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Michael Gianaris

Senate Deputy Leader Gianaris Recognized By New York State Animal Protection Federation For Commitment To Animal Welfare

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ALBANY, N.Y. – Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris accepted the Companion Animal Champion award from the New York State Animal Protection Federation. The award recognizes Senator Gianaris' leading efforts on a host of animal welfare issues. The Federation's executive director Libby Post presented it at the organization's annual advocacy day at the state Capitol.

"I am honored to be recognized by the Federation for my work on behalf of our four-legged companions, but this is work that could not be accomplished alone," said **Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris**. "I thank the Federation for their partnership and look forward to our continued efforts with all our allies to support animals across New York."

"New York is lucky to have champions for our companion animals like Senator Gianaris. I am pleased to recognize him today and look forward to continuing our partnership to bring greater respect and dignity to all of New York's animals," said **Libby Post, Executive Director of the New York State Animal Protection Federation**

Senator Gianaris authored the first-in-the-nation ban on cat declawing, which the state enacted last year. He is also the author of legislation to ban the sale of animals in pet stores, putting an end to the puppy mill to pet store pipeline and also legislation banning the devocalization of animals.

For photos of the award ceremony, click [here](#).

For a video of Senator Gianaris' remarks, click [here](#).