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From RPOA Texas Outreach and
Responsible Pet Owners Alliance
"Animal welfare, not animal 'rights'
and, yes, there is a difference."
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Read this article, go to the Print version (link at the top), print it out and fax it to every Texas legislator who has a fax number on their web page: www.capitol.state.tx.us . It doesn't matter if it is duplicated. In fact, that's even better! Fax it to them every day if you wish. Also fax them the Animal Welfare vs Animal Rights flyer on our website. We have the fanatics' quotes -- out of their own mouths.

The national "animal rights" campaign to vilify responsible dog and cat breeders and render their national registries impotent is in full swing at our state legislature! What better way to end all use, breeding and ownership of dogs and cats than with legislation? "Stop them from being born" is their mantra.

Wayne Pacelle, Vegan President of HSUS, was quoted 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." (Bloodlines: Nature, Culture and the Hunt by Ted Kerasote, 1993, p. 266)

These radical extremists have no desire to improve the conditions in so-called "puppy mills." They want regulations to shut down hobby breeders and commercial breeders completely or make it so cumbersome that no one will do it. This 81st Legislative Session in Texas clearly demonstrates their agenda with bills filed for Mandatory Dog and Cat Spay/Neuter and the Breeder/Sales/Puppy and Kitten Lemon Law Bill. Make this clear to our legislators.

No pet loving legislator should support these bills if they want their grandchildren to be able to own and love a pet. All committee members' votes on the onerous bills we oppose will be posted to our website: www.rpoatexasoutreach.org . Ask your legislator's office how he is voting on the bills posted on our website and let us know. The list of bills can be printed out with the PDF link. Besides these bills mentioned above, other bad bills are being promoted by Texas cities and counties who would like to legislate pet ownership out of existence.

Tell legislators we'll be watching how they vote and we'll hold them accountable!

We must kill the bills in committees. It's only a little more than six weeks before the

legislature adjourns so hang in there. So far the bills heard in committee are pending, except for HB 458 (limiting numbers of dogs in certain counties) which has gone to the Calendars Committee to be scheduled for a floor vote in the House. It can still be held up indefinitely in the Calendars Committee.

Aren't your animals worth it? Texas is well known for the battle at the Alamo when those brave men drew a line in the sand. We can do no less this legislative session for our animals that mean so much to us.

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