

TX-RPOA E-News

From RPOA Texas Outreach and  
Responsible Pet Owners Alliance  
"Animal welfare, not animal 'rights'  
and, yes, there is a difference."  
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This shows what happens when pet owners stand up united to oppose anti-pet legislation. Microchipping pets should be a decision made by the pet owner in consultation with their veterinarian and NOT a government mandate. RPOA sent a letter of opposition with accompanying documentation from Dr. Albrecht to all San Marcos elected officials before this was passed in ordinance. But they do not listen without hundreds of warm bodies in their chambers to protest. Congratulations to the group in San Marcos working so hard to get the mandatory microchip provision rescinded as this helps all of us! We support their efforts.

San Antonio never had the mandatory microchip written in ordinance as has been reported in the media. It was mandated by the former animal control director without council approval.

San Antonio's Interim Director Vincent Medley has announced the microchip is no longer required to purchase the pet license in San Antonio but the city's website hasn't been changed yet. The change was due to the fact few pet owners bought the pet licenses.

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-----Original Message-----

> From Katherine Albrecht, Ed.D.

Subject: [Organizers-I] All organizers and participants of the San Marcos protest: Good Job!

Dear organizers and participants in the San Marcos protest,

As you know our protest last week was a huge success! **THREE HUNDRED PEOPLE** (emphasis RPOA's!) turned out for our protest and candle light vigil outside the San Marcos City Hall. Your overwhelming numbers and obvious commitment to liberty were heard loud and clear.

The City Council agreed to revisit the mandatory microchipping provision and sent the ordinance back to the Animal Services Advisory Board to be discussed and rewritten. San Marcos Mayor Susan Narvaiz has now taken a position that all pet microchipping should be voluntary. She shared this position with me in a meeting and also on camera with members of the local media. I am pleased to see our message has had such a positive impact on city officials.

Thanks to every one of you who turned out, testified, and took the time to stand up for animals and personal rights. I anticipate that this will be just the first of many similar protests around the country. Freedom loving Americans have begun to say no to the microchipping agenda. Thank you for being the spark that has ignited this movement. We have collected dozens of news reports and will be sharing these with you shortly.

Good Job!  
In freedom,  
Katherine Albrecht, Ed.D.

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