



Dear Governor Little:

The Veterinary Cannabis Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to education and advocacy to promote the safe use of medical cannabis for animals. As an organization focused on education and safety, the VCS has significant concerns regarding the Idaho State Department of Agriculture's announcement that it will remove products containing hemp from all animals, including companion animals. Hemp products that do not contain detectable levels of THC are not marijuana and have not been found to cause any verified concern for negative health consequences in dogs, cats, and horses despite many years of use of these products in these species. Simply removing the products will not responsibly address the issue and may result in harm to animals, as people will continue to source products from wherever they can, possibly from companies without specific expertise in animal health and wellness.

The Veterinary Cannabis Society would like to offer our expertise and guidance to help Idaho create cannabis regulations for animals that keep animals safe and prevent abuse or unintentional harm of any kind. Please feel free to reach out at your convenience at [admin@veterinarycannabissociety.org](mailto:admin@veterinarycannabissociety.org).

Sincerely,  
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