

# INITIATIVE PETITION

**To the Attorney General of Ohio:** Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code § 3519.01(A), the undersigned electors of the State of Ohio, numbering in excess of one thousand, hereby submit to you the full text of a proposed law and a summary of the same.

## TITLE

Ohio Dog Auctions Act

## SUMMARY

The Ohio Dog Auctions Act would enact Section 955.54 of the Ohio Revised Code to make it unlawful for any person to auction, as defined in R. C. 4707.01, or raffle a dog within Ohio for any purpose. It would also prohibit bringing into the state for purposes of sale or trade a dog acquired through an auction or raffle in another jurisdiction. The Ohio Attorney General would have authority to investigate, conciliate and prosecute alleged violations of the Act. The Attorney General or any resident of the state could bring a civil action to enjoin a violation of the Act. A first conviction under the Act would be punishable as a minor misdemeanor and each subsequent conviction as a fourth degree misdemeanor.

## COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS

The following persons are designated as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

Mary O'Connor-Shaver    347 Meadow Ash Drive, Lewis Center, Ohio 43035  
 Jim Tew                      6315 Duffy Road, Delaware, Ohio 43015  
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## NOTICE

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Signature	County	City or Village	Street and Number	Ward/Precinct	Mo/Day/Yr
1. <i>Maggie Doff</i>	<i>COLUMBIANA</i>	<i>Negley</i>	<i>PO BOX 3161</i>		<i>9/13/09</i>
2. <i>Heather Horly</i>	<i>COLUMBIANA</i>	<i>Negley</i>	<i>51501 Dartington Rd</i>		<i>9/13/09</i>
3. <i>Patricia A. Dineen</i>	<i>COLUMBIANA</i>	<i>Salon</i>	<i>220 Brooklyn Ave</i>		<i>9/13/09</i>

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4. Cal Smell	COLUMBIANA	Salem	220 Breaklyn		9/13/09
5. Owen Heger	COLUMBIANA	Hanoverston	32216 Wooddale Dr.		9/13/09
6. Jonathan Heger	COLUMBIANA	Hanoverston	32216 wooddale Dr.		9/13/09
7. Lonnie Fain	COLUMBIANA	Salem	2092 SHAWRACK ARBOR		9/13/09
8. <del>Rose Ann Hatcl</del> Rose Ann Hatcl	COL.	SALEM	1800 SR 9		9/13/09
9. James Smith	Col.	Col.	1229 Col. Lisbon Rd		9/13/09
10. Mary Ann Smith	Col.	Col.	1229 Col Lisbon Rd		9/13/09
11. <del>Rick Hatcl</del> Rick Hatcl	Col	SALEM	1800 SR 9.		9/13/09
12. <del>Susan Temple</del> SUSAN TEMPLE	Col.	LISBON	305 W. HIGH ST.		9/13/09
13. Susan GUEHL	Col.	Salem	1339 E. 16th ST		9/13/09
14. Shannon Yates	Col.	Salem	368 Columbia St.		9/13/09
15. <del>Brenda Austin</del> Brenda Austin	Col.	Salem	1150 Highland Ave		9/13/09
16. <del>Stephanie Linder</del>					
17. Stephanie Linder	Col	Salem	1147 Highland Ave <sup>Salem</sup>		9/13/09
18. Kashi Arter	COL	LISBON	316 W. PINE ST.		9/13/09
19. Kendra Rose	Col	Salemville	18366 Steub Pike.		9/13/09
20. Lucy G. Schwartz	Col	Leetonia	5670 Roberts Rd.		9/13/09
21. Ralph R. Schwartz	Col	Leetonia	5670 Roberts Road		9/13/09
22. Floyd K. Kilo	Col	Columbiana	42338 St Rt 517		9/13/09

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23. <i>Theresa Williams</i>	Col	Wellsville	44256 Y40 Rd.		9/13/09
24. <i>Timothy R. Wilton</i>	Col.	Wellsville	44256 Y40 Rd		9/13/09
25. <i>Rose C. Kellenzwarth</i>	Col.	Columbiana	201 Timberline		9/13/09
26. <i>Margaret Ospeck</i>	Col	Salem, OH	1358 N. Lincoln		9/13/09
27. <i>Virginia Bedalla</i>	Col	Salem OH	701 E. Pidgeon Rd		9/13/09
28. <i>Christine Mangs-Wilson</i>	Col	Hanoverton OH	9730 Randal Rd.		9/13/09
29. <i>Juli Maurer</i>	Col	Columbiana OH	210 Union St.		9/13/09
30. <i>Joe Kilgore</i>	Col	Columbiana OH	210 Union St.		9/13/09
31. <del>_____</del>	<del>_____</del>	<del>_____</del>	<del>_____</del>	<del>_____</del>	<del>9/13/09</del>
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**FULL TEXT OF LAW**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Ohio that Section 955.54 of the Ohio Revised Code shall be adopted to provide as follows:

**Section 955.54 Dog Auctions**

No individual, corporation, partnership, association, estate or other person shall auction, as defined in section 4707.01 of the Revised Code, or raffle a dog for any purpose in this state or bring into the state for purposes of sale or trade a dog acquired through an auction or raffle in another jurisdiction. Conviction of a first offense of this section shall be punishable as a minor misdemeanor and each subsequent conviction as a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

The state attorney general shall enforce the provisions of this section, including the prosecution of violations. The attorney general shall investigate alleged violations of this section and may enter into conciliation agreements to resolve alleged violations. The attorney general or any resident of the state may bring a civil action to enjoin a violation and future violations of this section.

If any part of this section is held by a court to be unenforceable, it shall not affect the remaining provisions of the section.

**STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR**

I, DIANE LESS, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 29 electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date set opposite each respective name, and are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so with knowledge of the contents of same. I am employed to circulate this petition by VOLUNTEER  
(Name and address of employer). (The preceding sentence shall be completed as required by section 3501.38 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being employed to circulate the petition.)

Diane Less  
Signature of Circulator

6385 ST RT 165 (WEST RANGER RD)  
Address of circulator's permanent residence in this state. House Number and Street, Road or Rural Rt.

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City, Village or Township State Zip Code

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OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE**