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THE ANIMAL COUNCIL (TAC) was founded in 1991 to combat San Mateo County's (California) action to enact legislation forbidding cat and dog breeding, and mandating sterilization of all cats and dogs. TAC is a California nonprofit, public benefit, tax-exempt (§501c4) corporation. The officers and board include:

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TAC's goal is to seek positive, humane solutions to the challenges of animal rights activists through study, analysis and application of animal husbandry, statistics and law, and at the same time preserve human benefit from all species, breeds and registries.

In 2002, TAC has:

- Monitored selected federal, state and local legislation and regulation; prepared and submitted analysis, position papers and letters; disseminated reference materials, including legislative updates and topical reports furnished by electronic mail to individuals and organizations; lobbied selected jurisdictions. In 2002 these included 42 timely updates, 24 letters on pending legislation and regulation, two in-depth comparative analyses and one fact sheet;
- Monitored The California Veterinary Medical Board, the California Department of Health Services Veterinary Public Health Unit and Veterinary Medical Board; animal issues in legislation in adjacent jurisdictions; a meeting of Peninsula Humane Society's Community Liaison Committee; the San Francisco Animal Control and Welfare Commission; and
- Provided counsel to inquiring individuals, organizations and legislators.

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