

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Knowing that is considering a law that goes against recommendations by animal and medical experts and is based purely on myth and perception, who can say your dog won't be next?

In cities across the country many different breeds have been regulated or considered for regulations, including some that might surprise you...

- Blue Heelers
- German Shepherds
- Golden Retrievers
- Labrador
- Pugs
- Rottweilers
- All Terriers
- Dogs over 100 pounds
-and many more!

YOUR DOG COULD BE NEXT.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Check out the following resources to learn more about why breed-specific laws don't work:

American Veterinary Medical Association
www.avma.org

Humane Society United States
www.hsus.org

American Society for the prevention of Cruelty to Animals
www.aspca.org

Animal Farm Foundation
www.animalfarmfoundation.org

Fatal Dog Attacks: The Stories Behind the Statistics
by Karen Delise

Dog Bites: But Balloons and Slippers Are More Dangerous by Janis Bradley

Endangered Breed Association
www.endangeredbreedassociation.org

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Please contact Council members and tell them you oppose breed specific laws. Encourage them to focus on ordinances that target:

- Behavior, not breed
- Irresponsible owners
- Chaining of dogs
- Spay / neuter programs

COUNCIL MEMBERS

CONTACT THESE PUBLIC OFFICIALS ASAP! THE FUTURE OF ALL DOGS AND THE RIGHTS OF DOG OWNERS IN DEPENDS ON IT



IS YOUR DOG NEXT?



DOG OWNERS BEWARE!

WHAT EXPERTS SAY

The city of _____ is currently considering an ordinance that would place restrictions, including a possible ban, on certain dog breeds.

“BAN THEM ALL!”

Although experts agree that aggression is almost always ownership based, breed-specific laws are typically rationalized by saying that certain breeds are inherently more dangerous. This argument usually stems from news of a serious attack by a dog and perpetuated by media coverage of the incident. Often the knee-jerk reaction to a serious attack is to look to laws that regulate or ban the specific breed of dog as a way to try to ensure public safety. Later though, public officials learn that this is not an effective solution. (AVMA)

WHY BREED-SPECIFIC LAWS

DON'T WORK

The truth is singling out certain breeds only provides a false sense of security. Breed-specific laws do nothing to address the proven factors that contribute to a dog's likelihood of displaying dangerous behavior such as...

- Owner irresponsibility
- Abuse and neglect
- Being inhumanely chained
- Not being spayed or neutered
- Dogs roaming at - large

The following animals and medical experts agree that singling out certain breeds does nothing to increase public safety

- American Veterinary Medical Assn.
- Missouri Veterinary Medical Assn.
- Kansas City Veterinary Medical Assn.
- American Academy of Pediatrics
- American College of Emergency Physicians
- Professional Liability Insurance Trust
- American College of Veterinary Behaviorists
- American Medical Association
- U.S. Center for Disease Control
- Humane Society of the United States
- ASPCA
- American Kennel Club
- National Canine Research Foundation
- Oklahoma State Veterinary Medical Association
- American Dog Breeders Association

UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND ARBITRARY

BREED-SPECIFIC LAWS:

- Are found to be unconstitutional in three states and illegal in fourteen
- Violate our 14th Amendment Right to Due Process and Equal Protection
- Unfairly target any dog having similar characteristics of the banned breed