



**ABOUT THE
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-

cial or agencies. We oppose animal abuse or any illegal activities with animals. Membership is \$10-single \$15-family per year with members receiving four newsletters a year. Canadian and overseas members please send US Dollars money orders only. All memberships expire Dec. 31 of each year.

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**Special demonstration planned
for Nationals Oct. 14 in Kellyville**

Be sure to attend the 2006 National Conformation and Weight Pull competition Oct. 14 and 15 in Kellyville, Ok.

Saturday morning, before the sanctioned events begin, Endangered Breeds Association and American Dog Breeders Association will sponsor a demonstration of obedience and agility work by American Pit Bull Terriers.

Linda Emmert, Seneca, Mo., a life member of EBA and a former board member, will give an agility demonstration with her dog, Sneakers. Emmert and Sneakers have earned numerous titles in agility competition in United Kennel Club, American Kennel Club, and American Staffordshire Terrier Club of America events. Emmert also was named trainer of the year in the Am Staff organization three years ago.

Kim Krohn, EBA board member of Blue Springs, Mo., also will give an agility demonstra-

tion with her dog, Susie. Russ Krohn showed Susie to her championship in ADBSI events, and now the couple are working on titles for the dog in agility, tracking and obedience.

They also have been working in obedience with another dog, Mandy, who also is nearing her championship points in

ADBSI events.

Linda, Kim and Russ also will give an obedience demonstration with all of their pit bulls in the ring together.

They will be available for a short time after the demonstration at the EBA table at Nationals in Kellyville to answer questions.

Hey, baseball buffs!

If you are a baseball fan, and a collector of baseball cards, don't miss the special raffle item at the Oct. 14 and 15 Nationals at Kellyville, OK.

Charles Maxwell of Arkansas has made a generous donation to Endangered Breeds Association of his baseball card collection. Maxwell has been collecting baseball cards for 50 years.

The collection will be raffled off in two parcels. The larger set will be raffled if sufficient tickets are sold. The smaller set will be raffled off.

Don't miss out on a chance to own this great collection!

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E-mail your photograph to featuresboss@yahoo.com.

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Voting for EBA board members continues through November

Endangered Breeds Association members will elect two board members in voting which will continue through Nov. 30.

Candidates to fill the two positions are Lucretia Ashcraft, Silsbee, Texas; Renee Greenwood, Salt Lake City, Utah; and Hank Greenwood, Salt Lake City, Utah.

You may vote for the two candi-

dates of your choice by sending the names to EBA President Jean Carpenter at P.O. Box 1148, Albany, La. 70711; or by e-mailing your two votes to Carpenter at EBAjeanc@aol.com

All votes must be received by Nov. 30. Results will be announced in the December issue of the Banter.

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To: God From: The Dog

Dear God: Why do humans smell the flowers, but seldom, if ever, smell one another?

Dear God: When we get to heaven, can we sit on your couch? Or is it still the same old story?

Dear God: Why are there cars named after the jaguar, the cougar, the mustang, the colt, the stingray, and the rabbit, but not ONE named for a dog? How often do you see a cougar riding around? We love a nice ride! Would it be so hard to rename the "Chrysler Eagle" the "Chrysler Beagle?"

Dear God: If a dog barks his head off in the forest and no human hears him, is he still a bad dog?

Dear God: We dogs can understand human verbal instructions, hand signals, whistles, horns, clickers, beepers, scent IDs, electromagnetic energy fields, and Frisbee flight paths. What do humans understand?

Dear God: More meat-

balls, less spaghetti, please.

Dear God: Are there mailmen in Heaven? If there are, will I have to apologize?

Dear God: Let me give you a list of just some of the things I must remember to be a good dog:

1. I will not eat the cats' food before they eat it or after they throw it up.

2. I will not roll on dead seagulls, fish, crabs, etc., just because I like the way they smell.

3. I will not munch on "leftovers" in the kitty litter box, although they are tasty.

4. The diaper pail is not a cookie jar.

5. The sofa is not a "face towel." Neither are Mom and Dad's laps.

6. The garbage collector is not stealing our stuff.

7. My head does not belong in the refrigerator.

8. I will not bite the officer's hand when he reaches in for Mom's driver's license and registration.

9. I will not play tug-of-war

with Dad's underwear when he's on the toilet.

10. Sticking my nose into someone's crotch is an unacceptable way of saying "hello."

11. I don't need to suddenly stand straight up when I'm under the coffee table.

12. I must shake the rainwater out of my fur before entering the house — not after.

13. I will not throw up in the car.

14. I will not come in from outside and immediately drag my butt.

15. I will not sit in the middle of the living room and lick myself when we have company.

16. The cat is not a "squeaky toy" so when I play with him and he makes that noise, it's usually not a good thing.

And, finally:

Dear God: Why do humans only have 10 Commandments and dogs have 16?



Legislation

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it with a breed-neutral dangerous dog ordinance.

- The Brandon City Council also approved a new ordinance which bans American Pit Bull Terriers, Staffordshire Bull Terriers, American Staffordshire Terriers and related breeds within the city limits. EBA and AKC have sent letters to city officials asking them to repeal this ordinance in favor of a dangerous dog ordinance that is fair, and enforceable.

MISSOURI — Rep. Low is sponsoring H1724, a bill to require any dog or cat offered for adoption by any shelter, humane society or rescue group be spayed or neutered. The House Agriculture Committee will hear the bill.

- The Springfield-Greene County Park Board has approved a new off-leash dog park at Loren Park after a family trust donated \$60,000 for establishment and maintenance of the facility.

- EBA is also working with city officials in Kansas City, Lee's Summit, Raytown, Grain Valley, Belton, Raymore, Oak Grove and Independence. All are considering or have passed BSL.

NEW JERSEY — Asm. Cohen is sponsoring A2820, to

prohibit insurers from refusing to issue, terminating, charging increased premiums or limiting coverage under a homeowner's insurance policy on the basis of the type or specific breed of dog harbored upon the insured property. The measure has passed the Assembly and has been referred to the Senate Commerce Committee.

- AKC has recently become aware of a breed-specific ordinance adopted in Englewood that deems Rottweilers and "pit bulls," defined as Bull Terriers, American Pit Bull Terriers, American Staffordshire Terriers, Staffordshire Bull Terriers and any mixed breed dog containing these breeds, to be aggressive dogs. The Canine Legislation Department has sent the mayor and city council a letter asking them to repeal this ordinance in favor of a reasonable, enforceable dangerous dog law.

To find out how you can get involved in legislation in New Jersey, please contact the New Jersey Federation of Dog Clubs at taborgsp@verizon.net.

NEW YORK — Asm. Sandy Galef's A 11242, a bill to prohibit ear cropping and tail docking, died due to adjournment of the legislature.

- A 4253, authored by Asm. Weprin, provides for the regulation of boarding kennels. The bill requires animal owners to pro-

vide proof of vaccinations to boarding kennel staff before dropping off their animals. A 4253 has passed the Assembly and has been sent to the Senate.

OKLAHOMA — Tulsa County has adopted a new ordinance which limits residents to 3 dogs or a combination of 5 cats and dogs. Dog owners who wish to maintain more than 3 dogs must obtain a hobbyist permit, a cost of \$100 the first year and \$50 for subsequent years. Hobbyist permit holders are still required to individually license each animal they own. AKC has sent a letter to county officials asking them to repeal this arbitrary limit in favor of nuisance laws which will enable the county to address problems with any problem owner, regardless of how many animals they own.

TEXAS — The San Antonio City Council is considering a 5-Year Strategic Plan that includes mandatory spay/neuter and breeder permits, as well as creation of a bill of rights for animals. The plan was generated by the San Antonio Animal Care Services Advisory Board. To find out more about how you can assist in fighting this proposal, contact the Responsible Pet Owners Alliance at rpoa@texas.net.



Endangered Breeds Association working throughout Missouri

Kim Krohn, EBA board member, and her husband, Russ, have been keeping the roadways busy throughout the summer dealing with BSL proposals in several Missouri towns.

Many other dog groups in Missouri also are working hard to stop the wave of BSL that seems to be sweeping through the state.

Here is a rundown of the towns and the activities in each:

Raytown — Packets are being prepared for the city council. The town has a population of about 30,000.

Grain Valley — Packets are being prepared for the city council.

Belton — This town does not report any "pit bull" problems, but is considering passing BSL regardless. The town previously considered BSL in 1999.

Raymore — Groups are visiting with council members and offering alternatives to BSL.

Pleasant Hill — Groups are visiting with council members and offering alternatives to

BSL.

Oak Grove — A town of about 5,000 residents. Decided against BSL, with the mayor stating, "We can't control stupid."

Independence — After three attacks in that town this summer, the city council was pressured to do something. BSL was passed, but work continues to get the council to reconsider. There is a petition drive to get a referendum on the February ballot to repeal the ban. Kansas City Dog Advocates have helped EBA with the issue. A tri-fold pamphlet has been printed and is being distributed in veterinarian offices and pet stores.

Lee's Summit — With a population of about 90,000, it is the second largest city geographically in Missouri. The tri-fold pamphlet also is being extensively distributed in this town; and EBA is working closely with the city council to guide them toward generic dog legislation.

Pet Corner



Anna is a 2-year-old pit bull. She watches over 2-week-old Huey Ridgell, like he is her own. Photo submitted by Jen and Chad Ridgell of Zachary, La.



Around the nation: *Legislation that affects you*

ALABAMA — The City of Montgomery is considering revisions to their dangerous dog ordinance. EBA and AKC have sent the mayor and city council letters encouraging them to pursue a fair, enforceable dangerous dog ordinance. Local dog club members are organizing to fight breed-specific legislation and have presented dangerous dog packets, containing model dangerous dog ordinances, to the members of the city council.

CALIFORNIA — Riverside County is considering a mandatory spay/neuter ordinance. The proposed mandatory spay/neuter ordinance will require that any dog or cat over the age of four months be spayed or neutered unless the owner can qualify for one of the limited exemptions: law enforcement dogs, qualified service assistance dogs, dogs which are medically unsuitable for sterilization and "competition dogs."

• Sen. Lowenthal's SB 1578 passed the Assembly Business and Professions Committee and now proceeds to the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The bill prohibits tethering, chaining or tying a dog to a tree, house or stationary object. Senate floor amendments clarify that the tethering prohibition does not apply to

activities such as working or guide dogs or training hunting dogs, or tethering dogs in order to draw blood, provided that it is a licensed activity which involves the use or presence of a dog. The bill has been amended to remove the stipulation that funds collected from the fines be used for animal control activities.

COLORADO — The City of Lakewood decided to enact a new dangerous dog ordinance. Earlier this year, the city council had considered a breed-specific dangerous dog law. EBA, ACF and AKC sent letters to the mayor and city council and provided legislators with copies of fair, enforceable dangerous dog ordinances.

DELAWARE — HB 425 has been signed in to law by Governor Minner. The bill adds \$3.00 to the cost of a rabies vaccine to fund low-cost spay/neuter programs. The bill also establishes criteria for qualifying for low-cost spay/neuter services and requires that all dogs and cats adopted from shelters or rescues be spayed or neutered.

• Rep. Spence's H470's makes the owner of a dog involved in an unprovoked attack on a human and causing serious physical injury criminally liable for such

attacks, regardless of whether the dog had previously been declared dangerous. A recent amendment creates an affirmative defense if the owner has posted "No Trespassing" or "Beware of Dog" Signs and the person who is attacked is over 13 years of age.

ILLINOIS — The City of Hoffman Estates has repealed a 10-year old portion of their dangerous dog law which deemed "pit bulls," defined as American Pit Bull Terriers, Staffordshire Bull Terriers, American Staffordshire Terriers or any mixed breed dog with similar characteristics, to be vicious animals. A new resident of Hoffman Estates contacted AKC about the ordinance in April. EBA and dog owners from all over Illinois sprang into action and worked to educate the council about breed-specific legislation.

INDIANA — The Indianapolis City Council held a public hearing on dog violence earlier this month and has decided not to pursue breed-specific legislation. However, dog owners are encouraged to continue to be vigilant as the Mayor has indicated that he still supports breed-specific legislation. The Rules and Public Policy Committee is forming a task force to take an in-depth look

at the issue. If you have not yet spoken with your representative, you are encouraged to let them know you support a breed-neutral, enforceable dangerous dog ordinance.

KANSAS — S408, authored by the Senate Judiciary Committee, has been signed into law by Governor Sebelius. The new law requires that a person convicted of inflicting harm, disability or death to a police dog, arson dog, game warden dog or search and rescue dog, be sentenced to not less than 30 days or more than 1 year imprisonment and be fined not less than \$500 and not more than \$5,000. The new law also requires that the offender undergo a psychological evaluation and complete an anger management program.

• Overland Park has adopted a new ordinance to ban "pit bulls," defined as American Staffordshire Terriers and American Pit Bull Terriers, from the city limits. EBA and AKC sent letters opposing the ordinance as well as examples of breed-neutral dangerous dog ordinances. Local fanciers attended hearings and worked to educate legislators about the ineffectiveness of breed specific legislation.

LOUISIANA — H772 was

signed by Governor Blanco. The bill creates 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 animal and registration will last the lifetime of the animal.

• Sen. Fontenot's S607 was signed by the Governor. The new law requires 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 Department of Agriculture and Forestry and their local parish.

MASSACHUSETTS — The City of Fall River is considering a breed-specific ordinance to restrict ownership of Rottweilers and "pit bulls," defined as American Staffordshire Terriers, American Staffords, Staffordshire Pit Bulls, American Stafford Terriers, American Pitt Bull Terriers, Bull Terriers, Pit Bulls, and any mixed breeds having the appearance and characteristics of these breeds. EBA and AKC have sent

dangerous dog packets and letters to the mayor and city council opposing adoption of a breed-specific ordinance. Mayor Ed Lambert has said he opposes breed-specific legislation.

MISSISSIPPI — The City of Jackson has adopted a new non-breed-specific dangerous dog ordinance. Council members considered a proposal to ban specific breeds, but rejected it after fanciers and concerned dog owners worked to educate legislators about the ineffectiveness of breed-specific legislation. EBA provided funding for an attorney to work with several towns in Mississippi to guide them toward non-breed specific legislation; and AKC sent a letter to city officials along with copies of dangerous dog packets.

• The City of Clinton has adopted a breed-specific ordinance that bans American Pit Bull Terriers, Staffordshire Bull Terriers, American Staffordshire Terriers, Rottweilers and dogs exhibiting characteristics of these breeds. The measure was passed without public notice and local dog owners are organizing to oppose the measure. EBA and AKC have sent letters asking the city council to repeal the ordinance and replace

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