

UPDATE: THE ANIMAL COUNCIL
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THE ANIMAL COUNCIL (TAC), formed in response to San Mateo County's attempt to enact restrictive dog and cat breeding legislation, has formed a California nonprofit corporation. While its current focus is on this pending legislation, TAC's structure will enable it to become a coalition of animal related organizations and others dedicated to preserving our companion and service animals.

TAC's ten member founding board of directors includes both cat and dog owners, not all breeders, united by dedication to the belief that the interests of fellow animal owners and the welfare of animals are one and the same.

Researching the support for the San Mateo Ordinance, TAC's board discovered a multitude of existing organizations promoting sweeping agendas to change the philosophy and laws of every interaction between humans and animals, in some cases by any means including harassment and violence. Taking a cue from these interrelated, cooperative groups, TAC decided to form an umbrella organization to access and involve the broadest range of resources and believes it is at the forefront of an inevitable new wave of organizations rising to meet the challenge to preserving our animals.

To date, THE ANIMAL COUNCIL directors have accomplished:

- At the request of the American Kennel Club, selected and interviewed eminent Constitutional litigators for a possible court challenge to final legislation.
- Devoted countless hours and resources to the Community Animal Control Task Force in San Mateo County, including gathering and evaluating statistical data and developing realistic proposals to reduce unwanted births of cats and dogs and increase homes for them.
- Developed resource materials on "pet overpopulation".
- Established and developed communication networks among individuals and organizations around the country.
- Learned basic media skills and participated in interviews for television, radio and print media.

Pending operational nonprofit corporate status, TAC has been funded entirely by its directors. Membership applications are not yet available, but TAC now welcomes inquiries and offers of support. For further information, please write:

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