



AKC GOVERNMENT RELATIONS RESOURCES

Did you know that the AKC Government Relations Department has a broad range of resources available to help you be effective advocates?

Visit our web site at akc.org/governmentrelations/full_resources to view our extensive resources and information!

Legislation Tracking System: We are currently tracking over 1,100 state and federal bills regarding animal law and dog ownership. You can access our tracking system through our web site and see all the bills we are tracking in your state, as well as bill summaries, the latest status, and any AKC Legislative Alerts we have issued.

Newsletters

The AKC GR Department produces the following newsletters:

- *Taking Command*- a monthly newsletter providing status updates on legislation, one-page policy articles, and other information regarding government relations
- *In Session*- a quarterly newsletter for Congress on AKC events and programs

Advocacy Assistance/Public Outreach

- Be Your Dog's Best Friend...And a Good Neighbor
- Canine Legislation: What is the AKC Doing About it? What Can You Do?
- Communicating Effectively with Your Legislators
- How a Bill Becomes a Law
- Make Your Contact Count
- What to do When a Bad Bill is introduced

Articles and Issue Analyses

- Dispelling the Myths of Cropped Ears, Docked Tails, Dewclaws, and Debarking
- Why Mandatory Spay/Neuter Laws are Ineffective
- Why Breed-Specific Legislation Doesn't Work
- The Value of Responsible Dog Breeders
- Conformation Shows – More Than Just a Pretty Face
- AKC's Government Relations Department Legislative Analysis Service

Canine Legislation Awareness Flyers

- Can You Imagine a World Without Dogs?
- Cuddle This
- Election Day – Your Rights Could Hang in the Balance
- Where Did All the Dogs Go?

Economic Impact of Dog Shows

- 2012 State Economic Impact Statistics
- The Economic Benefits of AKC Dog Shows (tri-fold brochure & one page flyer)

Government Relations Brochures/Handouts

- AKC Care & Conditions Policy
- AKC's Government Relations Department: Here to Serve You!
- AKC Legislative Liaison Program
- Animal Limit Laws: Better Alternatives (brochure & one page flyer)
- The Dangers of "Guardianship" (brochure & one page flyer)
- Deed Not Breed!
- Establishing a Dog Park in Your Community (brochure & one page flyer)
- Safe Housing for Dogs

Government Relations Issue Briefs

- AKC Inspections
- Breed-Specific Legislation
- Cropping and Docking
- Dog Limit Laws
- Mandatory Spay-Neuter
- Responsible Breeding Practices

Government Relations Position Statements

List of all policy position statements

Policy/Informational Packets

- Consumer Protection Legislation Packet
- Dangerous Dog Legislation Packet
- Organizing State Federations Packet
- Preventing Breeding Restrictions Packet

Presentations

A series of downloadable PowerPoint presentations recorded by AKC Government Relations staff to help educate on some of the key issues and topics with canine legislation.

Sample Letters

Downloadable sample letters on various topics within canine legislation.