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**HB 3180 and SB 1910, regulating breeders and sales, including a puppy/kitten lemon law section**

**HB 3180 by Thompson (House Licensing & Administrative Procedures)**

**SB 1910 by Whitmire (Senate State Affairs)**

**Please tell legislators that:**

***"This bill is fundamentally flawed and cannot be fixed with amendments. HSUS and Texas Humane Legislation Network do NOT represent us."***

- ***This is a national "animal rights" legislative agenda to end all dog and cat breeding in the US.*** HSUS' stated goal is to get this legislation proposed in 34 states this year. To date they've succeeded in getting bills filed in 17 states, including Texas.
- ***If this bill were "necessary to protect public health and safety" as claimed, it would include all animal shelters and animal control facilities that sell animals, yet they are exempt!*** Parvovirus, Distemper, Kennel Cough, external and internal parasites and other diseases are rampant in animal shelters and animal control facilities. We know because we take these animals into our Rescue Program, rehabilitate them and find them new loving homes. Veterinary bills average \$400 to \$1,000. How about this bill addressing them?
- ***HSUS failed to get a federal bill with the misnomer of Pet Animal Welfare Statute (PAWS) passed in 2006 and vowed to go to the states for legislation*** bringing all breeders under the Animal Welfare Act with USDA regulations that are impossible to meet in a home environment. Other HSUS campaigns are to stop pet shops from selling pets and end all pet breeding (no matter what species) in the US.
- ***If legislators vote "yes" to HB 3180, it will be political suicide in Texas.*** Animal Rights Extremists are approximately 1% of the population. At least 60% of Texas families own pets who have become members of their family. Coupled with the Mandatory Pet Spay/Neuter Bill filed by Senator Van de Putte, the extremists' agenda should be fully exposed at this session of the legislature.
- ***This is not a "Puppy Mill" Bill!*** It is a pet bill and will affect anyone selling one dog or cat. Under "Retail Sales of Dogs & Cats" the definition of "dealer" includes a person who is "required to pay sales tax for the sale of animals," which includes every sale in Texas. We've been told rescuers are required to collect sales taxes.

- ***You've been told by Texas Humane Legislation Network and HSUS that this bill doesn't affect "hobby" breeders which is not true!*** Any numbers set on intact female dogs/cats allowed are irrelevant as the extremists will be back every session until they legislate pet ownership out of existence. This has happened in incremental steps in California and Colorado.
- ***Raids and animal seizures from breeders, rescuers and "hoarders" with substandard conditions are made on a regular basis in Texas with existing local and state Animal Cruelty Laws.*** A new state department with personnel, office expense, equipment, vehicles and facilities is an unnecessary burden on taxpayers.
- ***All animal control advisory boards in Texas are "stacked" by these extremists - just as the Advisory Committee described in HB 3180 will be. A directory is to be published of all licensed facilities which will lead to harassment from Animal Rights Extremists.***
- ***The bill states that the new state department may designate a local animal control authority or local humane society agent to enter private property (our homes) for investigations and inspections with no prior notice.*** Licensing of breeders and dealers allows access to premises without a search warrant. This is not acceptable.
- ***John Stossel and his 20/20 TV Program did an expose on the SPCA of Texas regarding seizures of animals*** that were not being cruelly treated but were seized anyway. The 20/20 Program had a veterinarian pose as their cameraman for the expose.
- ***Animal seizures are big fundraisers for humane societies*** who lobbied in 2003 to change state law disallowing animal owners the right to appeal a hearing when their animals were confiscated. We're attempting to get that changed this session to allow an appeal with HB 1046 by Mark Homer. Texas Humane Legislation Network is vigorously opposing Homer's bill.
- ***Animal Rights Extremists work to get their legislation passed and then volunteer to enforce it, using it as a "tool" for harassment of animal owners.*** Palm Beach County, FL, is providing used uniforms to vigilante animal rights activists to enforce their spay/neuter ordinance and hobby breeders permit.
- ***Brokers and Commercial Breeders that sell to pet shops are already regulated under USDA regulations.*** This bill is duplication.
- ***Retired hobby breeders worked their entire lives to be able to devote full time to their hobby and participate weekends in AKC and UKC events; such as Conformation, Agility, Obedience, Rally Obedience, Tracking, Earthdog, Coonhound, Herding, Lure Coursing, Field and Hunting Trials, and Junior Showmanship. The Animal Rights Movement wants to end all that.***