

Protect your Privacy! Fight the Pet Tax in Riverside County!

URGENT! "Big Brother" in Riverside County wants your animals gone! They propose microchips for ALL pets (and have the government track you and your pets). This "pet tax" will add to the cost of keeping pets. Mandatory neuter/spay is used as punishment. Opposition Letters are Needed!

When families are struggling with the economy why should they be forced to spend money to microchip and enroll their pet cats and dogs over 4 months of age? Why should animal services spend scarce resources to keep a huge databank of everyone's personal address when they are not capable of handling the specialized business of lost pet recovery. Microchips are a good back-up for a collar and tag but should not be forced on everyone in the unincorporated parts of Riverside County. Enrollment of microchips should be handled by national services dedicated to reuniting cats and dogs.

If a person violates ANY State or local animal law this means the mandatory spay and neuter of all pets over 4 months. What an opportunity for frivolous neighbor complaints to escalate. If a cat or dog is impounded for any reason – even fire or disaster – this means sterilization. Valuable pedigreed cats, purebred show and breeding dogs or working dogs will be in jeopardy.

WHAT TO DO: Attend the hearing on Tuesday, January 13th. The Board of Supervisors needs to hear from Riverside residents who value their lifestyle in an animal friendly County. Tell them that if you wanted to live by big city regulations, you would move to the city!

Write or call the Supervisors – see contact information.

The pet tax, mandated sterilization and what it all means to you: Ordinance No 630.12 mandates microchipping and spay/neuter of all dogs and cats over 4 months of age. Rescuers must have a permit and are limited in the numbers of dogs and cats they can keep as "personal pets". Any dog or cat offered for sale, trade or adoption means notifying the Department of the name and address within 10 days. Spay/neuter surgery should always be a decision made by the pet owner.

- Pet owners, breeders, rescuers and Riverside County Animal Services would be buried under a mountain of administrative paperwork, hearings and law suits.
- Pet relinquishments would snowball and add to the shelter numbers.
- Good breeders would fear living in this County and move. Sick pets from Mexico and out of area breeders may be your only source for fine selectively bred pets in the future.
- First time impoundment (even if a pet is let out by mistake by a child or pet sitter) could mean a death sentence for an unaltered pet over 4 months of age if the owner cannot come up with money in 14 days to pay all fines, fees, mandated sterilization and microchipping.

Stop big brother from tracking you!
Please write in opposition to this new tax!
Stop Ordinances 630.12

To read the ordinance and for points to make go to the Cat Fanciers' Association web page at

<http://www.cfa.org/exhibitors/alerts.html>

The National Animal Interest Alliance Trust has an easy CapWiz system for your letters

<http://tinyurl.com/6spbrf>

**Personal letters, emails, calls and visits to Supervisors' offices are the most effective.
We are going to need YOUR support!**

WHERE TO WRITE: - Opposition to Ordinance 630.12

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