

### Fiscal Estimate - 2009 Session

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<b>LRB Number</b> 09-4273/1		<b>Introduction Number</b> AB-0793	
<b>Description</b> Animals taken into custody			
<b>Fiscal Effect</b>			
<b>State:</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect			
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate			
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	
<b>Local:</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate			
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs		3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	
2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs		4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	
5. Types of Local Government Units Affected			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Towns		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Village	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Counties		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cities	
<input type="checkbox"/> School Districts		<input type="checkbox"/> Others	
		<input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts	
<b>Fund Sources Affected</b>		<b>Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS			
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**Fiscal Estimate Narratives**  
**DATCP 3/22/2010**

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**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

This bill makes several changes to the law affecting animals taken into custody by local officials. The Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer protection estimates that the only local government fiscal effect relates to custody of animals involved in dog fighting cases.

Under current law, in cases of dog fighting, local governments are required to hold on to the dogs until there is a resolution of the dog fighting case. This is unique to dog fighting cases. In all other violations of Chapter 951, Wisc. Stats., there are mechanisms for the disposition of the animals, prior to resolution of the case.

This bill provides the local units of government the same options in dog fighting cases that are already available to them in other situations of alleged violation of ch. 951.

The bill would reduce local government costs for housing and care of these animals, which can be significant because dog fighting cases are often prolonged. The amount saved is indeterminate and will vary with the number of cases and animals involved. (In the recent case of dog fighting in Dane County, the county estimates that it cost \$200,000 to house and feed the animals involved and that costs would have been significantly lower if other housing options were available.)

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**