

## CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS . . . . . OF ANIMALS?!?!?!?

I have read the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, and each of the 27 Amendments to the U.S. Constitution, and I cannot find the words ***“animal rights”*** used anywhere in these sacred documents. Could it be that our Forefathers were closet “Factory Farmers” or wannabe “PMs,” and simply did not give a hoot about ***“animal rights?!?”*** And when the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was “Passed by Congress on June 13, 1866,” and “Ratified on July 9, 1868,” the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment explicitly stated who the Citizens of the United States were, but it made no mention of ***“animal rights.”*** However, the Amendment did explicitly provide that no State could ***“deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, nor deny any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.”*** Once again, the ***“Rights of Animals”*** were omitted.

Could it be that there are **“REVISIONISTS”** out there who are attempting to superimpose **“ANIMAL RIGHTS”** into the U.S. Constitution for the sole purpose of foisting upon ALL U.S. Citizens their self-proclaimed, sanctimonious, self-righteous, self-serving and parochial beliefs **without regard to the Constitutional Rights of ALL U.S. Citizens?!?!?**

I revere my Country and the Rights of “ALL” of its Citizens, including those with whom I disagree; and I served my Country in the Uniform of the United States Air Force for more than a Quarter of a Century; and I took an oath on multiple occasions to uphold the Constitution of the U.S.; and I will defend to my death the **Rights of “ALL”** who are, in the words of the Declaration of Independence, ***“endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among them are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.”*** These ***“Rights”*** are protected under the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment of our Blessed Constitution of the U.S. which shines as a beacon of light for **“Human Rights.”** However, **until the U.S. Constitution is amended to include “ANIMAL RIGHTS,”** the U. S. Constitution and the “Law” require the over-zealous **“REVISIONISTS”** to respect the ***“Rights”*** of All Responsible Dog Breeders who truly care about the health and welfare of their animals, and especially the puppies that bring so much love and joy into the homes of millions of appreciative pet owners.

All U.S. Citizens also have an absolute right to expect the **“REVISIONISTS”** to **strictly and unequivocally comply** with all of the Laws of the United States, including the **Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act**. However, at least one President and CEO of a tax-exempt, public charity, who professes to care so much about the ***“rights of animals,”*** suggested **in writing** that this Federal **Terrorism** Statute is an ***“unjust law;”*** and further stated **in writing** that ***“This nation has a strong tradition of civil disobedience . . . to draw attention to unjust laws;”*** and he goes on to state that ***“the careful application of this principle (civil disobedience) has been a crucial tool in the enactment of a wide range of social reforms.”*** I wonder what he would think about the use of **“civil disobedience”** to seek the repeal of over 525 Federal and State Statutes that he and his tax-exempt, public charity had **lobbied** so hard to enact. If it is ***“good for the Goose,”*** should it not be ***“good for the Gander”?!?*** Or would such a suggestion violate the **Non-Constitutional Rights** of the Goose or the Gander?!?!?

**AFTERTHOUGHT QUESTION ABOUT “CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE”:** Would the numerous and repeated failures of a tax-exempt, public charity to strictly comply with the explicit IRS limitations on **“TOO MUCH LOBBYING”** be considered to be **acts of “civil disobedience” by the tax-exempt, public charity?**

**FACTS WORTHY OF CONSIDERATION BY THE IRS:** The IRS has now received a total of more than 1,200 pages of documents that cumulatively support the assertion that the above referenced tax-exempt, public charity has engaged in excessive, pervasive, prohibited, non-reported, under-reported and all-encompassing lobbying activities. The most recently submitted documents to the IRS include references

to over **2,300 pages** of lobby-related activities and political donations that were submitted by an affiliate of this tax-exempt, public charity to the **Federal Election Commission**. These most recently submitted documents also reveal that the **Missouri Ethics Commission** has received written confirmation that this tax-exempt, public charity has contributed over \$700,000 towards the cost of the Ballot Initiative in Missouri. And these same documents also raise the haunting question of whether this tax-exempt, public charity has **“laundered”** additional financial support of lobbying activities through surrogate organizations in order to conceal the total magnitude of its lobbying activities.

Time will tell if the IRS is **“amused” by or will tolerate defiant acts of “civil disobedience”** that ignore, with impunity, limitations on **“TOO MUCH LOBBYING”** by a tax-exempt, public charity that are set out in the implementing IRS Regulations to the Tax Code. And the clock is ticking!!!!!!!!!!