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Against Compulsory Rabies Vaccination

DEAR EDITOR

to the City Council. The author surprise me that the dog may for the past five years? of it opposes a compulsory be mad from the way some chil- 'Dog lovers now have more rables vaccination law for dogs, dren, and even adults, treat the than enough trouble and extended the Board of Education Tuesday We are reprinting it for the so-called "dumb" animal. Auct- pense without turning this into benefit of our readers.-editor's ally, the dog may be much a racket. smarter that its tormentors and of conveying the idea that it

the process of considering an better treatment. ordinance for the compulsory Has there ever been a death in Torrance. vaccination of dogs for rabies. in this city directly attributable Before you jeopardize the per- to rabies contracted by dog bite? sonal rights of owners of dogs I believe not.

within this city, it is hoped that Let us, therefore, aid in the you will consider their personal control of this disease, rather liberties, as guaranteed by the than try to enforce compulsory Bill of Rights. It is further anything upon anyone. One anticipated that such an Ordin- way of doing this might be to ance would be unconstitutional, automatically vaccinate all aniby virture of the fact that a dog mals which are picked up roammay be considered a watch dog, ing the streets. These are the and as such, is equivalent to a most likely offenders to the

personal insurance policy over well being of the citizen at large. which the city has no control. Thank you for your consider-Are you aware of the number ation in this matter, and we of policemen that might be re-trust that your best judgment quired to replace the protection will prevail in deliberating this afforded by the canine pets now issue.

Sincerely yours, (S) J. C. FREELAND

Leash Law now in force in this Benefits Dogs

Editor. Due to pressure from one Torrance Press,

In connection with the proposed compulsory rabies law, I For Rabies Law wish to state that I have been a dog-owner all my life and no- Editor body could possibly think more Torrance Press of their dog than I do.

against rabies ever since I have pulsory law to have all dogs a nightmare for a few days. owned her. I believe it is for my dog's disease.

benefit as well as anyone else's. My 21-year-old son was over I am for it.

Sincerely, MRS. JOHN HARRINGTON (signed) 1637 Fern Ave.

Opposed To Rabies Shots

Editor, Torrance Press

The enclosed clipping from the Torrance Press expressed me and my family's sense of the effort to make compulsory vaccination of dogs a law the undersigned indicated on the coupon that they were opposed to such a law-editor's note.)

Other communities have reected this effort, and a very serious effort to enforce a leash law would be all that is required.

I have read the papers constantly during the past few years and I know well that if

conditions warranted drastic action we would know from the terrific play such cases would get on the front pages of the \$4½ Million papers.

I have read of one or two persons being forced to undergo a treatment because of susculated in the City of Torrance, a treatment because of suspeople have been led to believe picion of rabies, but that is all. will the press be forthright Board OK that all dogs are rabid when enough to print actual cases (The following letter was sent they bite a person. It wouldn't that have happened in the area

bites them as its only means rance but am active in business, I am not a resident of Torchurch, social and club ties and \$1 million higher than last Your Honorable Body is in should receive more respect and would be concerned because of the great number of times I am year's which totaled \$3,405,000.

Sincerely.

(s) Mrs. D. J. Myers and family

Editor's note: The Torrance Press has been quite forthright for several weeks in reporting on the recent rabies outbreak in Torrance. Four dogs actually died of rabies; a numbers of others were killed because their owners didn't want to take a chance on having them around because of possible contacts; and 18 residents, 10 of them children, were given the painful and dangerous Pasteur treatment because of suspected contact.

Rapies shots are like car insurance - even if you have only one serious accident in your life, it's too late to take out insurance AFTER the accident.)

That is the main reason why was brought home to us and I be done right away. vaccinated against such a dread

Thursday, June 9, 1955

The preliminary school budget for the coming year, estimated

Final vote will be held on the matter at the end of July.

sonnel salaries. Teachers' salaries will total \$2,900,000 as opposed to last year's \$2,060,000.

The increase is largely the result of new positions created to meet the district's growth. A request for an increase in salaries made by the Torrance Educational association will be taken under advisement. The board indicated that they would

wherever possible. There will be no noticeable ncrease in the taxrate, school officials increase. Last year's tax rate called for \$2.99 per \$100 assessed valuation. This vear it will be \$3.

grant salary increases if and

to a friend's home in Torrance and played with their dog who died a few days later of rabies. He had to undergo the Pasteur treatment which Dr. Kogan of the Health Department explained to me is dangerous in

To protect our little children here in Southern California and This rabies outbreak really everyone else something should

have kept her vaccinated hope and pray they make a com- I know that I went through Sincerely,

(S) Mrs. Elsie M. Fletcher 2241 Pacific Coast h'wy.

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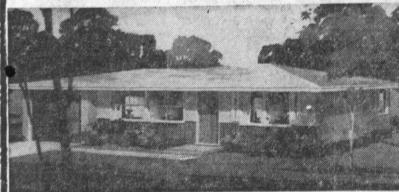
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