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The Honorable Micah Kellner
The Honorable Thomas Duane
834 Legislative Office Building
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December 5th, 2009

Dear Assembly Member Kellner and Senator Duane,

Thank you for acting so quickly, and decisively, in response to the euthanasia of Oreo by the ASPCA. The taking of Oreo's life was truly an unconscionable act, particularly in light of the circumstances offered by Pets Alive on this abused dog's behalf.

Across the country, thousands of animals die a similar death for reasons as inconsequential as "space", the most minor of illnesses, or the stigma that claims so many, and in fact, claimed Oreo: "unadoptable". Killing has become our society's solution to pets purchased, and abandoned, by humans, on a whim. It is a sad reflection of the irresponsibility shown by people at every level, in the lives of these dear animals—both in body and spirit, they truly are considered to have no worth. They are not perceived as individuals with different personalities, needs, fears, gifts--they are only perceived as "adoptable"--or not. Any and every step toward recognizing the innate cruelty and arrogance of this attitude is, without question, a step in the right direction--the responsible direction. The only morally acceptable direction.

Every life is indeed precious.

Thank you for caring--and acting. You have our full support.

Sincerely,

Linda Brink and Bill Swearer
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