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From Responsible Pet Owners Alliance,

the reasonable voice regarding animal issues in Texas.

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not “animal rights” and, yes, there is a difference.

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## Wednesday is “D” Day! “Dallas Day!”

This is a day that will go down in Texas history. We must have people flowing out the doors of City Hall! Load up your cars and vans and head for Dallas to OPPOSE the proposed anti-pet ordinance which is a carbon copy of CA’s AB 1634. You don’t have to speak but we must

have 500 warm bodies there. Sometimes an email just isn’t enough! The Animal Rights Brigade will turn out in large numbers from all over the country. In San Antonio, we had 30 people in opposition show up for the Public Hearing and Council vote on a similar ordinance ... and lost. Upon arriving touch base with “Verjean” if possible who will be speaking with the press and representing the opposition in Dallas.

Dallas City Council meets at 9:00 am Wednesday, June 18th, in the Council Chambers, 6th Floor, City Hall, 1500 Marilla, for a “Briefing” with a final Council vote scheduled the following Wednesday. Parking is available directly behind (south) of City Hall which is metered but on council days meters are free. (If anyone gets a ticket, take it inside and it will be forgiven.) Parking may be available under City Hall also. Responsible Pet Owners Alliance will be posting how each councilman votes on our website. Hopefully we won’t add Dallas to our list of Anti-Pet cities in Texas and the US.

Anyone wishing to speak at a meeting should register by calling (214) 670-3738 before 9:00 a.m. on the meeting date and then “sign in” to speak between 8:15 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. the morning of meeting. Name, residence address, daytime phone number, subject matter must be given, whether subject is on agenda, and speakers have 3 minutes. If possible be there all day as the mayor can call speakers anytime he wishes before, during or after the meeting. However if you can only stay for the morning, better than nothing. Council agenda meetings are broadcast live on WRR-FM radio (101.1 FM) and on Time Warner Cable Channel 6B, 16, 66 or 76 (Digital Channel 66/76).

Programs and services in problem areas of South Dallas, Yes! More unenforced useless legislation, No! Don’t copy San Antonio!

This is not a “breeder” issue, it is a pet issue. The cult-like Animal Rights Movement seeks to end all use, breeding and ownership of animals for any reason and this is evident from the Dallas proposal. San Antonio passed similar legislation mid-December 2007. Yesterday SA Animal Care Services announced a 15% increase in impoundments since then and a moratorium on accepting any animals at their Facility which poses a public health and safety threat. We told them the ordinance would mean more animals killed, not less but no one listened to us. Unfortunately we were right and many dogs and cats are being

dumped on the streets now suffering, fighting or getting run over by cars.

Although there are a few minor changes, all the objectionable provisions are still in the Dallas proposal with Mandatory Microchips now added:

- \* Mandatory Spay/Neuter of all dogs and cats over 6 months, unenforceable.
- \* Mandatory Microchip for every dog and cat in the city, unenforceable.
- \* Pet Limits which means fewer homes for pets.
- \* \$70 Breeder Permit for each dog and cat annually plus \$30 Pet License annually.
- \* Ban on Tethering which means more dog attacks and possible fatalities.
- \* 150' Kennel Size for all dogs.
- \* High fees and fines mean more animals euthanized at Dallas Animal Services.

Newly revised Dallas Ordinance, dated June 13, 2008, can be found:

[http://www.dallascityhall.com/council\\_briefings/briefings0608/animal\\_ordinance\\_attachmentB\\_06182008.pdf](http://www.dallascityhall.com/council_briefings/briefings0608/animal_ordinance_attachmentB_06182008.pdf)

Contact info for Dallas city officials is on our website under the Action Alert! flashing button near the bottom of the home page:

[www.responsiblepetowners.org](http://www.responsiblepetowners.org)

If you can't be there, at least phone, fax, or email city officials with "Opposition to Chapter 7 Revisions" in the heading.

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