## "One Day We'll Put An End To The Breeding Of Dogs & Cats!"

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Would you like to know who said that and why? The who is easy...Ingrid Newkirk...the co-founder of PETA as in People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. The why is more difficult and it will take the rest of this article to try and explain ...so I'll use all of Ingrid's statement to clarify her position. "The bottom line is that people don't have the right to manipulate or breed dogs or cats...If people want toys, they should buy inanimate objects...If they want companionship...they should seek it with their own kind. One day we will put an end to the breeding of dogs and cats." A similar statement is found in the 'Animal Rights Agenda'. This is a published 'blueprint' of what they want and how they plan to go about getting their way. I will briefly touch upon this12 point plank and let you decide whose side you'd choose...

- 1. Abolish all animal research.
- 2. Abolish all product testing, dissection, or demonstrations on animals.
- 3. Encourage 'vegetarianism' for ethical, ecological, and healing reasons.
- 4. Phase out all forms of 'animal agriculture'...i.e. the growing of animals for food.
- 5. Abolish all pesticides and any form of predator control.
- 6. Transfer the enforcement of animal welfare legislation from the Department of Agriculture to a new agency created for the protection of animals and the environment.
- 7. Abolish all trapping and fur ranching.
- 8. Abolish all 'hunting and fishing' for sport!
- 9. Save the rain forests and ban all international trade in wildlife or goods produced from exotic animals.
- 10. Abolish all breeding of companion animals...including pedigreed or purebred dogs and cats!!!!
- 11. Abolish the use or association of animals in sports, entertainment, zoo's, rodeos, coursing, or aquariums.
- 12. Prohibit the production of genetically manipulated transgenic animals.

The ARA as it's called...was created back in the 80's and as you can see they have done well in achieving many of their goals to date...2000...and they're not stopping in the new millennium. In fact...they have increased their efforts and we are daily faced with yet another challenge. The passage of a new "Guardian" law in Boulder, CO is the most recent and has given rise for the call to 'turn up the heat' in other towns and cities. Los Angeles, Berkeley, San Jose, and San Francisco in California...Chicago, IL, New York, NY, and Miami, FL...just to name a few. It really isn't the change from owner to guardian that concerns them...rather their attempt to elevate animal rights to the same status of a retarded child. When this occurs...the courts will be besieged with lawsuit after lawsuit brought to an already clogged system by an 'animal conservator', fighting on behalf of the animals rights. Ownership as we know it...will become extinct.

**So then...will follow the sport of showing dogs**. Animal Rights groups especially vilify dog and cat breeders. Have you ever noticed how the AR groups attack the breeder in

their legislation? This is not by chance. Statistics clearly show that the 'breeder' is more likely to be a responsible pet owner. They register their animals...don't stake them out on chains...spay and neuter and require such contracts for the sale of pet animals... obey existing laws already on the books...and, in general, offers excellent care and comfort to their animals. On the other hand, we find the irresponsible pet owner who is the direct antithesis of the description above. Statistics would also indicate that they are responsible for any perception of a pet overpopulation problem (feral cats excluded) ...vicious or roaming dogs...and sub standard care of animals they shouldn't even own...but do! It is the irresponsible owner that should give the AR groups fodder and direction for their attacks...but instead; they direct their ire towards you! Here is an additional reason for the 'why'...asked earlier in this article. Remember Ingrid's comment..."One day we will put and end to the breeding of dogs and cats!" That's why you as a breeder...walk around with an Animal Rights Bulls Eye on your forehead!

The Animal Rights movement is not new. It spans centuries but never before have they come this close to accomplishing their mission. Today's groups are incredibly well organized and the top 20 operate on 6 figure annual budgets...as in \$100,000.00 +. The 'big 3'...as in the Humane Society of the United States...HSUS, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals...PETA, and the Doris Day Animal League...DDAL are in the millions. HSUS has revenue of almost \$70,000,000.00, but spends less than 3% on actual 'animal welfare' related projects. The majority of their efforts are aimed at accomplishing the Animal Rights Agenda. They support Breed Specific Legislation, Breeder Bans, Anti Breeder/owner legislation, and restrictive spay or pay plans that are all directed towards the responsible breeder. HSUS is truly a wolf in sheep's clothing. They started out as an 'animal welfare' organization but have gradually adopted more radical 'Animal Rights' philosophies. They have been infiltrated with former members of the more radical groups like PETA and Fund For Animals...FFA. While they once...did care for the animals...now they care more for the rights of the animals. This philosophy is in deep contrast to animal welfare and the AR backers feel AW is a stumbling block to achieving their goals. In the 1992 edition of "Animals Agenda"...they state the following. "As long as humans have rights and non humans do not...as in the case of the animal welfarist framework...non humans will lose when their interests conflict with human interests. Thus...animal welfare reforms, by their very nature, can only serve to retard the pace at which animal rights goals are achieved." I love using their own words against them...If it wasn't for their elitism and arrogance, this would be a better-kept secret than it is now. They don't try and hide their intent or their tracks for the same reason. Check out the AR website... www.Envirolink.org Here is where the Animal Rights Agenda meets the Green Movement. The web sites are state of the art and offer a very chilling picture of how they want to separate your rights as an owner and replace them with their idea of how things should be.

PETA came to be in 1981 with less than \$100.00 in the bank. They now boast a membership of over 500,000 and income of over \$16,000,000.00. Not bad for a couple of idealistic 'Vegans' with an idea...Ingrid Newkirk and Alex Pacheco were the cofounders of PETA. It is amazing they could develop such a following and still make quotes like the following...Ingrid..."Even if animals research produced a cure [for AIDS]...we'd be against it!" Alex also opines..."Arson, property destruction, burglary, and theft...are 'acceptable crimes' when performed for the animal cause. Most of the PETA Faithful don't even know their true agenda and when faced with these statements of published fact...will offer a 'carte blanche' absolution on their behalf. It is this campaign of 'misinformation' that has allowed PETA to get where they are today and the media

rarely if ever holds them accountable for these actions and misstatements. Lately they have become even more emboldened and are assuming a 'terrorist role' that had been in the past...reserved for the Animal Liberation Front...ALF is on the FBI's 'Terrorist List' and 'task forces' have been created around the country to track their movements. In recent demonstrations in Minneapolis, bags laced with a solution of cyanide were found in doorways to Mc Donald's. Their followers harangue and assault those that would dare to wear fur, they call milk 'liquid meat', and in Los Angeles at the Democratic convention...the 'Pink PETA Pig ' was arrested after dumping a load of manure on a LA city street. Their campaign against Mc Donald's has cost the company millions and the 'Unhappy Meal'...a box filled with dismembered animal parts and Ronald Mc Donald holding a bloody ax...goes well beyond the pale. AR groups refer to this strategy as 'rope a dope' because the American Public continues to let these actions take place with no consequence. This is also quite evident in our own 'dog fancy' community..." where is the outrage...the outcry?" These are the same people who want to put an end to the owning and breeding of all dogs and cats!

In order to thwart this movement...the dog community must unite into a singular voice. We must support our All Breed and Specialty clubs...work through our Herding clubs and associations...your tracking and agility clubs...get yourself and them involved. **You've got to do something!** If you don't...showing dogs as you know it now will become a memory...for if the 'Animal Rights' folks get their way...**they will put an end to the breeding of dogs and cats!** I am amazed at the number of participants in our sport that display such apathy to what is a clear and present danger. If you haven't realized the danger in the past...research the Animal Rights Movement and see for yourself what the 'other side' is planning for your 'golden years'. If you do know what they're up to and do nothing...don't cry to anyone when they're taking your right to show your dogs away!

Here is a list of those organizations that are already fighting the AR groups on your behalf. I have included their address online:

American Kennel Club www.AKC.org

American Dog Owners Assn. www.adoa.org

National Animal Interest Alliance www.naiaonline.org

Responsible Animal Owners of Tennessee, Inc www.unrealcity.com/raot

California Federation of Dog Clubs, Inc. www.cfodc.org

Responsible Pet Owners Alliance www.rpoa.org

Responsible Dog Owners Assn. Of New York www.lettis@webtv.net

Pennsylvania Federation of Dog Clubs, Inc www.paonline.com/PFDC

Dog Federation of Wisconsin www.chowwelfare.com/DFOW

Missouri Federation of Animal Owners www.mofed.org

Massachusetts Federation of Dog Clubs www.massfeddogs.org

Association for Responsible Per Ownership, Inc. 2077 Willow Pass Rd., Bay Point, CA 94565

Give these organizations your money and your support...they're fighting for YOUR rights and OUR right to continue showing dogs!

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