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## California: Santa Clara Board of Supervisors Passes Mandatory Spay or Neuter Resolution!

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On Tuesday, June 3, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution in support of the California Healthy Pets Act, [Assembly Bill 1634](#).

AB 1634 is being pushed by radical animal "rights" and anti-hunting organizations and is an affront to our hunting heritage and private property rights. This measure requires every dog older than four months to be spayed or neutered. Owners hoping to breed their dogs at some point during their lives would be required to apply annually to their local government for an "intact" permit. Except under very limited circumstances, the local government official has the power to deny issuance of an intact permit without cause. The cost of the annual permit is unspecified in the legislation and is to be determined by the local government. Penalty for non-compliance is a \$500 fine imposed by the state and any additional fines imposed by the local government.

This legislation threatens to keep hunters and other dog owners from making decisions based upon their own personal circumstances. It will prevent hunters from continuing the tradition of occasionally breeding their favorite dog in order to provide other hunters with good dogs and defray some of the costs associated with caring for their animals. From a financial perspective, the bill discriminates against hunters with limited budgets.

Unfortunately, despite overwhelming opposition from NRA members and sportsmen from across Santa Clara County, the Board of Supervisors voted to endorse this radical legislation. Rest assured, NRA will continue to actively oppose this bill in the state legislature.

Please continue to check [www.NRAILA.org](http://www.NRAILA.org) and your e-mail for updates on AB 1634. We need you to remain vigilant and ready to oppose this anti-hunter/anti-pet legislation, as it will likely be up for consideration in the near future.

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