Research Animal Breeding Bans Will STOP Medical Advancement

- The breeding of research animals is an irreplaceable part of biomedical research which delivers cures and therapies to people and their pets. Right now, the World Health Organization has declared a Global Health Emergency over the novel coronavirus; this is not the time to pass measures handcuffing researchers. Animals are required for both the treatment and vaccine.

- Animal rights activists are targeting research animal breeders because they have been unable to secure bans on animal research itself. A ban on research breeding represents a significant step toward ending animal research. If the ban is broadly successful, the vast majority of biomedical research in the U.S. will stop.

- Biomedical research with animals is responsible for nearly every human and animal health advancement in the last several decades, including treatments for cancer, cardiovascular diseases, respiratory diseases, and diabetes, which are some of the leading causes of death in Virginia.

- Today’s target goal is research breeding of dogs and cats, but the future target goal is ALL animal research.

- **22 of the 25** most commonly prescribed drugs involved research with dogs.

- These bills do not target puppy mills. They target federally regulated facilities that are a critical component of research around the world.

- The ban on research animal breeding encourages employers to move to other states and other countries. Biomedical research interests continue to leave the U.S. for China which has a more research-friendly atmosphere, and if signed into law it will only accelerate the migration of biomedical researchers to other countries.

- The offshoring of biomedical research puts the economic future of our country at risk. Businesses, jobs and future careers will seek refuge overseas.

- All advancements made for the health and progress for agricultural animals are possible thanks to biomedical research with animal models.

- All advancements made for the health and progress of your pets are possible thanks to biomedical research with animal models.

- Biomedical research is the foundation not only for health advancements in humans, but also for the health of our companion animals, agricultural, and wild animals. Further restricting biomedical research puts people and pets at risk, and it also threatens the development of wildlife vaccines, which in turn disrupts our ecosystem.