

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BY HIS EXCELLENCY
JOHN H. LYNCH, GOVERNOR**

Executive Order 2006-3

**An Order Re-Establishing The Governor's Commission On The
Humane Treatment Of Animals**

WHEREAS, domesticated animals provide support, companionship and assistance to many citizens of the State of New Hampshire;

WHEREAS, a Governor's Task Force Regarding the Humane Treatment of Animals was established by Executive Order 2004-5;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the request of the task force, it is necessary to re-establish a commission in order to clarify its membership and direct its mission;

WHEREAS, the provision of proper care for domestic animals is essential;

WHEREAS, the prevention of animal abuse is important to the safety and welfare of New Hampshire citizens;

WHEREAS, this Executive Order 2006-3 supercedes Executive Order 2004-5;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN H. LYNCH, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, by the authority vested in me by part II, article 41 of the New Hampshire Constitution do hereby order the following:

1. There is established the Governor's Commission on the Humane Treatment of Animals. The Commission shall evaluate animal abuse in New Hampshire; perform a thorough analysis of all statutory and administrative rules; assess State, community and private programs that address animal abuse; and provide recommendations to the Governor on ways to better prevent and address animal abuse in New Hampshire.
2. The Commission shall consist of the following members who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
 - a. A representative from the National Humane Organization
 - b. An Animal Control Officer
 - c. A representative of the Police Chiefs Organization
 - d. A representative of the NH Wildlife Association
 - e. A representative of the NH Federation of Humane Organizations
 - f. A representative of the Fish and Game Department
 - g. A member of the American Boarding Kennels Association that does business in NH
 - h. The state veterinarian or designee
 - i. A representative of the NH Sheriffs Association
 - j. A State Senator recommended by the Senate President
 - k. A State Representative recommended by the Speaker of the House
 - l. A representative of the Municipal Animal Shelters
 - m. A representative of the Animal Shelter Boards
 - n. A member of the NH Animal Health Technician Association
 - o. 5 members of the general public one of whom is a member of the NH Bar Association
 - p. The Attorney General or designee
 - q. A member of the NH Cat Fanciers Association
 - r. A member of the NH Dog Breeders Association
 - s. A member of the Sled Dog Owners Association
 - t. The Director of the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension or designee
3. Executive Order 2004-5 is hereby withdrawn and is replaced by this Executive Order which shall be effective immediately.