## Why Does PETA Hate Responsible Breeders?

We are living in times which favor the ignorant, the irresponsible and the uneducated. Personal responsibility is out the door because it's always someone else's fault. PETA needs only point out the misguided mind-set of the back-yard breeder who didn't know any better and all is forgiven. Responsible breeders like us, however, woe unto us! We breed dogs on purpose, with design, and repeatedly. We are evil.

Recently, my family and friends dined at a neighborhood restaurant. Also there was a larger party of parents and their kids - neighbors, we guessed. The parents talked over each other loudly while their kids weren't any better at using "inside" voices. It was deafening and very disturbing, not only to our party, but to others in the restaurant. And though we were all steaming with indignation, none of us had the courage to approach these people and ask them to tone it down. No one wanted a confrontation. No one wanted to be ganged up upon and told to mind our own business. No one wanted to put the restaurant owners on the spot by asking them to deal with these people. And so we suffered. We were paying for the right to a nice meal in a pleasant atmosphere, but we were trumped by a loud group of people who evidently thought the sound of their own voices WAS a better atmosphere.

I think we deserved what we got. We sat there like sheep and took it. And if you ask me, my anecdote is a micro-version of what's happening to dog owners everywhere. Our rights are being trumped by a more vocal group who thinks their way is best for all of us. Their arrogance is astounding. And yet we plod along thinking, "I don't breed much, if at all. This doesn't effect me." Or, "there are other people who are fighting this fight and they're better at it than I am, so I'll just sit back." Or, "The AR folks are going after the bullie breeds. This doesn't effect me, I have a toy Sockenburger that's smaller than a stapler."

I can't put it any more plainly than this. It's not about dogs. It's about our legal rights and dogs are just the excuse. By saying nothing, by not spreading the word or getting hopping mad involved, we'll get what we deserve.

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## Do You Really Want to Send That Donation to PETA?

Do you still believe that PETA is an animal welfare and rescue outfit? Have a look at these web sites:

**Download their IRS Form 990 at Guidestar:** http://www.guidestar.org/pqShowGsReport.do?npoId=27344

Take a look at page 2: They spent more money on fund raising than on grants. They spent more money on salaries than on grants. They spent twice as much money on consultants as they do on grants.

## From ActivistCash:

http://www.activistcash.com/organization\_overview.cfm/oid/21

PETA is not an animal welfare organization. PETA spends less than one percent of its multi-million dollar budget actually helping animals. The group euthanized (killed) more than 1,900 animals in 2003 alone -- that's over 85 percent of the animals it received.

## From http://www.petakillsanimals.com/

They killed 90.9% of the animals they "rescued" in 2007. You can view their own documents from the Virginia Dept of Agriculture here: <u>http://www.petakillsanimals.com/downloads/PetaKillsAnimals.pdf</u>

Please don't support PETA unless you want to support their salaries, their consultants, their fund raising efforts, and their legislative lobbying agenda, all of which are aimed at insuring that your children and grandchildren will not be able to legally own pets. It is most likely that only 50 cents of a \$50 donation would actually go to help any animal.

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