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Texas Date of Infamy 1-11-11

The 82nd Session of the Texas Legislature convened today in Austin, Texas.

Although the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor 69 years ago found everyone totally unprepared, that is not the case in Texas. Responsible Pet Owners Alliance has fought to preserve the human/animal bond and our historic relationships with animals (which is biblical) for the past 20 years. We've been preparing for this date ever since the 2009 legislative session adjourned. Pet ownership is in grave danger of extinction from the radical Animal Rights Industry.

Recent experiences with local legislation to stop all breeding and sales of pets (no matter what the species) in Texas had given us fair warning of what to expect. RPOA has taken a beating with local "animal rights" city ordinances because of the Texas "axis of evil" -- Texas Humane Legislation Network (THLN), HSUS, PETA, Animal Legal Defense Fund, and ASPCA.

These are all national "animal rights" organizations (except for THLN, the HSUS lapdog) promoting legislation to end all use of animals for any reason - including food, clothing, research, entertainment and pet ownership. The extremists accuse all of us of being "exploiters" when the true animal exploiter is the Animal Rights Industry itself that spins animal cruelty and dog/cock fighting for fundraising purposes. HSUS is a "Fundraising Mill."

When asked if he envisioned a future without pets, "If I had my personal view, perhaps that might take hold. In fact, I don't want to see another dog or cat born." Wayne Pacelle, vegan HSUS president (Bloodties: Nature, Culture and the Hunt by Ted Kerasote, 1993, p. 266).

The 1993 FBI Report to Congress states that all extremist "animal rights" groups are believed to be associated with each other by leadership, membership, or both. Texas has an abundance of these extremist sub-groups deliberately calculated to make the movement appear to be larger than it actually is. They are mostly the same people!

At the last legislative session, RPOA and our network of many legitimate animal interests fought and killed 14 anti-pet bills including sterilization of every dog and cat in the state, the HSUS anti-breeding bill including a "dealer" definition (to cover rescuers) and puppy/kitten lemon law sections; anti-tethering, breed specific legislative attempts, kennel sizes (certain square feet per dog), temperature restrictions for dogs being outdoors, and other onerous bills. All written to regulate pet ownership out of existence.

Ever since the 2009 Session adjourned, the Animal Rights Industry has played the media like a fiddle; creating a crisis where none exists. They will say and do anything to obtain passage of their new "Pet Elimination Bill" this session to stop all dog and cat breeding in our state. RPOA will be announcing our Lobby Day at the Capitol soon. HSUS, Texas Humane Legislation Network and ASPCA are holding their joint Lobby Day February 17th.

With RPOA's determination and growing strength in memberships, we are prepared to take the lead this session as we did in 2009. We'll provide information, guidance, talking points, bill analysis and contact information through Action Alerts; letters to legislators, Fact Sheets, press releases, and media interviews. We've been updating our list of approximately 500 legitimate animal interest groups who networked with us last session. Our 16 RPOA Area Advisory Committees have been formed. As soon as we get the website updated, we're ready to roll!

HSUS poured over \$4 million into Missouri last year and is pouring millions into Texas now to achieve their Anti-Ag and Anti-Pet agenda.

If we are to succeed, we need your financial support for "RPOA Texas Outreach," our lobbying arm. We must have financing for two lobbyists, attorneys, expert testimony at hearings, Lobby Day expenses and other incidental lobbying expenses. Our goal is \$100,000 - a drop in the bucket up against HSUS millions. Donations to RPOA Texas Outreach are not tax deductible and can be made with PayPal at www.rpoatexasoutreach.org or sent to the mailing address listed.

We must get Texas animal owners subscribed to our announcement-only "Texas RPOA E-News" to stay informed. They can email rpoa@texas.net and say "subscribe" or email Yahoo directly: TX_RPOA_E-News-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

It's time to take back Texas animal issues! This Texas Date of Infamy 1-11-11 must be our springboard to victory at the 82nd Session of the Texas Legislature this year. But we can't do it without you!

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