

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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Austin Statesman write up:

[http://www.statesman.com/blogs/content/shared-gen/blogs/austin/politics/entries/2009/04/08/uno\\_goes\\_to\\_the\\_capitol.html](http://www.statesman.com/blogs/content/shared-gen/blogs/austin/politics/entries/2009/04/08/uno_goes_to_the_capitol.html)

OR

<http://tinyurl.com/cs7fbw>

What a great day it was yesterday! We had approx. 130 attendees with a packed room in the Sam Houston Building, spilling out into the hall.

We outdid HSUS who reportedly had around 80 participants for their Lobby Day last week. There were animal owners of dogs, cats, reptiles and all species of pets there to meet with their legislators.

"Uno" and David Frei, Westminster Kennel Club, were center front with "Uno" woo-woosing the media. The wonderful catering for breakfast and lunch (both!) was donated by Stan & Lisa Duchman, Mandola Estate Winery & Trattoria Lisina in the Austin area.

Organizer Jacque Greene deserves special kudos for her hard work as do other RPOA Board Members Lynnne Buntin, Bilinda Marshall, Frank and Teresa Saling. Thanks to Mary Ellen Najjar and Martin Kralik who also helped out.

But it is really all of you that attended who deserve the credit for the fantastic success of our very first Lobby Day. RPOA can do the organizing but without YOU participating it falls on deaf ears!

You don't need a Lobby Day to meet with your legislators. You can meet with them anytime so schedule a visit and educate them on the agenda behind all this anti-pet legislation. Once they learn what's behind it, they'll never sponsor another "animal rights" bill! They all own pets also.

We'll have the packet we distributed yesterday posted to our website asap or we can mail you the packet. It explains everything thoroughly.

Below are the comments from an RPOA member who attended the HSUS Lobby Day and our "Responsible Pet Owners Lobby Day."

He wrote:

<<<I was very impressed with the turnout for Lobby Day. By attending the HSUS Lobby Day, I had a good base for comparison. The HSUS was strictly focused on giving prepared statements to the participants and directing them to pre-booked appointments to their legislators. The RPOA was not only informative, entertaining and concerned in

providing answers to the participant's questions, but got the message across of why we should each be concerned, and how we would be affected by the onerous proposed legislation.

The turnout appeared to be larger than the HSUS event; and certainly, the level of interaction between the RPOA and the participants was much greater.>>>>

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