

THE FLORIDA SENATE  
2011 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED  
**Committee on Agriculture**

**SB 722 — Saving Dogs**

by Senators Norman, Rich and Bogdanoff

This bill repeals s. 767.11(1)(c), F.S., which automatically designates dogs used primarily, or in part, for dog fighting as “dangerous dogs” within the meaning of ch. 767, F.S. Repealing this designation will mean that animal shelters will have discretion in determining whether or not a dog is dangerous on a case by case basis and, because a dangerous dog designation was a nearly impermeable barrier to adopting out a dog, animal shelters will now also have a much greater capacity to adopt out dogs that have been rescued from dog fighting rings.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2011.

*Vote: Senate 39-0; House 99-17*