



AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

State Laws on the Regulation of Specific Dog Breeds

- I. States that have non-breed-specific laws and preemptive clauses which prohibit local governments from passing breed-specific legislation (19):

Arizona
Colorado
Connecticut
Delaware
Florida
Illinois
Maine
Massachusetts
Minnesota
Nevada
New Jersey
New York
Oklahoma
Pennsylvania
Rhode Island
South Dakota
Texas
Utah
Virginia

- II. Allows local governments to enact only breed-specific mandatory spay/neuter (1):
California

- III. Allows local governments to pass BSL, but only if exemption is made for CGC or similar certification (1):

Washington (*Effective January 1, 2020*)

- IV. States that had breed-specific laws (1):
Ohio (*Repeal effective as of May 22, 2012*)