



ACTION ALERT

H. R. 6311 - The Non-Native Wildlife Invasion Prevention Act **SERIOUS THREAT TO THE ANIMAL OWNERS AND HOBBYISTS IN AMERICA**

On June 19, 2008 Rep Bordallo, Madeleine [D-GU] introduced an extreme animal rights bill that would limit the choices of animals that are imported into the USA. The bill claims to "To prevent the introduction and establishment of nonnative wildlife species that negatively impact the economy, environment, or human or animal species' health, and for other purposes".



However, upon closer inspection, it would cause the end to most animal imports into the USA, even your domestic cat.

In his June 26, 2008 testimony at The House Natural Resources Committee, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, Marshall Meyers, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council said:

"...it imposes on persons interested in importing or possessing a species for commercial or non-commercial purposes the task of having to scientifically prove a negative – that the species will not cause harm or be likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human and

animal species' health. Simply on the grounds of "Statistics 101" this is unworkable. Absent a crystal ball, it is impossible to prove conclusively that no harm has ever nor will ever occur at any time, anywhere in the United States..."

HR 6311 would create 'Prohibited' and 'Approved' species lists. Usually with bills, if the species is not on prohibited list, it is legal by default. In the case of HR 6311, for the species to be legal, it would have to be absent from the PROHIBITED list, and at the same time be on the APPROVED list. All others would be ILLEGAL by default. To be listed on the Approved list, proof must be provided that it will never harm the environment. This is as insane as asking the person buying a new car that they will never get into a car accident. This bill must be killed.

For more information, go to:

http://www.rexano.org/HR6311_Wildlife_Invasion_Frame.htm