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Expressing the sense of the Senate that pet owners should regularly visit their veterinarians for their pets to receive check-ups, and for advice on issues like flea and tick control, especially during the spring and summer months.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 28, 2002

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate that pet owners should regularly visit their veterinarians for their pets to receive check-ups, and for advice on issues like flea and tick control, especially during the spring and summer months.

Whereas approximately 60 percent of American households are pet-owning households;

Whereas there are approximately 68,000,000 dogs in American households;

Whereas there are approximately 73,000,000 cats in American households;

Whereas pet owners typically have strong relationships with their pets;

Whereas pet owners love their pets as members of their families and should consider veterinarians as partners in helping to keep family pets healthy and happy;

Whereas strong relationships between pets and veterinarians are important for the diagnosis of major and minor pet health issues;

Whereas the spring and summer months are prime seasons for infestation by ticks, mosquitoes, and fleas;

Whereas ticks, as carriers of diseases like Lyme Disease, mosquitoes, as carriers of parasites like heartworm, and fleas all pose potential threats to the health of pets;

Whereas many spring and summer threats to pet health are silent and potentially fatal, but can be prevented with regular visits to veterinarians;

Whereas veterinarians know the best methods and best products to provide for the healthy lives of pets; and

Whereas 100 percent of dogs not on a preventive treatment will contract heartworm when exposed to the parasite:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

2 (1) pets should not face unnecessary health
3 threats, which frequently arise during the spring and
4 summer months;

5 (2) the spring and summer months are an im-
6 portant time to provide dogs and cats with control
7 products to protect against illnesses caused or car-
8 ried by ticks, mosquitoes, and fleas;

6 (4) pet owners should regularly visit their vet-
7 erinarians for their pets to receive check-ups, for
8 prevention of disease, and for advice on issues like
9 flea and tick control.

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