



The California Federation of Dog Clubs, one of the oldest, and possibly the first, of the state federations, was formed in 1991 to defeat the growing threat posed by animal rights extremist groups.

The following are only a few of the bills we were able to defeat in the years since then: SB621 Herschel Rosenthal's statewide breeders' permit bill; AB1634 Lloyd Levine's attempt to enforce a statewide mandatory spay/neuter law, and SB250, a similar bill, introduced by Dean Florez.

At this point, we would like to take the opportunity to list the progress made by CFODC and its members over the past year:

- Defeated mandatory spay/neuter legislation in Whittier, Carpinteria, Bakersfield and in Kern County.
- Provided disaster relief supplies across the state during this past season's record wildfires as well as the Oroville Dam emergency evacuations.
- Made countless calls and wrote numerous letters to our local and state legislators in opposition to the many proposed anti-pet ordinances introduced throughout California.
- Hosted a ceremony to present the AKC Dog Friendly City of the Year award to the Whittier City Council.
- Co-sponsored a "meet and greet" with Nathan Winograd in Bakersfield.
- Joined the AKC and Livermore Assemblywoman Catharine Baker to present an event promoting safety around dogs.

Presently, we are making plans with the AKC for co-sponsoring a Legislative Action Day in Sacramento, in conjunction with National Purebred Dog Day on May 1st.

One of our biggest successes has been our continuing Breed Identification Workshop, a seminar presented to animal control departments throughout the state to help employees recognize the breeds of dogs entering their shelters. This not only helps reunite lost dogs with their owners, but provides vital information to members of the public to help in the selection of their new pet.

Lastly, we would like to clarify and update the membership regarding a recent letter from former president Charles Bridges in which he mentions the loss of several board members within a short time frame. Although the timing was unfortunate, the immediate action taken prevented a potentially difficult situation. Vice President Judythe Coffman willingly stepped into her former position as President; Carol Hamilton was appointed Vice President; Teri Kahn assumed the position of Secretary, and the names of our new directors will be announced shortly.

It's impossible to underestimate the power of unity. We thank you for your 26 years of loyalty and support and look forward to continued future success.

Together we shall prevail.

Officers and Board of Directors
California Federation of Dog Clubs