

Member Education Brief

Overview

Recent changes to California pet laws have introduced new compliance, liability, and enforcement challenges that extend beyond breeders and affect the entire pet services ecosystem.

Key Impacts on Members

- Reduced access to responsibly bred puppies
- Increased consumer exposure to unregulated sellers
- Economic contraction across veterinary, training, grooming, and retail services
- Higher legal and administrative risk for compliant operators

Why This Matters

When responsible participants exit the market, consumer protection weakens and animal welfare outcomes decline. Targeted legislative fixes can restore balance without removing safeguards.

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