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OPPOSITION STATEMENT TO WA SB 6132 - 2007-08 Regulating the keeping of exotic animals

Responsible Dog Owners of the Western States was formed October 15, 1989 to protect the rights, and interests of dog owners.

Responsible Dog Owners of the Western States is opposed to SB 6132 Sponsored by Senator Marilyn Rasmussen, Second Legislative District, as it is a violation of the Constitution of the United States of America and of the Constitution of Washington State.

Amendment

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Washington State's Christian, and Jewish residents believe that God created animals for human beings to own. SB 6132 violates the religious rights of the people of Washington.

²⁴ And said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶ Then God said, 'Let us make humankind* in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth,* and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

²⁷ So God created humankind* in his image,

in the image of God he created them;*

male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' ²⁹God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

SB 6132 violates the property rights of the people of Washington as granted under both the U.S. Constitution and the Washington State Constitution. Amendment IV
The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Animals are the most ancient property of human beings. It is only with the advent of the animal rights movement that was created in Nazi Germany has there been any question as to the rights of human beings to own animals. Banning, any animal sets the precedent to ban all animals.

The United States Constitution makes no mention of animals, as our founders, in their wisdom, recognized that animals were, are, and have always been the rightful property of human beings.

Responsible Dog Owners of the Western States respectfully requests the Washington State Legislature to kill SB1632.