



## **We Oppose SB 1830 & HB 1481**

The Florida Association of Kennel Clubs is a federation of American Kennel Clubs in Florida devoted to the protection of all dogs and preserving pure bred dogs. We are joined by the American Kennel Club, the National Animal Interest Alliance and the Florida Veterinary Medical Association in **OPPOSITION SB 1830 & HB 1481**.

- The bill presumes every female dog at six months is breedable and must be sterilized or assessed an annual license of \$ 500.00. Current Veterinary science does not recommend sterilizing dogs until maturity to avoid cancer, musculoskeletal, orthopedic and behavioral problems. Since 1988 AKC has limited registration to prevent unsuitable breeding.
- AKC requires only unaltered dogs may be exhibited in Conformation events. Each year there are over 1624 AKC dog events in Florida estimated to bring in over \$ 2.15 million to the local economy and tourism for a weekend dog show and over \$ 64 million for the National Dog Show held in December each year in Orlando. Unreasonable laws will make this go away.
- An annual fee for unsterilized female dogs in the amount of \$ 500.00 is unreasonable. Fees, penalties, fines, misdemeanors and felonies of a third degree for an inability to afford unreasonable fees are a crime to dog owners in Florida.
- Whistleblowers will provide for Animal Extremists Vigilantes Terrorists
- Fourth amendment rights may be violated for Florida citizens having their home searched without cause. Family homes are not Facilities or Commercial Kennels. What will happen to their zoning or to their HOA?
- This bill is fiscally irresponsible with excessive government expense to taxpayers.

**Write to your Senators and Representatives Say NO to SB 1830 and HB 1481**

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