



The Truth About Missouri's Proposition B "Puppy Cruelty Prevention Act"

This November, HSUS is seeking to take down Missouri's dog breeding industry with Proposition B, calling the bill the "Puppy Cruelty Prevention Act". Great name; who wouldn't want to keep someone from being cruel to a puppy? The problem is Missouri already has laws protecting animals – all animals. So what's the real agenda?

The Radical Agenda of HSUS

Proposition B is being pushed by an organization known as The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS). We all know the Humane Society from our local neighborhoods, but do not be fooled by the similar sounding name. There is no connection between HSUS and local animal shelters. HSUS is a radical animal rights organization which fundraises under the guise of helping animals while orchestrating devastating animal rights campaigns in over 40 states across the country.

Between 1990 and 2008 animal rights activists pushed over 40 ballot campaigns across the nation. Ballot initiatives and legislative public policy efforts are the tools used by the Humane Society of the United States, and other animal rights activist groups to carry out their ultimate goal of destroying animal agriculture and pet ownership in the United States. The driving force behind these laws is the richest "animal rights" organization on the planet. The deceptively-named Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) disclosed over \$206 million in assets in its 2007 Annual Report.

Proposition B is just another stepping stone. HSUS is strategically implementing extreme policies across the country in order to extend and mandate similar laws covering ALL animals. Their idea of utopia is a United States with NO animal ownership; NO meat to eat; NO pets; NO hunting; NO fishing; NO service animals. If chicken farmers would be forced to own no more than 50 chickens they could no longer afford to stay in business. The same will hold true with hog farmers and cattle ranchers. Eventually, agri-business will be forced to go overseas, just as our manufacturing and tech industries have.

But even the extinction of our food industry isn't the scariest part of this extreme liberal agenda. A law is only as good as it's enforced. HSUS is resolute to pursue legal action even when there is no evident crime taking place. HSUS has now become the self-appointed law enforcement of the animal world. In some states, HSUS employees are obtaining warrants with false information, running around with guns and police-like badges breaking down doors, confiscating animals and business papers. Law abiding citizens are resisting these ungrounded malicious charges and strong arm techniques, filing legal action against HSUS, sheriffs and government offices for blatant violations of the most basic constitutional rights.

The American way of life and the freedoms we as Americans hold dear to our hearts are being systematically destroyed. A recent epidemic of anti-pet, anti-farmer, anti-animal use laws has swept our nation. The animal rights movement is being pushed through each state, one by one, with ballot initiatives to change ownership rights and mandate new extreme regulations.

The two most prominent examples in this genre of agri-politics and increasing government control:

- In California, by ballot initiative in 2008, *Proposition 2: The Prevention of Farm Animal Cruelty Act*, has essentially handicapped the California chicken egg industry forcing chicken farmers out of business and consumers to buy imported eggs. Since the ballot measure, egg prices have risen 60%. Like most business interest, Chicken farmers are seeking asylum from the extreme California regulations and many have flooded outside of the USA and into Mexico. California is facing bankruptcy and the foreclosure rate is one of the highest in the country.
- In Florida, by ballot initiative, Floridians voted to stop the "crating" of mother pigs under the deceitful guise that it was "cruel and inhumane" to crate pigs. However, mother pigs are crated so they do not roll over and kill their piglets. Farmers could no longer afford to raise pigs and have relocated. Florida has one of the highest unemployment rates in the country.

Numerous other agribusinesses and connected industries have been subsequently crippled and have been dragged down alongside.

This bill forces breeders to limit the number of dogs they can own – regardless of care. Think about this a minute Should the government have the right to limit the number of houses a realtor can sell? Or the number of cattle a rancher can raise? These new regulations will put almost every breeder in Missouri out of business forcing the price of dogs to sky rocket and allowing pet ownership only for the very wealthy.

Abolishing Animal Ownership: One Step at a Time... HSUS spends less than 0.5% of their revenue on the care of animals. The goals of their organization have been made clear by numerous statements by their President, Wayne Pacelle, a radical animal rights activist.

“We have no problem with the extinction of domestic animals.”

-Wayne Pacelle, President, HSUS

When asked if he envisioned a future without pets, "If I had my personal view, perhaps that might take hold. **In fact, I don't want to see another dog or cat born.**” - Wayne Pacelle quoted in *Blood Ties: Nature, Culture and the Hunt* by Ted Kerasote, 1993, p 266

“Our goal is to get sport hunting in the same category as cock fighting and dog fighting. We are going to use the ballot box and the democratic process to stop all hunting in the United States.”

-Wayne Pacelle, President, HSUS

[Prop B and Our Economy](#)

As families in Missouri struggle to make ends meet, radical animal rights activists are using emotional ballot language to push economy crippling legislation. If Prop B were to pass:

- Blue Ribbon Kennels will be forced to close due to excessive regulation and penalties
- Jobs will be lost at pet stores, kennels, and food producers who employ tens of thousands of Missourians statewide
- Hundreds of thousands of tax dollars a year will be wasted enforcing needless regulations on Missouri's respected, licensed dog-breeders, while the unlicensed problem-breeders remain unchecked

While unemployment rates continue to rise, Proposition B will cause more small businesses to go under and put many Missourians out of their jobs.

“The defense of freedom begins at home, and the price of freedom is vigilance and courage.”

In this country, freedom is never stolen from us by a thief in the night. It gets handed away, one piece at a time, by those of us who are weak, cowardly, uncaring, or unknowing. - Jeane Kirkpatrick, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations

