

**LONG ISLAND COALITION
OF DOG FANCIERS**

NEWS

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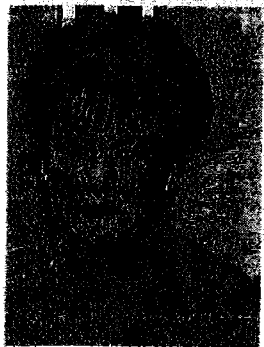
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THE GOALS OF THE COALITION ARE:

1. To Promote responsible dog ownership & to educate the public
2. To Lobby community leaders to prevent anti-dog legislation
3. To Form a cohesive dog community
4. To BE PREPARED!

The Coalition was formed to be a legislative action group to protect our rights to own dogs and oppose anti-dog legislation. *Responsible dog ownership has proven to be key to preventing anti-dog laws.*

COALITION BIDS GOODBYE TO TWO TREASURED MEMBERS



This year the Coalition lost two of its Vice Presidents- Dorothy McCrea and George Smith. Dorothy has been a member and officer of the Coalition for over 10 years. Dorothy was also the

legislative liaison to the Kerry Blue Terrier Club. She has worked hard to accomplish the goals of the Coalition and has been a loved friend to us all. We will miss her deeply. George Smith was a newer member of the board. He too made contributions to us all. He died suddenly this fall.

16 year old tells it like it is in Newsday !

We wish that our legislators would have the common sense that this 16 year old shows. As a homework assignment, 16 year old Jillian Koello wrote "Pit Bulls are Dogged by Lots of Misinformation". This article which appeared in Newsday on Friday March 2 supports the Coalition's position on BSL 100%. However, Jillian managed to accomplish what we could not-Newsday published her article for all to read.

MIXED BREEDS IN PERFORMANCE ??

If you haven't already done it, you only have a couple of weeks left to fill out the AKC survey regarding their acceptance of mixed breeds. You'll find the survey and full explanation at www.akc.org/mixedbreed_survey This is an excellent topic for an open discussion in your regional clubs, all-breed clubs, etc.

SAVE THE DATE LICDF MATCH SHOW

SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2007
OLD BETHPAGE VILLAGE RESTORATION
AUXILIARY PARKING FIELD

**WE NEED YOUR HELP
IN MANY AREAS
PARKING, SETUP, TAKE DOWN,
ENTRY TAKERS, ETC.
PLEASE CALL SUE (516) 505-1851**

RECENT NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION

From the AKC Website

A1896, introduced by Asm. Glick, would prohibit insurance companies from refusing to issue or renew an insurance policy, canceling a policy, or charging higher premiums, based on ownership of a particular breed of dog. However, when there is a 'dangerous dog' finding under the Agriculture and Markets law, the refusal to issue or renew a policy, or imposition of higher premiums would still be permitted as long as such a determination is based upon sound underwriting and actuarial principles reasonably related to actual or anticipated loss. This bill is currently assigned to the Committee on Insurance.

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS BILL

**From the AKC Website
New York Bill Will Impose Mandatory Microchipping and
Enrollment in State Registry**

[Monday, February 05, 2007]

New York State Assembly Bill 1677, introduced by Assemblyman Peralta, seeks to require all dogs over four months of age to be microchipped and registered with a new state-run registry. If passed and signed into law, these changes could have a significant impact on breeders and dog owners in New York. It is imperative that breeders and concerned dog owners contact their Assemblyman and the committee chairman to express their opposition.

As part of the American Kennel Club's ongoing efforts to promote responsible dog ownership, we encourage dog owners to properly identify their pets. We believe, however, that the final decision about identification—whether by collar, tattoo or microchip—should be made by the owner, not the government. Additionally, we believe that nationalized microchip enrollment is far superior to local or state registries. A significant portion of recoveries involve pets that have crossed state lines or passed from one area to another. Creating regionalized recovery systems will make consumers feel that they are protected in a state database. They will be less likely to enroll in a national database and the end result will inevitably be lost pets that are not properly reunited with their owners because of the disjointed nature of state/regional recovery systems.

The proposed set of laws would require that:

- All dogs four months of age be microchipped.
- All microchipped and/or licensed dogs be registered with a new state identification registry.
- All microchips and stored information be compatible with scanners used by the State Department of Agriculture and Markets.
- Violators of this bill be subject to fines of up to \$100.

WHAT TO DO:

Contact the members of the New York Assembly Committee on Agriculture who will consider this bill.

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Washington HB 1105, the Washington "Deeds Not the Breeds" Bill is now on the calendar to be voted upon by the Washington House of Representatives. The vote by the full House could come as early as today, Thursday, March 8, 2007, but certainly within the next several days. Washington HB 1105 will prevent insurance companies from engaging inbreed profiling when making their decisions about whether a policy of homeowners' insurance will issue to families in Washington state, as well as whether those policies are renewed. We urgently need your help. The DPCA Legislative Committee has launched the DPCA Lobby Now Tool in order to communicate to the members of the Washington House of Representatives your support for HB 1105, the "Deeds Not the Breeds" bill. We urge you to use the Lobby Now Tool to send your customized e-mail message to the members of the Washington House of Representatives, showing your support for HB 1105. You may access the DPCA Lobby Now Tool as well using the external hyperlink as follows: http://dpcalobbynow.com/issues?HB_1105 <http://dpcalobbynow.com/issues?HB_1105 Thank you in advance for helping this very important effort to turn the tide against breed-profiling. With your help, our side will win. Please do not delay! Cordially, Jeffrey P. Helsdon Delegate-Doberman Pinscher Club of America

BE ALERT-TERRIBLE LEGISLATION IS BEING PROPOSED AND PASSED IN OTHER STATES.

UNLESS WE ARE VIGILANT, IT WILL HAPPEN HERE. SOME RECENT EXAMPLES:

**LOUISVILLE BILL BANS DOGS
STATEWIDE SPAY/NEUTER BILL IN CALIF.
NEW JERSEY MANDATORY NEUTER IF
YOUR DOG GOES TO THE POUND
NORTH CAROLINA-MANDATORY NEUTER
OR PAY \$100 INTACT PERMIT**

Please send us your e-mail!

Please share your e-mail address with us. In the future, we may be able to e-mail you this newsletter and will be able to inform you of important issues on a much more timely basis. Your information will not be shared with any other organization. Send e-mail to cia456@optonline.net

HELP US HELP YOUR BREED

The Coalition has put together a Long Island Breed Rescue List. We have over 100 names of concerned people on L.I. who can help with rescue. We are missing some breeds Please let us know the name of the contact person in your breed who can help in a rescue situation on Long Island They do not have to do active rescue-just pass along information to the right people. (516)378-6055 If you would like a copy e-mailed to you, just let me know at cia456@optonline.net

Renew your membership/join the Coalition now!
\$10.00/year Individual/Family
\$15.00/year Club/Organization
Dues are due APRIL 2007

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Telephone: () _____
 E mail: _____
 Mail to: L. I. Coalition of Dog Fanciers
 P.O. Box 644, East Meadow, NY 11554

ATTEND COALITION MEETINGS
the second Thursday of every month
in Garden City. For information call
(516)378-6055.

CONTACT WITH YOUR REPRESENTATIVES HAS PROVED TO BE THE MOST EFFECTIVE TOOL WE HAVE IN OUR FIGHT TO MAINTAIN OUR RIGHTS TO OWN & SHOW DOGS. PLEASE MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD ON ISSUES IMPORTANT TO ALL DOG

Long Island Coalition of Dog Fanciers, Inc.

P.O. Box 644, East Meadow, New York 11554 (516) 505-1851

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & DUES NOTICE

FOR OVER 15 YEARS THE COALITION HAS EXISTED TO
PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS TO OWN AND SHOW DOGS.

THE COALITION HAS FOUGHT AND WON ISSUES INVOLVING
BREED SPECIFIC LEGISLATION, NUMBER LIMITS, DANGEROUS DOG LAWS, ETC.

AT THIS TIME, WE NEED YOUR HELP

OUR ONLY FUND RAISER IS OUR
MATCH SHOW COMING UP ON APRIL 29TH

&
DUES PAID BY PEOPLE LIKE
YOU WHO LOVE AND OWN DOGS.

PLEASE SHOW YOUR SUPPORT BY BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE COALITION.

SEND IN YOUR APPLICATION AND DUES PAYMENT TODAY

Renew your membership/join the Coalition now!

\$10.00/year Individual/Family
\$15.00/year Club/Organization

Dues are due April 1, 2007

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Telephone:() _____

E mail: _____

Mail to: L. I. Coalition of Dog Fanciers

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