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URGENT— Red Alert – *Senate Bill 580
PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2010 ROOM 411 South—11:10 AM -
or immediately following the Executive Session

AB 793 & **SB580** are the Assembly and Senate bills that seek to seriously undermine your Federal 5th & 14th Amendment rights. It is being heavily lobbied by the Dane County Humane Society who are trying a back door attempt to sneak in the illegal seizure language that was REMOVED from the Breeder Licensing Bill prior to its passage. AB 793 was passed out of the committee on Corrections and the Courts today. Remember our motto "we own dogs and we vote".

If there is one major objection to the bill (other than the obvious loss of constitutional rights), it is the fact that the bill states (pg 13, lines 23-25): Any person claiming the right to possession of property seized pursuant to a search warrant or seized without a search warrant, **EXCEPT PROPERTY SEIZED UNDER s.173.13 (1) (a)** or withheld under 173.21 (1) may apply for its return.... **173.13 (1) (a) *8 states AN ANIMAL MISTREATED IN VIOLATION OF CH. 951** That means that if you are charged, but not convicted of crimes against animals—you **CANNOT PETITION THE COURT TO GET YOUR ANIMALS BACK!** **Note—if a bill makes reference to 173.13 (1) (a), it means the entire section, not just a portion of the section and that includes 173.13 (1) (a) 8.*

173.17(2) allows humane officers to not have to disclose information to anyone regarding the disposition of seized animals, unless ordered by the court, yet according to 173.22 (1), a person who claims that the animals were improperly taken into custody and files a petition to get them back, must **SERVE A COPY OF THE PETITION** to whomever has the animals!

This bill creates a new section of chapter 951—951.17. This will allow the court to keep the animal in custody to allow collection of evidence relating to the animal, eliminating your right to due process.

This bill is a very complicated bill as it is dealing with 3 sections of law— Ch. 173 Animals; Humane Officers, Ch. 951 Crimes Against Animals, and Ch. 968 Commencement of Criminal Proceedings. We encourage our members to read the bill, but in order to do so, it would be helpful for you to print out each Chapter to go over the changes. The chapters can be found at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/stats.html> , the State Constitution can be found at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/statutes/wisconst.pdf> , SB 580 can be found at <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/2009/data/SB-580.pdf>

The public hearing is Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at the State Capitol building, room 411 South 11:10 AM. The bill is before the Committee on Ethics Reform and Government Operations (of which the author of the bill is the chair of this committee).

The committee members are: [Senator Fred Risser \(Chair\)](#) [Senator Judith Robson](#) [Senator Pat Kreitlow](#) [Senator Michael Ellis](#) [Senator Alan Lasee](#) Senator Risser is the AUTHOR OF THE BILL.

THIS BILL WILL APPLY TO ALL ANIMAL OWNERS IN THE STATE, NOT JUST DOG OWNERS!
***An amendment was offered by Senator Risser on 4/2/2010 removing the microchip requirement. Our other objections as stated above are still included in the bill.**

Committee on Ethics Reform and Government Operations

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