

HELP US DEFEAT MANDATORY STERILIZATION AT FOUR MONTHS IN LOS ANGELES. WE ARE CHALLENGING THE LAW IN THE COURTS.

Fact Sheet

What is the Los Angeles Law?

Mandatory sterilization of dogs and cats at 16 weeks. It goes into effect 4/8/08.

Who is the group going to the courts for relief?

Concerned Dog Owners of California through their 501(c) 4 CDOC-ACTION

What has Concerned Dog Owners of California done in the past?

You can visit our website at www.cdoca.org for the complete story. We have a professional lobbyist in Sacramento, a professional public relations group in Los Angeles; we have been at every Sacramento hearing. We have done educational seminars all over the state. We have three bills pending in the legislature this year; two to raise money for voluntary spay/neuter as we all know that is how we will be successful and a bill to add RICO language to dog fighting law so people who do this or attend will lose assets. We are doing a series of anti-dog fighting PSAs which will air later this spring. We are the only dog group tackling these problems from a positive point of view.

Who is the law firm CDOC ACTION is using?

Roberti Jensen in Los Angeles

What are their qualifications?

Roberti Jensen is the ideal law firm for this sort of challenge. They work primarily in this area, they are well-respected in Los Angeles; they are well-known to the liberal Democratic establishment in Los Angeles.

David Roberti is intimately familiar and knowledgeable with government and regulatory matters. His 28 years of service in the legislature and 13 years of service as President Pro Tem of the California State Senate provide superior understanding of the nature and process of governmental actions. He is well known as one of California's most prominent legislators. In addition, David Roberti is an attorney experienced in government and business transactions, negotiations, and processes. After Loyola University and USC Law School, David Roberti served as Deputy Attorney General and as a Clerk in the District Court of Appeals. **John Jensen** has extensive experience in drafting and negotiating contracts, assisting businesses with government regulation and compliance, and advising upon all aspects of business affairs. He has drafted and negotiated complex three party agreements in regulatory contexts, successfully argued administrative actions at the state level, and negotiated various beneficial financial settlements. John also has extensive experience with non-profit and charitable entities.

I don't live in the City of Los Angeles. Why should I care?

The law is being challenged on several grounds. It is unlikely that any other California city will pass a similar law until this is litigated. If we prevail on constitutional grounds, this will set a precedent for California and the country.

Will this law affect other states? AB1634?

Since it was passed, 11 other California cities have decided to consider this, including some that had previously decided against it. At the federal level, animal extremists are touting this as a popular law that should be adopted nationally. Proponents of this Los Angeles law urged the City Council to pass this law to support Lloyd Levine and AB1634.

Will the Los Angeles law be in effect while the lawsuit is ongoing?

We will apply for relief; we have to see what the courts do.

How much will it cost?

That depends on time involved. We are estimating \$100,000; we need \$50,000 just to get through the discovery stage.

Will we win?

No one can predict that. We certainly have grounds. For a year people with dogs have been saying someone should take this to court. CDOC has tried to handle this through education but that was not successful in Los Angeles. So this is the next step.

How do I contribute?

Send a check to CDOC ACTION at 22647 Ventura Boulevard. #108, Woodland Hills, CA 91364. Or go on line at www.cdocaction.org and use a credit card or Paypal.