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# Bad Behavior May Not be a Training Problem

*Drs. Foster & Smith  
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Is your dog changing? Does he seem to be challenging you? Is he reluctant to be patted or picked up? Is your dog becoming destructive?

These behaviors, on the surface, may seem to indicate a behavior problem that a little extra training may help. But before you begin re-training, consider that your dog may be experiencing health problems. For instance:

- Growling and snapping could be caused by pain due to injury, arthritis, or another illness.
- Turning over the garbage can or any change in eating or drinking habits may have to do with the onset of a hormonal disease such as diabetes.
- Reluctance to being picked up may happen because of aches and pains associated with many diseases, including some

cancers and arthritis.

- If an older dog suddenly becomes destructive or incontinent, does not appear to be listening to you, or does not recognize you at times, this may have to do with the onset of dementia. This may also be caused by hearing or sight loss associated with aging.

- Incontinence may also indicate kidney disease, a bladder infection, or arthritis.

- Inappropriate barking may also indicate a vision or hearing problem. It may also indicate dementia in older dogs.

So, if your dog is not himself, consider a veterinary visit first to determine whether it may be a physical problem. With the wide variety of treatments available today ranging from using pheromones to nutraceuticals and prescription medications, you may be able to help your canine companion be his old self again.

## New Jersey Fanciers Meet to Combat Anti-Dog Laws

Purebred dog owners in New Jersey have tackled a slew of restrictive canine legislation in the past few years. When A2324 was amended earlier this year to include breeder regulation, however, fanciers decided to make a stand with other animal organizations in the state. On Tuesday, June 8th, over 150 people met in Edison to discuss ways they could work together in support of their right to own, breed, exhibit and hunt with their animals. Organized by NAIA Trust member Marjorie Martorella, in conjunction with the Newton Kennel Club, the meeting gave concerned animal owners an opportunity to discuss strategies for combating A2324 as well as numerous other platforms put forth by extreme animal rights groups in the state. Speakers included Jayne Mackta, President of the NJ Association for Biomedical Research and NAIA Trust; Larry S. Katz, Assistant Professor Animal Science & Chair of the Animal Science Dept. at Rutgers University and NAIA Trust; Joan Tabor of the New Jersey Federation of Dog Clubs, and several officers and Legislative Liaisons from AKC-affiliated clubs. A diverse group of animal organizations were also represented among the attendees, including Cat Fanciers Association, American Dog Owners Association and the New Jersey Veterinary Medical Association.

Bringing together dog fanciers, cat fanciers, and concerned animal owners from all over the state is a proactive way to ensure that these responsible individuals have a loud, strong voice in their government. Kudos to New Jersey residents on this important step in your legislative program!



## Goodbye, Emmert's Sassy Britches

Board member Kim Krohn and her husband, Russ, report the recent loss of Emmert's Sassy Britches.

Sassy came to the Krohns in 1995 and they planned to train her and compete in all-breed performance events, particularly obedience and eventually agility.

She earned her ADBA Championship in 1997, and began AKC obedience competition as an ILP registered AmStaff in 1998 — in her eight Novice trials she finished in the top four each time to complete her CD title. She earned her CDX title in 1999, and UD in 2000.

In 2001 she earned her UDX title and was only the second AmStaff to accomplish that; she earned 14 UDX legs that included 19 straight qualifying scores in Open B. She finished her UDX at the AmStaff specialty, winning HIT/HC both days. That year she was the No. 5 dog in the

Terrier Group in the First and Foremost rankings, and Kim's Mini Bull "Noelle" was the No. 4 Terrier. Kim also trained Sassy for AKC tracking, and she received her certification and earned her TD on the first tries in 1998.

After retiring her from AKC obedience, we resumed training for Agility competition. She began competing in 2002 and by early 2003 she had earned her titles up through AX and AXJ. As she had a tracking title and advanced obedience and agility titles, she became the second AmStaff to earn the VCD2 title (Krohn's Ginger was the first).

Early this year, Russ "dusted" Sassy off, did some refresher training, and entered her in a UKC all-breed obedience trial in Novice B. Of the four trials, she received four High-Scoring Terrier awards, two HITs with scores of 199 and 199.5,

and High-Scoring Dog for the week-end. She is currently ranked the No. 3 Novice UKC dog for 2004.

Earlier this month, they noticed Sassy was gaining weight but was still acting and eating normally. She went to the vet twice, and the second visit a knot was felt in her upper abdomen. On the 15th she went back for a scheduled follow-up and anticipated surgery.

The vet found that her spleen and liver were severely impacted with cancer, and the couple decided that as quickly as it had progressed it would not be fair to her to take her back home as the very near term prognosis was not good.

Sassy was very special not only because of her accomplishments, but she had a tremendous personality and never knew a stranger. She will be widely missed.

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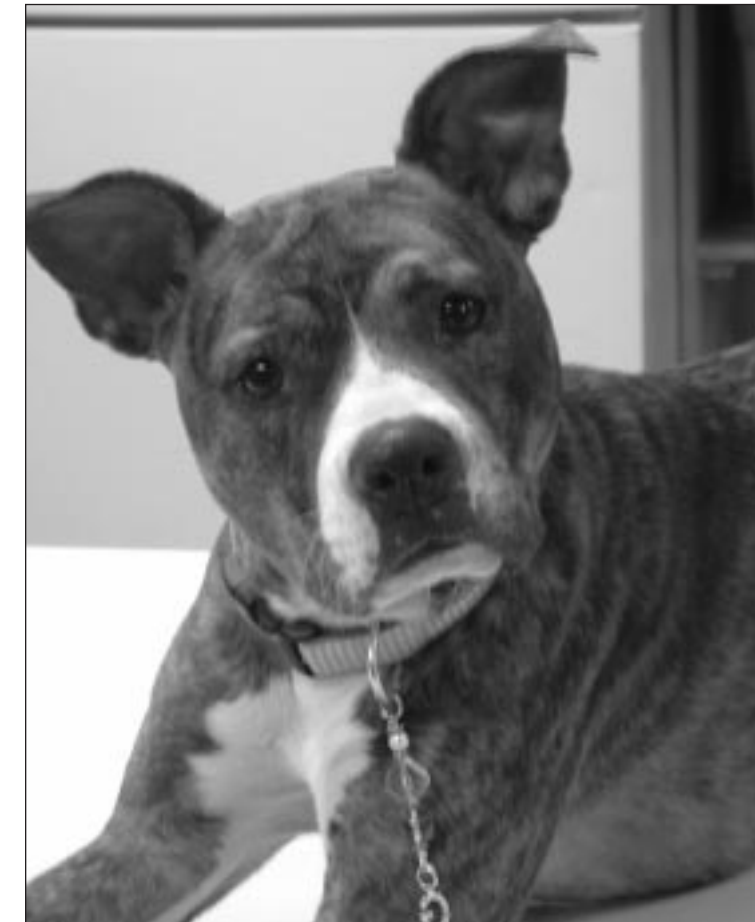
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## Pet corner



Gracie Lou is the greeter at Bone Appetit in Chattanooga, Tenn. She works with her owner, Stacey Waldrop.



Angela Altum of Pflugerville, Texas, sent in this photo of her dog, Ty.



Ashley VerSoy of Lancaster, Texas, e-mailed this photo of her sweet princess, Poison Paisley.



## Legislation

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- A10234, sponsored by Asm. John, increases civil penalties in cases of a dog attack on a person or service, guide or hearing dog. Attacks resulting in injury will carry a fine of up to \$800, and an attack resulting in serious injury will carry a fine of up to \$1200. The Assembly Committee on Agriculture amended A10234 to define a serious injury as one that causes disfigurement or creates the risk of or causes death. A companion bill, Sen. Flannagan's S7088, was similarly amended on the Senate floor.

- Led by Councilman Frank Vallone, several New York City Council members have drafted Resolution 402, which calls for the New York State Legislature to repeal existing law prohibiting municipalities from enacting breed-specific legislation. City officials drafted the measure with a view toward banning the sale or ownership of "dangerous dogs," including "pit bulls." AKC is working with Responsible Dog Owners Association of New York to oppose the resolution and will encourage legislators to enact dangerous dog laws that penalize only irresponsible owners. For more information contact, Responsible Dog Owners Association of New York (lettis@webtv.net).

**NORTH CAROLINA** — The deadline for introduction of bills to be considered by North Carolina's General Assembly passed without a word about the long-debated "Animal Protection Act." The draft legislation, which resulted from nearly a year's worth of work by the House Interim Committee on the Prevention and Disposition of Unwanted and Abandoned Companion Animals, included a proposed tax on pet food that was meant to generate funds for low-cost spay/neuter programs and shelter renovations. The measure originally included several breeding restrictions, including mandatory sterilization and differential licensing for unaltered animals, which AKC and North Carolina fanciers fought tirelessly to oppose.

It is likely that the "Animal Protection Act" will return in some form next year. Purebred dog owners are strongly urged to use the coming months to strengthen their grassroots networks and to work with their

state and local legislators. The Canine Legislation department will continue to keep fanciers updated on any new developments.

- Buncombe County officials are considering an animal control ordinance that limits the number of animals residents may own. AKC sent a letter of opposition and materials to the Board of Commissioners and encourages local fanciers to follow suit. For more information, contact Marta Stoneman, Asheville Kennel Club (mstone-man@worldnet.att.net).

**OHIO** — Rep. Collier's H369 is eligible for the governor's desk. The bill renames "handicapped assistance dogs" as "service dogs." H369 also requires offenders who harass or injure police or service dogs to pay resulting veterinary, replacement, and training costs. Stealing a police or service dog is punishable as a third degree felony.

**OKLAHOMA** — S1402 became law in May. The law prohibits interference with, injuring or harming of service dogs. Conviction of such a crime carries a penalty of up to one year in jail and/or a fine of up to \$1000.

**PENNSYLVANIA** — Allegheny County dogs and their owners will soon be able to play in four new off-leash areas in local parks. The dog parks will be constructed by late summer.

**RHODE ISLAND** — The House Committee on Corporations recommended Sen. McBurney's S2151 in May. The bill authorizes the City of Pawtucket to enforce an ordinance prohibiting the future ownership of "pit bulls" and imposes higher-than-average license fees for existing owners.

- The Senate Committee on Constitutional Gaming Issues recommended that Rep. Kilmartin's H7323 be held for further study. The bill required that dangerous dogs be leashed and muzzled when off the owner's property and that owners must notify police within two hours of a dangerous dog escape. H7323 also provided that microchips could be used in lieu of tattoos for identification purposes.

- Rep. Menard's H8475 became law in June. The new law authorizes the Lincoln Town Council to permit animal control and law officers to issue citations to dog owners for violating animal control ordi-

nances. Violators will be fined \$25 for a first offense, \$50 for a second offense, and \$125 for the third and each subsequent offense.

**TENNESSEE** — H3229 was signed by Gov. Bredesen on May 24. The new law requires owners to obtain rabies vaccinations for dogs and cats over the age of six months. Violations are punishable as a Class C misdemeanor.

- Rep. McMillan's H3458 was sent to the governor in May. The bill amends the definition of aggravated cruelty to include failure to provide food and water to a companion animal resulting in substantial injury or death.

**TEXAS** — The Responsible Pet Owners Alliance reports that the Corpus Christi is considering changes to its animal control code that include differential licensing and breeder permits. The Canine Legislation department is working with local fanciers to oppose the measure.

**VERMONT** — Gov. Douglas signed S100 on May 19. The new law amends the definition of aggravated cruelty to include intentionally causing an animal undue pain, or intentionally torturing, mutilating or beating an animal. The law further defines adequate shelter and requires that dogs living outdoors must be provided with suitable housing that assures the dog is protected from wind and draft, and from excessive sun, rain, and other environmental hazards throughout the year.

**WEST VIRGINIA** — Bluefield officials are considering an animal control ordinance that includes mandatory spay/neuter, breeder licensing and pet limits. The Canine Legislation department sent materials and a letter of opposition to the mayor and town board of directors. For more information, contact the Magic Valley Kennel Club (ellipsisengsett@hotmail.com).

**AUSTRIA** — In May, lawmakers voted unanimously to enact an anticruelty law that includes bans on ear cropping and tail docking, as well as the use of choke collars and invisible fences. The law, which takes effect in January 2005, also calls for an animal rights ombudsman to oversee the treatment of animals on farms and in zoos, circuses and pet shops.



## Animals' Choice Award Winner Does It All For Pit Bulls, People

United Animal Nations proudly presents the coveted 2004 Animals' Choice Award, which recognizes an individual who has made an outstanding commitment to help animals in need, to Kristine Crawford and her organization For Pits' Sake, Castro Valley, CA. The award was in appreciation of Crawford's outstanding contribution to the lives of many Pit Bulls and humans.

The assortment of breeds commonly known as Pit Bulls have become the nation's most popular shelter residents, and therefore most endangered dogs. Pit Bulls are often subjected to cruel practices designed to encourage aggressive behavior, and the media focuses on sensationalized stories involving the breed. Thanks to Kristine's work, negative public opinion and attitudes towards Pit Bulls may properly focus on the people who have manipulated them, instead of on the breed itself.

Kristine and her Pit Bulls Dakota and Tahoe are a certified search and rescue (SAR) team that has participated

in many search and rescue efforts, including the search for the body of Laci Peterson and the astronauts of the NASA Space Shuttle Columbia. Because of their hard work and the many obstacles they've had to overcome, they have been the subject of Animal Planet shows, National Geographic's "Dogs with Jobs" and numerous newspaper and magazine articles.

Despite the extra effort needed to combat stereotypes, Kristine finds Pit Bulls to be ideal for SAR work because of their intense drive, determination and strength. "When my search pager goes off, my dogs are waiting at the door, ready to find a lost person, to save a life, to bring closure to a family by finding their deceased loved one," Kristine describes. "They do not know that people are biased against them or that they have to work harder than other SAR dogs to earn their spot. All they know is that they have work to do, and they are ready regardless of weather, time or obstacle, and they will

never quit."

This talented team is also certified for animal-assisted therapy and Cheyenne, Dakota and Tahoe spend time giving comforting licks to hospital-bound patients.

For Pits' Sake offers nationally recognized programs to promote safety of lost children, dog bite prevention and responsible dog ownership. Kristine volunteers her time to perform these tasks. She also pays for her own training, equipment and her own way to and from searches, as well as material for the community programs that she offers at no cost to the public. She recently stayed up all night with one of her canine SAR dogs searching for a lost toddler in rugged backcountry, yet she still reported to work at her "real job" in the morning.

UAN congratulates Kristine Crawford and For Pits' Sake for their compassionate and valiant effort to turn the tide of public opinion through the good deeds performed by these courageous dogs.

## Breeding Restrictions: An Imminent Threat?

*From EBA and American Kennel Club*

When breeding restriction legislation was considered in Oklahoma and Virginia earlier this year, fanciers in those states were quick to mount strong opposition to the proposals. Overwhelmed lawmakers backed away from the issue, and responsible breeders breathed a sigh of relief. The reprieve, however, could be short-lived. Animal rights activists and other proponents of breeding bans, mandatory spay/neuter laws, differential licensing fees and other restrictions are not like-

ly to give up the fight soon. Supporters of breeding regulations are urging both municipal and state officials to enact laws that will severely impact fanciers' abilities to continue their successful breeding programs.

With restrictive ordinances and bills popping up all over the country, what's a responsible hobby breeder to do? One of the most important things Legislative Liaisons can do is to keep alert in your communities and let Endangered Breeds Association and the Canine Legislation department at AKC

know when issues arise. Read the paper, watch your local news, and be aware of any animal control concerns.

Despite our best efforts, however, it is likely that breeding restriction legislation will continue to be a threat in coming months. Indeed, task forces in New Jersey and North Carolina are currently studying the issue of "pet overpopulation," with a view toward recommending that breeding regulations be introduced in state legislatures.

Check AKC and EBA Web sites for helpful information packets.



# Around the nation: *Legislation that affects you*

**CALIFORNIA** — AB2513 effectively died on May 27, when sponsor Asm. Levine moved the bill to the “inactive file” rather than push for a vote on the Assembly floor. May 28th was the deadline for California bills to have passed their house of origin, so AB 2513 may not be considered again this session. Among its restrictive provisions, the bill would have required municipalities to impose expensive permits on sellers of unaltered dogs.

Legislation proposing breeder or seller permits has been introduced in California in various forms over the past several years. Fanciers should remain on the lookout for the introduction of similar bills in the 2004-05 session. In the meantime, however, purebred dog owners should be proud of their successful lobbying efforts. Congratulations! For more information, please visit the AKC’s Web site ([www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)) or contact Sharon Coleman ([sharoncoleman@compuserve.com](mailto:sharoncoleman@compuserve.com)).

**COLORADO** — Governor Owens signed H1261 on June 4. The new law requires owners under investigation for neglect, abuse, cruelty to animals or unlawful ownership of a dangerous dog to obtain a financial bond to cover the cost of holding an impounded animal. Under the law, a dog under investigation as dangerous that has not been claimed by its owner within five days after it is eligible for release shall be declared abandoned and may be disposed of at the discretion of animal control.

- The governor also signed S207 on June 4. The law authorizes the Commissioner of Agriculture to deny the renewal of a pet animal facility license to people with unpaid civil penalties under the “Pet Animal Care and Facilities Act.” It also re-establishes the Pet Overpopulation Fund voluntary contribution program.

**CONNECTICUT** — Governor Rowland signed H5452 on May 10. The new law allows guide and therapy dogs and their owners/trainers access to public transportation and accommodations including malls and restaurants.

- H5606 was signed by Gov. Rowland on June 8. The law, effective October 1, 2004, provides that cat and dog owners may seek civil and punitive damages against any indi-

vidual who has intentionally injured or killed their pet. Exemptions are provided for veterinarians, animal control officers, and animal rescue groups when acting within their prescribed duties.

- S62 was also signed by the governor on June 8. The act provides benefits and protection for canine search and rescue teams and includes a provision that allows state employees who are active members of a volunteer canine search and rescue team to take time off work to assist with rescue efforts without losing pay or vacation time.

**DELAWARE** — Rep. Wagner’s H350 was amended by the House Committee on Revenue and Finance. The amendment lowers the bill’s proposed tax credit from \$100 to \$25 for residents who have their pets spayed and neutered.

- H392, sponsored by Rep. Cathcart, increases the state’s penalties for animal cruelty offenses. The bill was amended in the House and now provides that a crime of cruelty to animals is a Class A misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$2300 and up to 40 hours of community service in a program benefiting animal welfare. Subsequent offenses within three years will carry a fine of up to \$5000 and at least 60 days in jail. Intentional cruelty resulting in the serious injury or death of an animal is categorized as a Class F felony. Those convicted of such a crime will face a fine up to \$10,000 and up to 160 hours of community service with an animal welfare program. Subsequent offenses within three years will carry a \$25,000 fine and at least one-year in jail. H392 was referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

- Rep. Schwartzkopf’s H398 passed the Senate and is eligible for the governor’s desk. The bill gives municipalities the option to permit dogs on their beaches, thereby exempting them from an existing law banning dogs from such areas.

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**ILLINOIS** — Sen. Harmon’s SR500 passed the Senate. The resolution creates the “Dog and Cat Overpopulation Advisory Committee.” SR500 allows for one dog or cat owner to serve on the committee, and AKC urges concerned Illinois fanciers to volunteer.

**IDAHO** — In May, Hagerman officials approved fines for owners who allow their

animals to run at large. Violators face a fine of \$25 for a first offense. Additional offenses within a 12-month period will carry fines of \$50 and \$100 for third and subsequent violations. Money generated by the fines will be used to cover impound costs.

**IOWA** — Officials in Council Bluffs are considering breed-specific legislation regulating pit bull ownership. The Canine Legislation department sent a letter of opposition to the mayor and city council and materials to concerned dog owners. For further information contact Darlene Kofoed ([koladachows@cox.net](mailto:koladachows@cox.net)).

**KANSAS** — The Salina City Council is considering revisions to its dangerous dog ordinance including a possible “pit bull” ban. The Canine Legislation department sent a letter of opposition to the mayor and city council as well as materials to area dog owners.

**KENTUCKY** — Bracken County is considering a breed-specific dangerous dog ordinance that would ban ownership of “pit bulls.” AKC sent a letter of opposition and materials to county officials in June.

**MASSACHUSETTS** — A breeder regulation amendment to the Massachusetts House budget bill was held in conference, which means it has been left out of the final conference committee budget sent to the governor. The amendment, proposed by Rep. Kujawski, requires any breeder or organization that sells more than five litters per year to register with and report the sale to the Department of Agriculture. The amendment further requires breeders to report the buyer’s name, address and date of sale. Violators are subject to fines of \$500 for each failure to report the birth or sale of the animal.

The conference committee can now either take no action on the amendment (effectively killing it) or release it for individual vote. The Massachusetts Federation of Dog Clubs and Responsible Dog Owners is urging fanciers who are constituents of the Budget Committee to once again contact the members and thank them for not including the breeder amendment in the final budget. Additionally, dog owners should ask the members to allow the amendment to die in committee and to refrain from releasing it for individual vote. Please visit

[http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article\\_id=2145](http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article_id=2145) for more information or contact the federation ([jrembrandtseeley@aol.com](mailto:jrembrandtseeley@aol.com)).

- Rep. Garry’s H674 establishes a commission to study the state’s animal statutes. The bill provides that the commission be composed of only legislators. The Massachusetts Federation of Dog Clubs and Responsible Dog Owners sent a letter to Rep. Garry suggesting the inclusion of animal professionals to the commission. H674 was referred to the House Committee on Rules.

- H1056, sponsored by Rep. Donovan, provides that a dog that attacks a child and causes injury will be destroyed at the discretion of the animal control officer. The Massachusetts Federation of Dog Clubs and Responsible Dog Owners opposes the bill as it makes no exceptions for dogs acting in self-defense. H1056 was referred to the House for a second reading in May. For more information, contact the federation ([jrembrandtseeley@aol.com](mailto:jrembrandtseeley@aol.com)).

- Rep. Hill’s H4033, which would preclude municipalities from enacting breed-specific legislation, was referred to the House for a second reading. The bill also amends the dangerous dog law by redefining a “vicious dog” as any dog that when unprovoked, inflicts severe injury or kills a human being. H4033 further defines a “potentially dangerous dog” as any dog, which when unprovoked, menaces, attacks or injures a domestic animal on two separate occasions within a three-year period. Massachusetts fanciers support many provisions in the bill but have concerns about the potentially dangerous classification, particularly the use of the term menacing given the fact that dogs and cats often “menace” each other out of natural instinct with no real threat of danger. Fanciers instead support the adoption of specific, measurable criteria of actions qualifying as potentially dangerous.

- Concerned dog owners and fanciers continue to oppose a breed-specific ordinance in Boston. If enacted, the measure would require residents to spay/neuter their “pit bulls,” register them with the city at a cost of \$50 annually, limit residents to a total of two pit bulls, and require owners to display a sign on their property stating a pit bull is located on the

premises. Dogs must also be leashed and muzzled when in public. Violators will be subject to a \$100 fine. Exemptions are provided for animals participating in contests, shows or exhibitions within city limits, but animals may not remain in the city for more than two weeks. AKC sent a letter of opposition to the city council and encourages concerned dog owners to do the same. For more information, contact Lisa Quinn

([gogetmgidget@comcast.net](mailto:gogetmgidget@comcast.net)) or the Massachusetts Federation of Dog Clubs and Responsible Dog Owners ([jrembrandtseeley@aol.com](mailto:jrembrandtseeley@aol.com)).

**MISSISSIPPI** — Gov. Barbour vetoed H797 on May 14. The bill authorized officials in Union County to adopt ordinances regulating animals running at large or causing a public nuisance. H797 also provided that animal control or county agents were exempt from liability in the death of animal as long as the agent used minimal care.

**MISSOURI** — In June, Kansas City officials unanimously approved legislation that reduces from 25 to 10 the number of animals hobby kennel license and rescue license holders may keep. Permits cost \$100 and will place undue financial burden on responsible breeders, pet owners and rescuers. The Canine Legislation department sent a letter of opposition to the mayor and city council. For more information, contact the Greater Kansas City Dog Training Club ([krohndog@swbell.net](mailto:krohndog@swbell.net)).

- The Springfield City Council approved a vicious dog ordinance in May. The ordinance allows judges to impose restrictions on threatening or visibly violent dogs before an attack occurs. Under the new law, judges may also require owners of dangerous dogs to microchip, muzzle, neuter, cage or euthanize their dog based evidence presented in court.

**NEW JERSEY** — Asm. Van Drew has withdrawn A2324 from consideration. The AKC and New Jersey fanciers opposed the bill, which required any individual who sells ten or more animals per year to register with and be regulated by their municipality.

Concerned fanciers and dog owners from across the state mobilized quickly and worked to contact members of the Assembly to voice their opposition to the bill. (Please see story at left for additional details.) Their efforts

paid off in early June when Asm. Van Drew pledged to work with the fancy on alternative legislation. This victory is a wonderful example of how effective members of the fancy can be when they work together. Congratulations to all on this successful campaign and keep up the good work! For more information, contact the New Jersey Federation of Dog Clubs (<http://www.njfederationofdogclubs.org>).

- The Borough of Manville is considering revisions to its animal control law including provisions for noise nuisances and limiting the number of animals residents may own. The Canine Legislation department sent a letter of opposition and materials to borough officials.

**NEW YORK** — Asm. Lentol’s A1432 authorizes the director of the Department on Aging to establish and manage a “senior pet companionship” program to match seniors with pets. The bill also provides for instruction on the treatment and protection of animals, and education for seniors and public school students. The bill was referred to the Assembly Committee on Way and Means.

- Asm. Tonko’s A6635 was amended by the Assembly Committee on Codes. Amendments to the bill include the removal of a dangerous dog registry provision, the creation of a dangerous dog advisory board, and a requirement for owners of dangerous dogs to notify the municipal clerk so that emergency personnel can be made aware of the dog’s presence. A6635 still makes the owner of a dangerous dog that has attacked a person, companion animal or farm animal strictly liable for medical costs caused by the attack. The bill was referred to the Assembly Committee on Codes. A companion bill, Sen. Maziarz’s S5910, was similarly amended by the Senate Committee on Consumer Affairs and Protection.

- A8063, sponsored by Asm. Scarborough, was referred to the Assembly Committee on Codes. The bill establishes a statewide registry for dangerous dogs with a registration fee of \$25 per dog. A8063 also creates a dangerous dog advisory board and allows for one member of the public to serve on the five-member board.

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