



## Press Release

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### **Governor Edward G. Rendell Comes to CARES in Langhorne**

Ceremonial Public Signing of HB 2525, the so-called “Puppy Mill Bill” takes place **Monday October 27th.**

Langhorne, PA – Governor Edward G. Rendell, alongside Directors of CARES (Center for Animal Referral and Emergency Services) and Hope for the Animals, will host a ceremonial public signing of HB 2525 (now known as Act 119). The new law, which was signed earlier this month, improves the treatment of dogs in commercial kennels and provides for better health.

“We do wind up seeing a lot of puppies that come out of puppy mills,” according to CARES Director, Dr. Jon Rappaport. “We see animals that have severe pneumonia, parvo virus and other infectious diseases. All too often people set out to get a healthy puppy and instead wind up with a very ill animal. This is both an expensive financial and emotional proposition, they are not prepared for. This act will provide for healthier puppies getting to their owner and for better conditions for the animal being bred.”

**WHO:** Governor Edward G. Rendell, the Directors of CARES and Hope for the Animals

**WHAT:** Ceremonial Public Signing of HB 2525 (now known as Act 119)

**WHEN:** Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 12 p.m. – The Public is Invited

**WHERE:** CARES (Center for Animal Referral and Emergency Services)  
2010 Cabot Blvd. West, Suite D  
Langhorne, PA 19047

**MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES:** Interviews are available with the Directors and Veterinarians of CARES regarding their experiences in treating puppy mill dogs, as well as the impact on pet owners. Also, tours of the hospital for b-roll are available upon request.

### **ABOUT CARES:**

CARES is a full service specialty and emergency referral veterinary hospital. Specialty cases are seen by referral from the primary care practitioner. Specialty services include: Cardiology, Clinical Pathology, Internal Medicine, Oncology, Ophthalmology, Radiology, Surgery and

Client Support. The hospital also offers 24 hour emergency care. CARES has been voted 2008 Neighbors' Choice Award Winner for Best Veterinarian/Animal Hospital in Bucks County. For more information, visit [www.vetcares.com](http://www.vetcares.com)

**ABOUT HOPE FOR THE ANIMALS:**

A special fund run by Hope for the Animals (HFA) works with CARES to provide financial assistance to pet owners who are unable to pay the full cost of emergency veterinary care. The Boris and Natasha fund has helped more than 25 pets in the past three years at an average cost of \$2,000 per pet. Established in 1989, HFA is Bucks County's largest no-kill, nonprofit dog and cat rescue organization. According to Marilyn Neiman, President of HFA, they are on track to build the first no-kill shelter in Bucks County. For more information, visit [www.hopefortheanimals.com](http://www.hopefortheanimals.com)

**ABOUT ACT 119:**

For more information about Act 119, visit:

<http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us/doglawaction/cwp/view.asp?a=11&q=150923>