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 (IRC §501c4) corporation. The officers and board include:

SHARON A. COLEMAN, PresidentKaren JohnsonGAYLE A. HAND, Secretary & TreasurerAlice E. Partanen

Emeritus: Leslie L. Altick, 1991-1996 Judith A Brecka, 1991-2002 James Stanley Daugherty, 1991-2021 Margaret A. Kranzfelder, 1991-2023 Dr. Ronald E. Cole, 1932-2021

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 2023, TAC has:

- Monitored selected federal, state and local legislation and regulation; prepared and submitted analysis, position papers and letters; and lobbied selected jurisdictions;
- Published two issues of The Animal Council Updates;
- Monitored California regulatory agencies and local California animal advisory commissions and boards and the American Bar Association, Trial, Torts & Insurance Practice Section Animal Law Committee and Companion Animal Subcommittee including attendance by ZOOM at meetings and other educational events;
- Provided counsel to inquiring individuals, organizations, legislators and staff; and responded to media inquiries on California legislation and related matters; and
- Planned for the continued development of the website and preservation of archival material as we transition from the original site with current and historic reference information including the comprehensive Bill Tracking Table, now with 18 prior years of California legislative history; maintained a Blog on Wordpress and social networking media with an active Facebook Page and Twitter account, see links at: http://theanimalcouncil.org

