

## THE ANIMAL COUNCIL Annual Report, 2013

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THE ANIMAL COUNCIL (TAC) was founded in 1991 to combat San Mateo County's (California) action to enact legislation forbidding cat and dog breeding, and mandating sterilization of all cats and dogs. TAC is a California nonprofit, public benefit, tax-exempt (IRC §501c4) corporation. The officers and board include:

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TAC's goal is to seek positive, humane solutions to the challenges of animal rights activists through study, analysis and application of animal husbandry, statistics and law, and at the same time preserve human benefit from all species, breeds and registries.

In 2013, TAC has:

- **Monitored selected federal, state and local legislation and regulation; prepared and submitted analysis, position papers and letters; and lobbied selected jurisdictions. Publication of *The Animal Council Updates* was on hiatus for 2013;**
- **Monitored California regulatory agencies and local California animal advisory commissions and boards and the American Bar Association, Trial, Torts & Insurance Practice Section Animal Law Committee including committee meetings;**
- **Attended the American Bar Association Annual Meeting, the Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council Top2Top Conference and the Stakeholders Listening Program for "Charting a Path Forward: Achieving California's Policy to Save All Adoptable and Treatable Animals."**
- **Provided counsel to inquiring individuals, organizations and Legislators; and responded to media inquiries on California legislation; and**
- **Continued development of the website with current and historic reference information including the comprehensive Bill Tracking Table, now with 8 years of California legislative history, maintain a Blog on Wordpress and social networking media with active pages on Facebook and Twitter. <http://www.theanimalcouncil.com>**



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