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**URGENT CALL TO ACTION – March 31, 2010—Assembly Bill 793
Amendment offered on March 30, 2010
It is imperative that you contact the committee members today
as it is going to executive session tomorrow—April 1, 2010!**

AB 793 is the bill that seeks to seriously undermine your Federal 5th & 14th Amendment rights. It is scheduled for executive session tomorrow. Representative Pocan offered amendments to the bill yesterday, but the only concern of ours that was removed was the mandatory microchipping of a seized animal.

The bill being put forth still includes:

Language that takes away your Federal 5th & 14th amendment rights and demands that animals are considered “unclaimed” if the owners cannot come up with fees to pay for the upkeep of their seized animals within 5 days of the court order—173.23 (6).

Language that allows for neighborhood disputes—173.01 (4), the inability to get your animals back at all if charged under section 951—968.20 (1) (intro).

173.17(2) allows humane officers to not have to disclose information to anyone regarding the disposition of seized animals, unless ordered by the court, yet according to 173.22 (1), a person who claims that the animals were improperly taken into custody and files a petition to get them back, must SERVE A COPY OF THE PETITION to whomever has the animals!

This bill creates a new section of chapter 951—951.17. This will allow the court to keep the animal in custody to allow collection of evidence relating to the animal, eliminating your right to due process.

This bill is a very complicated bill as it is dealing with 3 sections of law— Ch. 173 Animals; Humane Officers, Ch. 951 Crimes Against Animals, and Ch. 968 Commencement of Criminal Proceedings. We encourage our members to read the bill, but in order to do so, it would be helpful for you to print out each Chapter to go over the changes. The chapters can be found at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/stats.html> , the State Constitution can be found at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/statutes/wisconst.pdf> , SB 580 can be found at <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/2009/data/SB-580.pdf> and AB 793 can be found at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/2009/data/AB793.pdf>

The committee members are: [Representative Joe Parisi \(Chair\)](#) [Representative Chuck Benedict \(Vice-Chair\)](#) [Representative Donna Seidel](#) [Representative Frederick Kessler](#) [Representative Sondy Pope-Roberts](#) [Representative Ted Zigmunt](#) [Representative Sandy Pasch](#) [Representative Karl Van Roy](#) [Representative Mark Gundrum](#) [Representative Steve Kestell](#) [Representative Daniel LeMahieu](#) [Representative Edward Brooks](#)

The bill is sponsored by: Representatives Pocan, Berceau, Black, Brooks, Hebl, Pasch and Pope-Roberts; cosponsored by Senators Risser, Carpenter, Erpenbach and Miller.