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**Preserving our  
Constitutional  
Rights**

Dear Pet Owner:

We're at war. It is a war we didn't want, but the City of Los Angeles has declared it on us, on our right to own and care for our pets, and our right to responsibly breed them and make appropriate healthcare decisions for them without government intervention.

On February 12, 2008, the City of Los Angeles passed a compulsory sterilization ordinance. We must not let animal rights' extremists (such as the Humane Society of the United States, animal rights lobbyist Judie Mancuso, termed-out Assemblyman Lloyd Levine, LA Animal Services' Director Ed Boks) go unchallenged in the second-largest city in the United States.

**If we fail to stop this terrible law here, it could spread to every city and county in this country.**

This law will do nothing to curb "pet overpopulation" or encourage responsible pet ownership. It will do nothing to reduce stray dogs or feral cats. It will squander millions of taxpayer dollars to attack already responsible pet owners. It will adversely affect anyone who owns a dog or cat; enters a dog or cat in any show or performance event; or wants to responsibly breed a dog or cat in Los Angeles.

**The good news is that we can challenge this law's constitutionality.**

Pet owners in Louisville, KY, are facing a similar law and are in federal court contesting that city's ability to interfere with the rights of responsible pet owners. A coalition of Louisville kennel clubs and responsible pet-owner groups is funding a lawsuit. There is a good chance the court will find the ordinance unconstitutional. Fighting the good fight doesn't come cheap. It has cost that coalition more than \$100,000. To mount that kind of battle here, against animal rights' extremists and the politicians who enable them, will cost us at least that amount, probably more.

CaRPOC (California Responsible Pet Owners' Coalition) is made up of your family, friends and neighbors. We are the same group of outraged dog and cat owners who fought AB1634 last year. ***But the fight against this ordinance in Los Angeles is even more important than the fight against AB 1634.*** Compulsory sterilization ordinances are a lethal epidemic that could do what the extremists who wrote AB 1634 want most: destroy the rights of responsible owners and breeders of dogs and cats everywhere. To fight this ordinance, we need your support.

We were fortunate to engage the international law firm of Greenberg Traurig LLP to represent us. Since its founding in 1982, the Sacramento office of Greenberg Traurig has had more than 25 years experience with government and animal legislation and regulation. They have represented pharmaceutical companies, consumer product manufacturers and other for profit and nonprofit entities. Their experience also goes far beyond animal issues, including more than 25 years of holding government accountable. They have successfully invalidated both statutes and regulations when government has overreached its authority or otherwise infringed on legally protected rights.

This battle isn't about purebreds or pedigrees, or even just about Los Angeles. **This is a battle for ALL of our pets EVERYWHERE — cats and dogs, working, performance, show, service, therapy, law enforcement, couch potatoes, mixed breeds, purebreds and pedigrees.**

To mount this challenge, good wishes, reasoned arguments and outraged letters aren't enough. We need money to battle this entrenched and well-funded enemy, which is intent on destroying the rights of responsible pet owners nationwide. We need to raise a minimum of \$25,000 within the next 10 days to begin this fight. CaRPOC has asked Jack Bradshaw, whose family has been superintending dog shows for well over a century in California and the Southwest, to oversee the funds collected, lending our efforts an unexcelled reputation for fairness and integrity.

Here's what you need to do:

- **Write a check made payable to:** **CaRPOC**
- **Mail that check today to:** **CaRPOC  
11301 W. Olympic Blvd. Suite #121-596  
Los Angeles, CA 90064**
- Forward this letter to friends and fellow pet-lovers ASAP and ask them to donate.
- Make copies and distribute this call to action at events, gatherings, club meetings and in front of your local market. This affects **every pet owner** in Los Angeles.

On behalf of the pets that we love and the future of pet-ownership in LA and beyond, thank you in advance for joining with us and for your support now and in the future.

### **California Responsible Pet Owners' Coalition/CaRPOC**

For more information, visit: [www.carpoc.org](http://www.carpoc.org) or email [info@carpoc.org](mailto:info@carpoc.org)

If we prevail, it will be a landmark decision and perhaps be the first step in halting the tide of the Animal Rights groups taking away our freedom of choice.

The website is now operational. Questions may be directed to [info@carpoc.org](mailto:info@carpoc.org). The officers and the status of the LA City ordinance are on the web. You may also contact [Stormy435@aol.com](mailto:Stormy435@aol.com) for more information. Thanks for caring.

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