

Portland, OR- Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-OR), the Oregon Humane Society and local pet lovers will hold a press conference next week to discuss a new federal pet protection proposal and a recently enacted Oregon state law.

Come hear what pet owners, animal welfare advocates and key policymakers are saying about the need for policies that help protect and provide for our beloved companion animals.

At the federal level, Congressman Earl Blumenauer has introduced H.R. 1796, legislation, that allows pet owners to set up a charitable trust for the care of their pet. In Oregon, the state legislature passed a bill, SB 166, which allows pet owners to create charitable, enforceable trusts on behalf of their animals. The bill was signed by the Governor and went into affect at the beginning of the New Year. Both measures will help Oregonians include their companion animals in their estate plans.

What: Press Conference on State and Federal Pet Protection Laws

Who: Congressman Earl Blumenauer, Alan Jensen Oregon Humane Society, and Local pets and their owners that have included pets in their estates.

When: 10:30 AM, Tuesday, January 22, 2002

Where: Oregon Humane Society 1067 NE Columbia Blvd. Portland, OR 97211