

## "Get Anything Passed and Come Back Later" until pet ownership is legislated out of existence!

Department of Justice Report to Congress on Domestic and International Terrorism On Animal Enterprises (September 2, 1993): "All extremist animal rights groups are believed to be associated with each other by leadership, membership, or both. Many advocates of animal rights oppose all ways in which animals are confined and utilized by humans, whether it be for food, clothing, servitude, or household pets."

- Cile Holloway, Texas Humane Legislation Network former president (THLN Meeting, September 2010): "Be patient. We have to take things slowly, passing laws in small increments. If we pass a small portion of what we ultimately want, we can come back later and add more; it is easier to pass bills that way. Bills can always be strengthened further down the road. Just ensure that you get 'something' on the books, making it easier to pass increased provisions later. Example: If we pass a law banning the sale of 'dogs' on public property, we can come back the next session and convince them to include 'cats' in the law. In Texas it is virtually impossible to get anything passed having to do with livestock, cattle, chickens, swine, etc. The only thing that Texas citizens will stomach is legislation addressing domestic pets (dogs and cats)."
- Patrick Kwan, HSUS director New York State (2009 HSUS Seminar Rochester, NY): "The initial HSUS bill will set a cap of 50 intact animals per location, but once this cap is in place, HSUS will strengthen this in the future by lowering this cap in place. HSUS will crack down in later sessions."
- Kim Alboum, HSUS director North Carolina (2010 HSUS Lobby 101 Seminar, NC): When questioned about why the bill did not include cats, Alboum's answer was "baby steps, they are next, then birds. In reality owning 6 females should be the separating line between hobby and commercial breeders." Alboum assured the audience that getting ANY bill on the books was worth the effort as it could be tightened up later on.

"Animal Rights" Organizations in Texas: Humane Society of United States (HSUS), Texas Humane Legislation Network, Animal Legal Defense Fund, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, Animal Liberation Front (Spokesman: El Paso UT professor Steve Best), some members of the Animal Law Section Texas State Bar, American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), Best Friends Animal Society, and Mercy for Animals.

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