

Jomsky, Mark

From: Morales, Margo
Sent: Monday, October 07, 2013 11:23 AM
To: 'Cynthia Benton'
Cc: McAustin, Margaret; Jomsky, Mark
Subject: RE: Tonight's Agenda - Mandatory spay/neutering

Thank you for your email. I will make sure Council Member McAustin receives it.

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From: Cynthia Benton [<mailto:taverman2@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, October 06, 2013 6:06 PM
To: Morales, Margo; Cruz, Christian (Field Rep); West, Jana; Sullivan, Noreen; vdelcuba@cityofpasadena.net; Madison, Steve; Bogaard, Bill; Tornek, Terry
Subject: FW: Tonight's Agenda - Mandatory spay/neutering

I am writing you today because I am concerned about proposition 7 on Monday night's agenda, a measure that would require mandatory spaying/neutering of dogs @ 4 months of age or older with little exception. As a constituent and a responsible dog owner and breeder, I oppose this legislation.

I am a long time owner of dogs and have been involved in showing English Springer Spaniels and a Cairn Terrier, and have had 4 champions, 2 of which won the National Springer specialty show in 1999. During this time I bred one female once, had one litter of six pups and have maintained contact with the owners of 4 out of 5...I did keep one puppy and successfully showed her, but never bred her because of congenital eye problems.

Mandatory spay/neuter is an ineffective solution to animal control problems because it fails to address the heart of the issue—irresponsible ownership. Mandatory spay/neuter laws are extremely difficult to enforce and can be evaded by irresponsible animal owners who will not license their pets. However, it hurts responsible owners like me – the very ones we should be encouraging.

Responsible owners who are already complying with local animal control laws will be unfairly punished by this bill, while irresponsible owners will continue to make problems for the community and local shelters. Concentrating animal control and educational efforts on irresponsible owners whose behavior demonstrates that they are a problem for the community would be a much better use of taxpayer funds.

I respectfully ask that you support responsible owners and breeders by opposing Proposition 7.

Sincerely,

Cynthia B. Benton
Show Chairman and Past President, Kennel Club of Pasadena

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From: Morales, Margo
Sent: Monday, October 07, 2013 11:39 AM
To: 'Cindy Chick'
Cc: McAustin, Margaret; Jomsky, Mark
Subject: RE: Mandatory Spay/Neuter Law - Opposed

Hi Cindy,

Nice to hear from you. I will make sure Margaret receives your e-mail.

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From: cchick@gmail.com [<mailto:cchick@gmail.com>] **On Behalf Of** Cindy Chick
Sent: Monday, October 07, 2013 9:39 AM
To: Morales, Margo; news.star-news@sgvn.com; letters.star-news@sgvn.com
Subject: Mandatory Spay/Neuter Law - Opposed

I'm strongly opposed to the mandatory spay/neuter ordinance. There are so many things wrong with this ordinance, I hardly know where to start.

Judging from the news reports, this ordinance is in response to the large number of pit bulls in our shelters. While the numbers of dogs being euthanized in our shelters has been on a downward spiral for the last 20 years, it's obvious that pit bull overpopulation is still a problem.

But this ordinance is simply not going to help. People that are breeding pit bulls for illegal dog fighting are really not going to concern themselves with this ordinance. Drug dealers that breed them to protect their homes are not going to concern themselves with this ordinance. Actually, just about anyone that wants to breed pit bulls will not concern themselves with this ordinance.

This ordinance will fail to achieve its goal of reducing the number of pit bulls in our shelters, and will have negative consequences on those that do comply.

The City should NOT be mandating spay/neuter by 4 months of age. It is a well-accepted fact that early neutering has a negative effect on the health of a dog. Most veterinarians agree that dogs should not be neutered until their growth plates have closed, sometime after about 1 year of age.

There's some question whether spay/neuter is healthy for the dogs even past that age. This is still being studied with mixed results. <http://news.vin.com/VINNews.aspx?articleId=27205> There's not an easy answer to the ideal time to spay/neuter. But I'm a well-informed dog owner, and this decision can affect the health of my dogs. I should make the final decision, not the City of Pasadena.

While we have AKC champion show dogs, which would be "exempt", I am still concerned about the health of ALL companion animals.

But even though our dogs are supposedly "exempt", I assure you that this ordinance would still effect us and our dogs. As owners of two AKC Grand Champions, according to this ordinance we would not be able to breed our dogs. How could we meet the requirements of a kennel as defined by the city code? So it's a ban on almost all breeding within the city. Perhaps that's the intention, but don't pretend otherwise by saying that show and performance dogs are exempt from the ordinance.

In 25 years of owning dogs, our dogs have NEVER gotten out of our yard and roamed the neighborhood. But if that should happen just one time, our Grand Champion Belgian Tervuren would be neutered if picked up by animal control. We are responsible dog owners, but high winds knocking down a fence, gardeners leaving a gate open, these things could happen to the best of us. Just one incident and our dogs could no longer be shown or bred.

I'm also mystified as to how I can obtain an exemption for a 4 month old puppy. Dogs are not shown until they are older. How can I meet the criteria that the animal be entered in a show or performance activity AT 4 MONTHS OF AGE.

I'm sure that many supporters of this ordinance that are fine with the fact that pure bred show dogs would be affected. But we are some of the most responsible breeders out there. If we no longer breed, then where will dogs come from? We would be left with the dogs that this ordinance is supposedly aimed at, because I assure, pit bulls will still be in our shelter in large numbers.

I am very sorry that I will be unable to attend the meeting tonight. I am currently on vacation. However, I would like to discuss this further. I would like you to meet my dogs and understand that what is being proposed will affect all dog owners in the city of Pasadena.

Cindy Chick

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From: Morales, Margo
Sent: Monday, October 07, 2013 11:05 AM
To: 'Oharersn2@aol.com'
Cc: McAustin, Margaret; Jomsky, Mark
Subject: RE: mandatory spay/neuter

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From: Oharersn2@aol.com [mailto:Oharersn2@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, October 04, 2013 11:06 AM
To: Morales, Margo
Subject: mandatory spay/neuter

I respectfully request that you oppose this mandate, There are many many responsible pet owners that show their dogs as a hobby and there are a lot of us who spend a lot of time with our animals training them for these activities. It is a crime that we are held irresponsible for the irresponsibility of others. The prospect of one of our animals possibly being spayed when there are studies verifying the fact that spaying does cause bone cancer is an approachment that is unbelievable to this citizen.

Jomsky, Mark

From: Morales, Margo
Sent: Monday, October 07, 2013 11:06 AM
To: 'Schuerger, Bob'
Cc: McAustin, Margaret; Jomsky, Mark
Subject: RE: Vote NO on mandatory spay/neuter ordinance

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From: Schuerger, Bob [mailto:bschuerger@hp.com]
Sent: Friday, October 04, 2013 11:39 AM
To: Morales, Margo
Subject: Vote NO on mandatory spay/neuter ordinance

I just learned the City of Pasadena will vote on a mandatory spay/neuter ordinance on Monday. Please vote "NO."

I have difficulty in controlling my ire over any legislature intruding into my personal rights. Evidentially, the State of California does not believe that I have the right to let my dog have a litter of puppies if I want to. I have had pets that had litters of puppies, and it was a quite enjoyable experience.

Anyone who believes that individuals allowing their pets to have litters of kittens or puppies is so detrimental to society that is has to be legislated out of existence has:

1. Very poor judgment of what is important to society and/or
2. Has a vested interest in having the animal spayed/neutered. Like gets paid to do it or is trying to limit competition (animal breeders).

I have also experienced the reverse – spaying a pet that was not allowed to have a litter. It was a traumatic experience for both animals (the one that had the litter and the one that did not), but much less for the one who had the litter. She still had one of her puppies she was living with and recovered fairly well from the surgery. I normally would not have had her spayed at all, but the puppy we kept was male. The dog that had not had a litter was lethargic for days after the surgery.

Anyone who tells you it is not a traumatic experience for the animal is:

1. About as sensitive as a rock and/or
2. Has a vested interest in having the animal spayed/neutered. Like gets paid to do it or is trying to limit competition (animal breeders).

Notice any pattern as to who would support and try and get this type of legislation passed?

This insanity that has possessed the State of California to legislate MANDATORY spay/neutering laws DOES NOT NEED TO SPREAD INTO the City of Pasadena.

Vote "NO."

Robert Schuerger

Novelo, Lilia

Subject: FW: Early Spay and Neuter | AKC Canine Health Foundation

From: DONNA ASHBROOK <da4re@sbcglobal.net>
Date: September 9, 2013 7:11:44 PM PDT
To: Cyndy McNamara <CMcnam8163@aol.com>
Subject: **Early Spay and Neuter | AKC Canine Health Foundation**
Reply-To: DONNA ASHBROOK <da4re@sbcglobal.net>

Many of you already know why – but in case you don't – here's the AKC Canine Health Foundation with WHY you don't want early castration and hysterectomy on your dogs.

Please – use this info in your arguments against laws like MSN, which is now being pushing in Pasadena – where there isn't a problem!!! Remember – about 80% of the dogs going INTO a shelter are already castrated/hysterectomied.

Please feel free to forward!!!

"Pedigree indicates what the animal should be. Conformation indicates what the animal appears to be. But performance indicates what the animal actually is." Anonymous

FYI,

<http://www.akcchf.org/news-events/multimedia/podcasts/early-spay-and-neuter.html>