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OPPOSITION STATEMENT TO WASHINGTON SB 6315

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 stands in opposition to SB 6315 - 2007-08 Including a wolf-hybrid in the definition of a "potentially dangerous wild animal." Sponsored by Senator Bob Morton, R, Orient.

The Canine Genome Project proved with DNA testing that all domestic dog breeds are derivative of *Canis Lupis Familiaris*, a sub-species of the Gray Wolf. In other words, all dogs are wolf-hybrids. SB 6315 has the potential of creating the unintended consequence of causing all dogs to be considered "potentially dangerous wild animal"(s) in Washington state.

Dog ownership has been archaeologically traced back more than thirty thousand years. Tradition gives animal owners legal standing to own dogs. All animals are the ancient property of human beings. Animal husbandry is among the most ancient of professions. We, the people expect our legislators to protect our rights, and our property, not to remove those rights, and that property.

Responsible Dog Owners of the Western States respectfully requests that Senator Bob Morton withdraw SB 6315 from consideration.