights](#)
8 [group from fostering a dog or cat provided it follows the limits on the number of dogs and cats](#)
9 [that can be housed under the local city or town ordinance.](#)

10 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would allow a Rhode Island incorporated animal welfare or animal rights
2 organization to assist a pet owner in the adoption process provided the organization is not
3 involved in the sale of such animal. Also, Rhode Island incorporated animal welfare or animal
4 rights group may foster a dog or cat provided it follows the limits on the number of dogs and cats
5 that can be housed under the local city or town ordinances.

6 This act would take effect upon passage.

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