

DOG OWNERS EVERYWHERE NEED YOUR HELP, NOW!

To All Dog Enthusiasts, do you know:

- That laws are being passed which prevent you from owning certain breeds in certain communities?
- That anti-breeder, anti-cropping and breed-specific legislation is being introduced all over the country?
- That the agenda of Animal Rights Extremists includes terminating ownership of pets?

Who is behind the legislation that infringes on individual rights of responsible dog ownership? Who is pushing Breed Specific Legislation (BSL) and attempting to legislate the personal decisions made between veterinarians and their clients? Animal Rights Extremists, that's who! Here are some quotes from a few of these people.

- "Pet ownership is an absolutely abysmal situation brought about by human manipulation." Ingrid Newkirk, co-founder, PETA
- "Our goal: to convince people to rescue and adopt instead of buying or selling animals, to disavow the language and concept of animal ownership." Eliot Katz, president, In Defense of Animals
- "We have no problem with the extinction of domestic animals." Wayne Pacelle, Senior Vice-President of Humane Society of the US, formerly of Friends of Animals
- "If we really believe that animals have the same right to be free from pain and suffering at our hands, then, of course we're going to be blowing things up and smashing windows.... I think it would be great if all of the fast-food outlets, slaughterhouses, these laboratories, and the banks that fund them exploded tomorrow. I think it's perfectly appropriate for people to take bricks and toss them through the windows.... Hallelujah to the people who are willing to do it." Bruce Friedrich, PETA's vegan campaign coordinator, at the "Animal Rights 2001" conference
- "There is no hidden agenda. If anybody wonders about -- what's this with all these reforms -- you can hear us clearly. Our goal is total animal liberation." Ingrid Newkirk, "Animal Rights 2002" convention (June 30, 2002)

Groups such as these have been active and organized for the past 20 years. Many well-intentioned people contribute to these endeavors, failing to realize that they are not actually feeding a dog in need in the pound. Instead, these contributors fund lobbyists, campaigns and educational materials designed to destroy our rights in ownership. These radicals work tirelessly to make it harder for us:

- to breed and own our dogs;
- to benefit from animal-based research;
- to enjoy animals in sports and entertainment;
- to learn from animals in educational settings;
- to raise animals for food and fiber; and
- to participate in pastimes such as hunting, fishing, and trapping.

They attack animal uses in the media and spend millions of dollars to lobby for laws that restrict or ban these pursuits. They want to stop all breeding of pets, show dogs, security dogs, hunting dogs, therapy dogs and all dogs. They harass those who disagree with their view of a world free of contact with animals. In short, they want to legislate us out of existence.

We, the dog owners of America, are all bound by our love of dogs. We are asking that you unite and support our endeavors to protect and preserve dog ownership.

The National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA), NAIA Trust, and Friends In Dog Ownership (FIDO) have been organized to derail these radical efforts. They need your help. Information about each of these organizations appears below.

To protect our rights in dog ownership, we need to speak in united voices. Please join us and contribute your expertise to our efforts as we work to educate lawmakers and the public about animal well-being, and to expose the extremist agenda aimed at eliminating animals from our lives. This is an enormous task that requires a united effort; it is greater than one breed group or breed club can hope to handle.

Whether you agree with certain pieces of legislation or not, the questions you should ask yourself are:

- Do I want the government legislating the decisions that should continue to be made between my veterinarian and me?
- Should any government entity have more influence over my pets' welfare and the medical decisions made for them than my pets' own veterinarian?
- Do I need governmental interference in the advice and council I depend upon from my veterinary professionals?

You answered "No," please join and support the organizations below. They operate primarily with volunteers and need funds to hire staff, print materials and continue to fight the legislative onslaught. They need organizations and individuals to contribute financially to these efforts.

Sincerely, Terri & Melissa

The **NAIA** is an association of business, agricultural, scientific, and recreational interests dedicated to promoting animal welfare, supporting responsible animal use and strengthening the bond between humans and animals. Our members are pet owners, dog and cat clubs, obedience clubs and rescue groups as well as breeders, trainers, veterinarians, research scientists, farmers, anglers, hunters and wildlife biologists. Its membership includes some of America's most respected animal professionals, advocates and enthusiasts. **NAIA** is a not-for-profit 501(C)(3) charitable organization approved by the IRS. Donations to **NAIA** are tax deductible. Information about its mission and purpose can be found at <u>www.naiaonline.org</u>

The **NAIA Trust** is a nonprofit IRS 501(C)(4) organization established to promote responsible animal care and ownership and reasonable laws, policies and regulations to protect animals and the people who care for them. The **NAIA Trust** also advances the well-being of animals and the rights of responsible animal owners by promoting reasonable animal control laws that target irresponsible owners while protecting humane practices. It assists animal owners to defeat existing or pending laws that restrict or ban breeds and species, unfairly limit the number of animals an owner can keep, limit the responsible breeding of pets, place exorbitant fees on maintaining intact dogs and cats, mandate permanent identification of animals, codify pet guardianship as an alternative to ownership, or place restrictions on ownership that are impossible to meet. **NAIA Trust** also urges passage of strong laws that target vandalism, harassment, arson, bombing, and other types of domestic terrorism committed in the name of animal rights and environmentalism. Additional information about **NAIA Trust** can be found at <u>www.naiatrust.org</u>

FIDO is a Political Action Committee organized under Section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code to raise money for political activities. Its function will be to defeat anti-dog and -dog ownership legislation. At present, the **FIDO** website is under construction.

FIDO is organized to defeat anti-dog and dog owner legislation. **FIDO** is a Political Action Committee organized under Section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code. CONTRIBUTIONS ARE NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE. Please accept my contribution of \$ (\$10.00 minimum per sticker) and send my bumper sticker(s) to:

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ADDRESS:		FRIENDS IN DOG OWNERSHIP
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Checks should be made payable to FIDO and mailed to:

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