

# Bill as Introduced

HB 249 - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

7Apr2021... 0349h

2021 SESSION

21-0300  
08/10

HOUSE BILL           **249**

AN ACT               relative to animal shelter facilities.

SPONSORS:       Rep. Pearl, Merr. 26; Rep. Lang, Belk. 4; Rep. Moffett, Merr. 9

COMMITTEE:       Environment and Agriculture

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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6 and humane treatment of animals, and also a public pound for the housing of strays or a pound  
7 operated by any person, excluding veterinarians, who contracts with a municipality to serve that  
8 function.

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10 as follows:

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16 ***commissioner.***

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4           3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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Approved: August 17, 2021  
Effective Date: October 16, 2021

# Committee Minutes



# SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE

## Energy and Natural Resources

Sen Kevin Avard, Chair  
Sen Bob Giuda, Vice Chair  
Sen James Gray, Member  
Sen David Watters, Member  
Sen Rebecca Perkins Kwoka, Member

Date: April 15, 2021

### HEARINGS

Monday	04/19/2021	
(Day)	(Date)	
Energy and Natural Resources	REMOTE 000	1:00 p.m.
(Name of Committee)	(Place)	(Time)
1:00 p.m. <b>HB 199</b>	including soil health and soil conservation in the state soil conservation plan.	
1:10 p.m. <b>HB 249</b>	relative to animal shelter facilities.	
1:20 p.m. <b>HB 250</b>	relative to pet vendors.	
1:30 p.m. <b>HB 338-FN</b>	relative to penalties for dog theft and tampering with a dog's radio collar.	
2:30 p.m.	Presentation by Matthew Mailloux of the Governor's Office on the Department of Energy	

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

**Sponsors:**

**HB 199**

Rep. Bixby

**HB 249**

Rep. Pearl

**HB 250**

Rep. Pearl

Rep. G. Griffin

**HB 338-FN**

Rep. Sullivan

Rep. Lang

Rep. Abramson

Rep. Moffett

Rep. Rollins

Rep. Moffett

Rep. Lang

Rep. Goley

Rep. Kennedy

Rep. Comtois

Griffin Roberge 271-3042

Kevin A. Avard  
Chairman

**Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee**  
*Griffin Roberge 271-3042*

**HB 249**, relative to animal shelter facilities.

**Hearing Date:** April 19, 2021.

**Time Opened:** 1:31 p.m.

**Time Closed:** 1:40 p.m.

**Members of the Committee Present:** Senators Avard, Gray, Watters and Perkins Kwoka.

**Members of the Committee Absent:** Senator Giuda.

**Bill Analysis:** This bill:

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**Sponsors:**

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**Who supports the bill:** Representative Peter Bixby, Strafford - District 17; Barb Burri; Kate Champney; Christine Cote; Gail Demasi; Karen Dewey; Cynthia Eliason; Joan Eversole; Kathy Farley; Angela Ferrari, Dog Owners of the Granite State; Marla Fields; Nancy Holmes, New Boston, NH; Holly Lewis; Ara Lynn; Marlene Moore; Lana Nickerson; Stacey Ober, American Kennel Club; Gail Paludi; Representative Howard Pearl, Merrimack - District 26; Diane Richardson; Kalla Robb; Michael Robb; Patty Robb; Erick Sawtelle, Lee, NH; Raymond Schwartz; Sheryl Skidmore; Susan Willumsen; Ellen Yenawine; Joseph Zalewski.

**Who opposes the bill:** None.

**Who is neutral on the bill:** Kurt Ehrenburg, Humane Society of the United States.

**Summary of testimony presented in support:**

*Representative Howard Pearl*  
*Merrimack - District 26*

- HB 249 is a reintroduction of HB 1187 (2020). HB 1187 was recommended "ought to pass with amendment" out of the House Environment and Agriculture Committee by a vote of 20-0. The committee placed the bill on the House consent calendar. The full House adopted the committee's recommendation on a voice vote. However, the bill was tabled in the Senate and died there due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the suspension of legislative activity.
- Section 1 amends the definition of an animal shelter facility in RSA 437:1, I to include leased facilities. There are some leased animal shelter facilities around the state. Making this change to RSA 437:1, I will ensure those facilities are covered by state statute.
- Section 2 requires the following:

- All dogs, cats, or ferrets transferred out of an animal shelter facility have a form of positive identification approved by the Commissioner of the NH Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food (DAMF).
- All dogs, cats, or ferrets 3 months of age or older be vaccinated against rabies in accordance with RSA 436:100 before transfer from an animal shelter facility, if proof of rabies vaccination is not available.
- Animal shelter facilities contact registered owners or agents of unclaimed or abandoned animals within 72 hours.
- Secondary owners of unclaimed or abandoned animals be contacted by animal shelter facilities within 72 hours if listed owners or agents cannot be located or refuse to reclaim possession of the animal.
- No animal shelter facilities transfer any dog, cat, or ferret that is received from outside of the state without an official health certificate and until the quarantine requirements in RSA 437:8, IV have been met.
- Senator Watters referenced page 1, lines 13-16 that outlined the positive forms of identification that animals must have when transferred out of an animal shelter facility. In that section, a form of positive identification includes a tattoo, collar, microchip, ear tag, or any other permanent form of identification approved by the DAMF Commissioner. Senator Watters asked if a collar was a permanent form of identification.
  - Representative Pearl said HB 249 requires that a dog, cat, or ferret have a positive form of identification when transferred out of an animal shelter facility. A collar may not technically be a permanent form of identification, but it is a positive form of identification.
- Senator Watters said HB 249 gave some authority to the DAMF Commissioner. Senator Watters asked if there was any consideration to require the DAMF to undertake administrative rulemaking to outline how the DAMF Commissioner made those decisions.
  - Representative Pearl said the DAMF Commissioner did not feel there was a need for administrative rulemaking for the provisions under HB 249.

*Stacey Ober – provided written testimony*

*Legislative Analyst and Community Outreach Coordinator, American Kennel Club*

- Reiterated Representative Pearl's testimony in support of HB 249.

*Angela Ferrari*

*Dog Owners of the Granite State*

- Reiterated Representative Pearl's testimony in support of HB 249.

**Summary of testimony presented in opposition: None.**

**Neutral Information Presented: None.**

GJR

Date Hearing Report completed: April 19, 2021.

# Speakers

## Senate Remote Testify

### Energy and Natural Resources Committee Testify List for Bill HB249 on 2021-04-19

Support: 29    Oppose: 0    Neutral: 1    Total to Testify: 3

<u>Name</u>	<u>Email Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Testifying</u>	<u>Signed Up</u>
Bixby, Peter	peter.bixby@leg.state.nh.us	16039782533	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	4/19/2021 8:24 AM
burri, barb	bburri@comcast.net	16033972542	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	4/17/2021 6:06 PM
Champney, Kate	Not Given	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	4/16/2021 9:15 AM
Cote, Christine	Not Given	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	4/15/2021 9:59 PM
Demasi, Gail	gaildemasi@live.com	16038473108	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	4/16/2021 3:30 PM
Dewey, Karen	pkdewey@comcast.net	603.504.2813	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	4/15/2021 5:03 PM
Ehrenberg, Kurt	kehrenberg@humanesociety.org	603.312.5988	A Lobbyist	Humane Society of the United States	Neutral	No	4/19/2021 10:04 AM
Eliason, Cynthia	cyne@cherrymountainkennel.com	603.837.2448	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	4/16/2021 7:39 PM
Eversole, DMD, Joan	Not Given	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	4/18/2021 4:30 PM
Farley, Kathy	klindobes@comcast.net	000.000.0000	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	4/16/2021 9:39 AM
Ferrari, Angela	angelaFerrari84@gmail.com	603.769.0439	A Member of the Public	Dog Owners of the Granite State	Support	Yes	4/16/2021 12:47 PM
Fields, Marla	k9queen@metrocast.net	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	4/16/2021 2:04 PM
Holmes, Nancy E.	fmkaffen@ix.netcom.com	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	4/16/2021 12:58 PM
Lewis, Holly	holly.lewis603@gmail.com	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	4/16/2021 9:47 AM
Lynn, Ara	Not Given	603-878-3552	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	4/16/2021 1:44 PM
Moore, Marlene	marlene_moore@myfairpoint.net	16034909582	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	4/17/2021 11:55 AM
Nickerson, Lana	fossmtfarm@msn.com	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	4/16/2021 9:35 PM
Ober, Stacey	Stacey.Ober@akc.org	919.816.3348	A Lobbyist	The American Kennel Club	Support	Yes	4/15/2021 1:52 PM
Paludi, Gail	Not Given	16034951291	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	4/16/2021 3:42 PM
Pearl, Howard	Howard.pearl@leg.state.nh.us	603.231.1482	An Elected Official	Prime sponsor	Support	Yes	4/18/2021 6:04 PM
Richardson, Diane	Workingclasscanine@msn.com	603.558.9042	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	4/19/2021 9:05 AM
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SAWTELLE, ERICK	esawtelles@aol.com	603.234.7907	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	4/16/2021 7:46 AM
Schwartz, Raymond	Prismsdad@aol.com	603.362.6106	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	4/18/2021 7:54 AM
Skidmore, Sheryl	swskidmore@gmail.com	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	4/16/2021 1:03 PM
Willumsen, Susan	willcare@comcast.net	603.475.1588	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	4/15/2021 5:45 PM

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Zalewski, Joseph	joejustz@yahoo.com	925-209-8176	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	4/16/2021 9:42 AM

# Testimony



## Griffin Roberge

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**From:** Stacey Ober <Stacey.Ober@akc.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 19, 2021 9:25 AM  
**To:** Kevin Avard; Bob Giuda; James Gray; David Watters; Rebecca Perkins Kwoka; Griffin Roberge  
**Cc:** Angela Ferrari; Howard Pearl; Brian Sullivan  
**Subject:** Support for H.249 H.250 and H.338  
**Attachments:** Testimony HB 249 Animal Shelters 4.19.21 Senate Committee.pdf; Testimony HB 250 Pet Vendors 4-19-21 Senate Committee.pdf; Testimony HB 338 Theft of Dog or Removing Collar 4-19-21 Senate Committee.pdf

Good morning, Chair Avard and Committee Members:

Attached please find letters of support for three bills before your committee this afternoon.

Best,

**Stacey Ober, J.D.**  
Legislative Analyst & Community Outreach, New England Region  
Government Relations



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*A Salute to AKC's Canine Health Foundation! Celebrating 25 Years with \$59.5 million funded to improve the health of all dogs and their owners through scientific research and dissemination of health information to prevent, treat and cure canine disease. [www.akcchf.org](http://www.akcchf.org)*



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**Stacey Ober, J.D.**  
Legislative Analyst  
Community Outreach  
New England Region

April 19, 2021

The Honorable Kevin Avar, Chairman  
New Hampshire Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
107 North Main Street  
Concord, New Hampshire 03303

**RE: American Kennel Club Supports HB 249 Relative to Animal Shelter Facilities.**

Dear Chairman Avar and Members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

Founded in 1884, the American Kennel Club (AKC) is a recognized and trusted expert in canine health, breeding, and training. We represent over 5,100 dog clubs nationally, including 22 in New Hampshire, which represent thousands of responsible dog owners.

HB 249 makes clear that before re-homing any dog imported from outside New Hampshire, an animal shelter must provide an official health certificate, ensure the rabies vaccination is up to date, and comply with the state's quarantine requirements. The AKC strongly supports these provisions, as well as the bill's procedure for identifying and notifying the rightful owner of animals admitted to a shelter in a timely manner.

The inability to verify documentation has resulted in numerous incidents in which certifications of dogs imported into the country have been found by the United States' Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to be invalid or fraudulent. While the importation of dogs helps meet the demand for personal pets and working dogs, incidents involving sick dogs entering the country are alarming public health officials. They include well-documented cases of rabies, distemper, influenza, brucellosis, parasites, and other health threats, many of which can be passed to humans and other animals and many of which had been virtually eliminated in the United States.

Several recent incidents highlight these dangers. In 2019, a dog imported from Egypt and ending up at a Kansas rescue was determined to have rabies, but not before all 25 of its companions had been placed into foster care or adopted.<sup>1</sup> United States officials suspect that the Egyptian vaccination certificates were forged. Because it was the third incident of its type in recent years, the CDC responded by imposing a ban on all imports of dogs from Egypt.<sup>2</sup> In 2018, scientists at Cornell University's Animal Health Diagnostic Center identified a strain of Asian canine distemper virus never before reported in North America, which likely travelled with a dog

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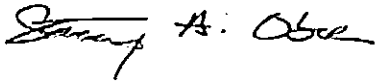
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obtained at a Korean meat market.<sup>3</sup> A year before that, an epidemic of canine influenza was also traced to Asia.

In partnership with national experts such as the American Veterinary Medical Association, AKC has worked to file and pass the federal Healthy Dog Importation Act, which would streamline the federal oversight of canine imports to better protect animal and public health.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues. Please know that AKC and our affiliated dog clubs are interested in working with you on passage of HB 249. I can be reached at (919) 816-3348 or [Stacey.Ober@akc.org](mailto:Stacey.Ober@akc.org).

Sincerely,



Stacey Ober, JD  
Legislative Analyst and Community Outreach Coordinator, New England  
AKC Government Relations

CC: Angela Ferrari, Dog Owners of the Granite State (DOGS)

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<sup>1</sup> "Rescued Dog from Egypt Tests Positive for Rabies," *Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Press Release* February 27, 2019, accessed February 2, 2021 at <http://www.naiaonline.org/uploads/WhitePapers/RescueDogFromEgyptTestsPositiveForRabies.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> "Notice of Temporary Suspension of Dogs Entering the United States from Egypt" *United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Notice*, May 10, 2019, accessed February 2, 2021 at <https://www.cdc.gov/importation/bringing-an-animal-into-the-united-states/Egypt-dogs-temp-suspension.html>

<sup>3</sup> "New strain of canine distemper virus arrives in North America," *Cornell Chronicle*, March 25, 2019, accessed February 2, 2021 at <https://news.cornell.edu/stories/2019/03/new-strain-canine-distemper-virus-arrives-north-america>

# Voting Sheets

# Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee

## EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORD

### 2021-2022 Session

Bill # *HB 249*

Hearing Date: 04/19/2021

Executive Session Date: 05/10/2021

Motion of: OTP Vote: 5-0

Committee Member	Present	Made by	Second	Yes	No
Sen. Avard, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Motion of: Consent Vote: 5-0

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Reported out by: Gray

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

# Committee Report



FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

**ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

**HB 249**, relative to animal shelter facilities.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator James Gray for the committee.

This bill makes several changes relating to animal shelter facilities. This bill amends the definition of an animal shelter facility to include leased facilities. It also requires dogs, cats, and ferrets transferred out of these facilities to have a form of positive identification and to be vaccinated against rabies. The bill also requires facilities to contact previous owners of abandoned or unclaimed animals within 72 hours. Finally, the bill prohibits a shelter from transferring a dog, cat, or ferret that is received from outside of the state without an official health certificate and until quarantine requirements have been met.



**Docket of HB249**

Docket Abbreviations

**Bill Title:** relative to animal shelter facilities.*Official Docket of HB249.:*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Body</b>	<b>Description</b>
1/9/2021	H	<b>Introduced</b> (in recess of) 01/06/2021 and referred to Environment and Agriculture <b>HJ 2</b> P. 40
1/26/2021	H	Public Hearing: 02/03/2021 10:00 am Members of the public may attend using the following link: To join the webinar: <a href="https://www.zoom.us/j/95965527325">https://www.zoom.us/j/95965527325</a> / Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day (time permitting) from the time the committee is initially convened.
2/18/2021	H	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment <b>#2021-0349h</b> (Vote 18-0; CC) <b>HC 18</b> P. 10
4/7/2021	H	Amendment <b>#2021-0349h</b> : AA VV 04/07/2021 <b>HJ 5</b> P. 17
4/7/2021	H	<b>Ought to Pass with Amendment</b> 2021-0349h: MA VV 04/07/2021 <b>HJ 5</b> P. 17
4/7/2021	H	Reconsider (Rep. Osborne): MF VV 04/07/2021 <b>HJ 5</b> P. 50
4/7/2021	S	Introduced 04/01/2021 and Referred to Energy and Natural Resources; <b>SJ 11</b>
4/19/2021	S	Remote <b>Hearing</b> : 04/19/2021, 01:10 pm; Links to join the hearing can be found in the Senate Calendar; <b>SC 20</b>
5/11/2021	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass, 05/20/2021; Vote 5-0; CC; <b>SC 24</b>
5/20/2021	S	<b>Ought to Pass</b> : MA, VV; OT3rdg; 05/20/2021; <b>SJ 16</b>
6/11/2021	S	Enrolled Adopted, VV, (In recess 06/10/2021); <b>SJ 19</b>
6/11/2021	H	Enrolled (in recess of) 06/10/2021 <b>HJ 10</b> P. 21
8/17/2021	H	Signed by Governor Sununu 08/17/2021; Chapter 214; Eff: 10/16/2021

NH House

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# Other Referrals

# Senate Inventory Checklist for Archives

Bill Number: HB 249

Senate Committee: ENR

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Final docket found on Bill Status

### Bill Hearing Documents: {Legislative Aides}

Bill version as it came to the committee

All Calendar Notices

Hearing Sign-up sheet(s)

Prepared testimony, presentations, & other submissions handed in at the public hearing

Hearing Report

N/A Revised/Amended Fiscal Notes provided by the Senate Clerk's Office

### Committee Action Documents: {Legislative Aides}

All amendments considered in committee (including those not adopted):

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### Floor Action Documents: {Clerk's Office}

All floor amendments considered by the body during session (only if they are offered to the senate):

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### Post Floor Action: (if applicable) {Clerk's Office}

\_\_\_\_\_ Committee of Conference Report (if signed off by all members. Include any new language proposed by the committee of conference):

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