



AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

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Government Relations

YOUR PARTNER IN PROTECTING YOUR RIGHTS AS DOG OWNERS

Each year, thousands of proposals are introduced across the United States that could threaten your rights as responsible dog owners, breeders, trainers, and exhibitors. Unless individuals and clubs whose members are directly impacted take a stand, lawmakers may assume there's no community opposition and pass bad legislation. Thankfully, you don't have to do it alone.

AKC Government Relations (AKC GR) provides you with the tools and resources you need to be successful in protecting your rights. We can help you at all phases of policy challenges and will work alongside you so together we can protect the rights of responsible dog owners.

HOW AKC GR CAN HELP DOGS AND DOG OWNERS

Lawmakers are regularly presented with proposals that supporters claim will help dogs or local communities. Too often these measures have provisions that would actually harm dogs and punish responsible owners and breeders. Lawmakers need to hear from YOU – as local, expert dog owners – and that's where AKC GR can help! We partner with you in a variety of ways including:

- Legislative alerts to keep you up to date on key proposals and what you can do
- AKC's Legislative Action Center, www.akcgr.org, is your online one-stop-shop for advocacy, including model legislation, talking points, sample letters, videos, printable handouts and more
- Personalized Assistance – Regional staff can offer their expertise to help you with proposals in your state/community, including analysis and assistance with advocacy and outreach
- Legislative conferences – we offer regional and national conferences and meetings to help you learn more about being an advocate and network with other enthusiasts, trainers and breeders
- Monthly newsletter – subscribe to our policy and advocacy e-newsletters to stay informed
- And much more! Contact us for more information on how we can work with you to help protect your rights as dog owners!

WHAT IS AKC GR?

The AKC Government Relations department works to protect the rights of all dog owners and promote responsible dog ownership. We further advocate to ensure that laws governing dog ownership are reasonable, enforceable and non-discriminatory. The AKC GR department has staff throughout the United States who are experts on bill analysis, canine policy, and advocacy. We work alongside local dog owners to empower them to be an effective voice for their dogs, clubs, and breeding programs at every level of government.



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