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ENDANGERED
BREEDS
ASSOCIATION**

(EBA) is a non-profit organization founded in 1980 for the purpose of preserving the American Pit Bull Terrier. Our goals are public education, media monitoring, legislative lobbying, and legal intervention to protect responsible owners from breed-specific legislation and unfair harassment by public offi-

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**Oklahoma governor signs
new state dog law**

Gov. Brad Henry signed HB2813 into law in late May, sending a clear signal to irresponsible dog owners that laws are in place to assess heavy fines for dangerous dogs.

The new law also upheld a state law that had been on the books for 15 years that prohibits cities and towns from passing Breed Specific Legislation. Despite that law, and a ruling last August by the state's attorney general, a few towns have BSL in place.

Endangered Breeds Association is in the process of writing these towns and informing them of the ruling.

The new law became effective June 1. Under the new law:

- Anyone allowing a dog to run loose and the dog bites or severely injures a person, can be charged with a misdemeanor and subject to a year in jail and/or a fine of \$5,000.
- A person who owns a dog that causes the death of a per-

son can be charged with a felony and subject to five years in prison and/or a fine of \$25,000.

- It is unlawful for any person to release a dog upon a law enforcement officer. Violators can be subject to a year in jail and/or a fine of \$5,000.

- It shall be an affirmative defense to a prosecution of an individual that injuries or death were sustained by a person who, at the time, was committing a willful criminal act upon the premises of the owner of the dog or assaulting the owner of the dog.

- A potentially dangerous dog is any dog that when unprovoked bites a person on public or private property; or attacks a dog which results in the death of a dog either on public or private property.

- A dangerous dog is any dog that has inflicted severe injury on a person; has been previously found to be poten-

tially dangerous.

- Severe injury means any physical injury that results in broken bones or lacerations requiring multiple sutures or cosmetic surgery.

- Dangerous dogs must be kept in a securely enclosed and locked pen with a top.

- Dangerous dogs must be muzzled and restrained when outside the proper enclosure and must be handled by a person older than 16.

- Owners of dangerous dogs must obtain \$50,000 liability insurance such as a homeowners policy.

- Dogs shall not be declared dangerous if a person was tormenting, abusing or assaulting the dog, or has, in the past, been observed or reported to have tormented, abused or assaulted the dog.

- Owners of dangerous dogs that cause injury must also perform 40 hours of community service.

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Nominations open for EBA board members

Nominations now are being accepted for board members.

Three positions on the board will be voted. Board members whose positions expire this year are Renee Greenwood, Gary Hammonds and Colleen Hill.

Nominations may be sent to Jean Carpenter, EBA President, at

ebajeanc@aol.com

Those nominated must be a member in good standing of Endangered Breeds Association for a period of two years.

Voting will take place in November.

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BSL

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Mayfield: passed
Paintsville: Current

LOUISIANA

Lake Charles: decides against BSL

Sulpher: decides against BSL

MARYLAND

Thurmont: Current
North Beach: 5-2006-discovered ban

Town of Port Deposit: 5-2006-discovered ban

Brockton, Maryland: Current
MASSACHUSETTS

Fall River: current
Salem: decides against BSL
Brockton

MICHIGAN

Pontiac
Detroit: repealed
Ecourse: Passed
Grand Rapids
Hudsonville
W. Bloomingfield

MINNESOTA

Birchwood
MISSOURI

Belton: repealed
Oak Grove: decides against BSL
Springfield: passed
Bellfontaine Neighbors: decides against BSL

Unionville: decides against BSL
Jennings: decides against BSL
Trenton: Current

Kansas City: Current
Independence: Current
Ridgeway: Current

Raytown
Lee's Summit
No. Kansas City
Blue Springs
Gladstone
Rolla

MISSISSIPPI

Kosciusko: Current
Hinds County: Current
Boliver County: passes BSL
Richland: passes BSL Ban
Jackson: current
Florence: Current

Bryan
Clinton
Edwards
Greenwood
Itta Bena
Raymond
Picayune: Current – 07-26-06

NEW JERSEY

State: TABLED

NEW MEXICO

Albuquerque
Santa Fe County: current

NORTH CAROLINA

Ranoke Rapids

OHIO

Toledo
Daytona
Lancaster: decides against BSL
East Palestine: decides against

BSL

HB533

OKLAHOMA

Chickasaw: dog shot after attack
Del City: BSL in place despite attorney general opinion. EBA has sent letter.

Kansas: EBA urges district attorney to strictly enforce new state law after bite incident

Muskogee: EBA urges district attorney to strictly enforce new state law after bite incident

Miami

OREGON

Beatty

PENNSYLVANIA

Scranton
Wilkes Barre: decides against

BSL

Hazelton: decides against BSL

SOUTH CAROLINA

Rock Hill: current

TENNESSEE

Allgood

Bedford County: decides against BSL

Woodbury: decides against

BSL

Ardmore
Baxter
Cookeville
Knoxville
Monterey

TEXAS

Killeen: decides against BSL
San Antonio: Current

El Paso

VIRGINIA

State BSL legislation

WEST VIRGINIA

Wheeling: passed

WISCONSIN

Eau Claire: Current
Yorkshire: passed in 1996
Horicon

WYOMING

State legislation

CANADA

Ontario

Guysborough NS: banned several breeds without notifying their public

Hampstead Quebec: planning on BSL in fall.

RM Oakville of Portage la Prairie Manitoba: third reading to ban rotties, pit bulls, am staffs, staffie bulls, and bull terriers

Horton NB: to ban several breeds

Quispamsis NB: to ban several breeds



Legislation

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Department of Agriculture and Forestry and their local parish.

MASSACHUSETTS — H4516, by Rep. Gobi, was set aside for further study. The bill would have prohibited insurance companies from refusing to issue, renew or charging an increased premium based on the breed of dog residing at the property. The Massachusetts Federation of Dog Clubs and Responsible Dog Owners worked with Rep. Gobi to promote the bill, and the Canine Legislation department sent a letter of support as well.

For more information on pending legislation in Massachusetts, please contact the Massachusetts Federation of Dog Clubs and Responsible Dog Owners.

MISSOURI — SEE OTHER STORY ON BSL ACROSS THE NATION.

MISSISSIPPI — The Bolivar County Board of Supervisors has enacted an ordinance which requires owners of "pit bulls" to comply with special regulations. "Pit bulls," are defined as American Staffordshire Terriers, Staffordshire Bull Terriers, American Pit Bull Terriers and any dog which shares the physical characteristics of these breeds. Owners are required to keep these dogs in an enclosure with a 4-inch concrete slab floor and a secure top, must post a dangerous dog sign on their property, and purchase \$100,000 worth of

liability insurance. EBA and the Canine Legislation department of AKC had contacted local officials to oppose breed-specific legislation and provided model dangerous dog legislation.

NEW YORK — Asm. Sandy Galef has introduced A 11242, a bill to prohibit ear cropping and tail docking. A person found guilty of tail docking would be guilty of a misdemeanor and could be sentenced up to one year in jail and/or fined up to \$500. Ear cropping would be a misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in jail and/or a fine of up to \$1000. In order to show or compete in any event, including conformation, field trials, performance events and companion events, an owner will have to prove that the dog's tail was docked prior to September 1, 2006 or the surgery was performed in another state.

• The City of Troy has enacted an ordinance that will require dangerous dogs to be euthanized and require their owners to pay the medical bills of anyone who is injured by their dog. The new law requires that anyone convicted of harboring a dangerous dog be barred from having another dog unless the police chief or animal control officer approve.

OHIO — Rep. Webster's H533, a bill to remove the provision in state law that deems "pit bulls" to be dangerous dogs, has been assigned to the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources. The measure will allow local governments to enact breed-

specific ordinances. For more information about H533, please contact Ohio Valley Dog Owners.

• The City of Lancaster has decided to strengthen its animal control laws rather than pursue breed-specific legislation. The Lancaster City Council had originally discussed banning "pit bulls," although they did not define which breeds would be included. EBA and the Canine Legislation department sent letters opposing breed-specific legislation and provided sample dangerous dog legislation to city council members.

RHODE ISLAND — H6901, authored by Rep. Lewiss, has passed the House and will now be heard by the Senate Constitutional and Gaming Issues Committee. The bill will prohibit tethering when the owner is not home. H6901 further prohibits leaving the dog outside, tethered or in a pen, for more than 30 minutes if shelter is not available. It also includes very complicated standards that must be followed in order to avoid cruelty charges.

WYOMING — The Wyoming Livestock Board and Wyoming Department of Health had released a rule that would have required any dog, cat or ferret that bit a person, that could not be proven to have current vaccinations, to be euthanized immediately. The state has softened the rule in response to criticism from dog owners and veterinarians. The revised rule allows veterinarians to recommend quarantining animals for a 10 day observation period.



BSL a national threat

If you think breed specific legislation is a "localized" issue, think again!

Below is a list of states indicating where BSL is current, has been proposed, or is pending.

In all instances, Endangered Breeds Association, American Dog Breeders Association, or American Canine Federation sent funds, literature, or other information to help fight these actions.

Information was not available on the outcome of all proposals.

ARIZONA

Show Low: BSL passed and upheld

Luke Airforce Base: BSL Passed

ALABAMA

Huntsville

ARKANSAS

Bald Knob: decides against BSL
Shannon Hills: decides against

BSL

Searcy: decides against BSL

Mulberry: decides against BSL

Russellville: passes BSL 5-2006
Pine Bluff: BSL passed

Gurdon

Norfolk

CALIFORNIA

Berkeley: current

Sonoma County: mandatory

spay and neuter

LA County: mandatory spay and neuter

Lompoc: current

Cabazon

Gilroy

Moreno Valley

Palm Desert

Riverside

COLORADO

Arvada: (and all of Jefferson County including Wheat Ridge,

Arvada and Golden) current

SB054: doesn't pass

Parker: Current

Golden: decides against BSL

Estes Park: decides against

BSL

Northglenn: decides against

BSL

LaJunta: decides against BSL

Lakewood: Current

Lafayette: decides against BSL

Longmont: decides against BSL

Rocky Ford: decides against

BSL

Lone Tree: passed BSL

Castle Rock: BSL

Commerce City: BSL

Ft. Lupton: BSL

Louisville: BSL

Federal Heights: decides

against BSL

Westminster: decides against

BSL

Aurora: passed BSL

Sterling

Denver: ban passed

DELAWARE

New Castle County: decides against BSL

Newport

Newark

Wilmington

GEORGIA

Rockmart: decides against BSL

IDAHO

Fruitland: passes BSL

ILLINOIS

Kewanee: decides against BSL

Waukegan: decides against

BSL

Northlake : Current

Rockford: Current

McHenry County: decides

against BSL

Normal: decides against BSL

Paxton: decides against BSL

Forest: decides against BSL

Bloomington: decides against

BSL

Will County: decides against

BSL

Chicago: decides against BSL

North Chicago: decides against

BSL

Elgin: current

Lincolnshire: decides against

BSL

Lincolnwood: Current

Hodgkins: decides against BSL

Hoffman Est.

Marion County

INDIANA

Anderson: decides against BSL

Indianapolis: Current

IOWA

Humbolt: decides against BSL

Humboldt Iowa: Current

Mason City, Iowa: Current

Waterloo, Iowa: Current

North Liberty

KANSAS

Leavenworth: decides against

BSL

Wichita: decides against BSL

Overland Park: Current

KENTUCKY

Bowling Green

Fairdale

Dayton: passes BSL

Frankfort : decides against BSL

Louisville: current

Lietchfield: decides against BSL

Milton: decides against BSL

Lincoln County: decides against

BSL

Spencer County: decides

against BSL

Middlesboro: decides against

BSL

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Around the nation: *Legislation that affects you*

This information is from May. There has been no updated information posted on AKC's Website. Other updated information is available in the Banter.

ALABAMA – S82 passed both houses of the legislature and is now before Governor Riley. The bill establishes a procedure by which a dog can be declared dangerous, provides an appeal process and requires that a dog found to be a significant threat to public health and safety be humanely euthanized. Owners of dangerous dogs may be fined up to \$300 for the first offense and \$600 for a second offense. The dog is also required to be registered with the city or county for an unspecified fee.

CALIFORNIA – The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has instituted a mandatory spay/neuter ordinance for all dogs. The ordinance went into effect June 3rd. Exceptions are made if the dog is a law enforcement dog, a service animal or qualifies as a "competition dog." In addition, owners of intact animals that qualify are required to purchase a \$60 permit for each dog.

- Sen. Lowenthal's SB 1578 failed passage initially in the Senate Appropriations Committee, but the bill has been granted reconsideration. The bill prohibits tethering, chaining or tying a dog to a tree, house or stationary object.

- SB 1806, authored by Sen. Figueroa would make it a crime to leave an animal unattended in a car

when conditions would endanger the animal's health. A first offense would be punishable by a \$100 fine and subsequent violations would result in a fine of up to \$500 and/or up to six months imprisonment in a county jail.

- The Berkley Citizens Humane Commission is considering an ordinance to require "pit bull" owners to spay or neuter their dogs unless they obtain a \$100 breeding permit and comply with a host of regulations. The ordinance defines "pit bulls" as American Pit Bull Terriers, American Staffordshire Terriers, Staffordshire Bull Terriers and any dog displaying the physical traits of these breeds.

- Sonoma County has adopted a breed-specific ordinance which requires spaying and neutering of all "pit bulls," defined as Staffordshire Bull Terriers, American Pit Bull Terriers or American Staffordshire Terriers.

COLORADO – Governor Owens has signed S25. The new law requires that owners of a declared dangerous dog post warning signs on their property and requires that the owner disclose that animal's status as a dangerous dog to certain service providers such as veterinarians and groomers. The measure further requires the confiscation and destruction of a dangerous dog that causes serious bodily injury or in a case where the same owner is involved in a subsequent violation of the dangerous dog statute.

CONNECTICUT – H5795 has

been sent to Governor Rell. The measure was amended to require the Commissioner of Agriculture, working with specified parties, including a representative from a state dog federation, to develop recommendations regarding animal population control issues. The bill originally required any impounded animal to be spayed or neutered, even if the animal is reclaimed by the owner.

FLORIDA – Fort Lauderdale has passed an ordinance that restricts the tethering of animals. Under the measure, no pet under six months of age could be tied tethered and between 10am and 5pm, a dog could only be chained for 15 minutes. In the evening, a dog could be chained but only if the leash is three times the length of the animal, or is an overhead pulley system. Violators would pay up to \$500 or could be sentenced to up to 60 days in the county jail.

GEORGIA – Governor Perdue signed H1497 into law. The bill defines a vicious dog as one that is owned or trained for the purpose of fighting, or one that, on a previous occasion known to the owner, has attacked or injured any human being without provocation. Exemptions are included for dogs that attack people who are trespassing, or teasing the animal. H1497 further provides penalties for violators. The Georgia Canine Coalition supported the measure with reservations, as they would have preferred to see a com-

plete overhaul of the state's dangerous dog law in the 2007-08 session. For more information about this bill and other pending legislation in Georgia, please contact the Georgia Canine Coalition.

HAWAII – Sen. Hanabusa's S2924 has been sent to Governor Lingle. The bill will allow a shelter or humane society that is holding an animal during an animal cruelty trial to petition a court for an order of forfeiture of the animal prior to the disposition of criminal charges. The court is required to hold a hearing on the matter within 14 days, and if the court finds sufficient evidence that the defendant has committed an animal cruelty offense, the defendant must post a security deposit or bond to cover costs incurred by the shelter or humane society.

IDAHO – Governor Kempthorne signed S1396 into law. The bill amends the state animal cruelty laws and expands the duties of animal control officers. The new law allows for an expedited forfeiture hearing to determine whether the owner of a seized animal will pay for the boarding and care of the animal or if they will relinquish ownership.

INDIANA – The Anderson City Council had discussed instituting an ordinance that would have restricted ownership of "pit bulls" within city limits. EBA and the AKC Canine Legislation department sent letters opposing breed-specific legislation

and the Anderson Obedience Club worked to educate lawmakers directly. Nearly 200 people showed up at meeting to oppose the ordinance and it was dropped by the council.

ILLINOIS – Rep. Berrios's HR1026 has been adopted by the full House. This resolution encourages municipalities not to enact breed-specific legislation, to pass laws that target irresponsible dog owners and to encourage programs that educate residents.

- Rep. Boland's HJR101 has passed the full House and will now proceed to the Senate. The resolution establishes the Vicious and Dangerous Dog Task Force to study and make recommendations concerning how to best protect the public from dog attacks. The 17-member panel will include representatives from the veterinary community, animal control community, a not-for-profit humane society, the American Kennel Club and an animal behaviorist.

- H4711, Rep. Chapa-LaVia's bill to increase the penalty for attending of dog fight from a Class C misdemeanor to a Class A misdemeanor, has been sent to Governor Blagojevich. The measure also makes it a felony to bring a child under the age of thirteen to a dog fight.

For more information on legislative issues in Illinois please contact the Illinois Dog Clubs and Breeders Association.

KENTUCKY – The Louisville Metro Council continues to pursue changes to its animal control ordinance. The latest draft from the task force includes breed-specific language, possible fee increases, burdensome confinement provisions and will allow an animal control officer more latitude to issue citations. To find out more details about the situation in Louisville, contact the Louisville Kennel Club.

LOUISIANA – H772, authored by Rep. Crowe, will create the Louisiana Pet Registry. Owners will be able to register their pets and obtain a unique identifier number. The fee will be \$15 for each intact animal, and intact animals must be registered every three years. Animals that are spayed or neutered will be registered for a fee of \$7.50 and will only need to be registered once. H772 has been referred to the House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture and Rural Development.

- In the wake of the Hurricane Katrina disaster, Sen. Fontenot has introduced S607, a bill to require the creation of disaster plans for service animals and household pets. Animal shelters, humane societies, veterinary offices, boarding kennels, breeders, grooming facilities, hospitals, schools, animal testing facilities and any other business or not for profit agencies that house pets will be required to create evacuation plans to be submitted to the Louisiana

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