HSUS's Phyllis Wright

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Euthanasia and the public would have to be made aware this is necessary. "After all, it is irresponsible pet owners who are causing the overpopulation problem in the first place."

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