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Pet-friendly License Plates

Ron Burns loves animals so much that he's tied them to his bumper—on a license plate, that is.

The Scottsdale artist fights animal overpopulation with his paintbrush and has created pet-friendly license plates to aid

the cause. Arizona auto owners can assist their furry friends by purchasing the cuddly creature plates. Annually, \$17 from the sale of each license plate goes to spay and neuter programs, and plates are offered in 31 other states across the country. Within the first month of

sales, the program raised \$30,000.

The animal-conscious Burns is no stranger to beast benefits. Actress Elizabeth Taylor commissioned him to paint a portrait of her dog, Sugar. Afterward, the auction of 12 limited editions of the painting signed by both the artist and the actress raised nearly \$40,000 for the Whispering Hope Ranch near Payson.

To view Burns' work, visit www.RonBurns.com. For more information or to purchase a plate, visit www.azpetplates.org.