

Southern California Kennel Owners and Breeders: The Beginning

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On September 29, 2009, L.A. county decided that they were going to ban people who have been living on their property, properly licensed and permitted, from continuing to engage in their livelihood of boarding, training and breeding dogs and cats, and also to decrease their property values by possibly hundreds of thousands of dollars.

As I wrote earlier, the kennel owners activated, and the result was that 28 days later, the L.A. County Planning Commission completely dismissed the proposed ordinance. The many attending kennel owners noted grumpy frowning faces on the supporters of the ordinance and felt gratified that their logical and polite arguments convinced the commissioners what a farce the ordinance was.

At that point, the kennel owners realized that those who, because of their agenda and philosophy, wanted to disallow the breeding of dogs or cats would not stop at this. Indeed, a letter received by one of the kennel owner group showed that that agenda was still being worked full force.

The next obvious step was to organize and legitimize the kennel owners, not only in L.A. county, but also moving on to all the Incorporated cities of L.A. county, the biggest one being L.A. City itself. On November 12, 2009, a meeting was held in Canyon Country, (near Santa Clarita, Ca) where the group met and immediately went to work appointing an interim organizational Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Before an hour was up, an incorporating committee, a legal committee, a kennel contact committee, a fundraising committee and a website committee with chairs and members were formed. Every person attending volunteered to either chair or be a committee member on one or more committees. Discussed were various means to contact community politicians, media and raise public awareness.

It was decided that the organization would be named the Southern California Kennel and Breeders Association, that the concept would center around the freedom and right to own and breed dogs and cats as a business or personally. There is an open invitation for other groups in southern California to join in a coalition with SCKBA, aimed at halting the progression of those using the political arena for their own extremist agendas.

While not all who have joined this organization were able to attend the meeting, the group has new members joining daily and the energy is building to become an activist group for positive growth.