Anti-Pet Legislation

2009 is going to be a tough year fighting pet legislation across this country. Legislation for mandatory spay/neutering, making tail docking/ear cropping and dew claw removal felonies, and limit laws to name just a few. It is up to us to fight for our love of dogs and their relationship to humans.

The goal of the animal rights groups is to eliminate the private ownership of animals. They believe that animals are used for the entertainment of humans and that this is exploitation. Their plan is to pass legislation that makes owning animals increasingly hard. They are well organized and well funded.

The ATCA has written letters to the AVMA, Illinois and Pennsylvania opposing their stands against ear cropping, tail docking and dew claw removal. Illinois’ bill, if passed, will make any of these procedures a third degree felony even if performed by a veterinarian.

We need to all get involved on an individual level, too. Find out what your state, county, city is planning. Read your local newspapers, listen to your local news and respond in writing. Write your local government and voice your opposition to legislation that intrudes on our rights to own and make our own decisions concerning our pets. We have laws already that if enforced address most issues. There is a difference between animal rights and animal welfare. Donate to animal welfare organizations. Speak up and talk to your friends and neighbors. Most people are not aware of the animal rights agenda. Pet owners donate to the animal rights groups thinking they are donating to help pets in need. You must help to get the word out.

Some informative animal welfare web sites

www.responsiblepetowners.org

www.americansportingdogalliance.org