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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-

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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EBA Board meets at Nationals

Colleen Hill, president of Endangered Breeds Association, resigned from her post during the Nov. 11 meeting of EBA at the 2005 Nationals in Kellyville, Okla.

Hill cited a heavy workload with a new job that will prevent her from devoting the necessary time to EBA. She requested that past president Jean Carpenter resume her post.

The board approved Carpenter's nomination. Carpenter named Hill to act as vice president; and Doris Hutson to become secretary. Joan Morrison remains as treasurer.

The board discussed a recent request for financial assistance in the way of gasoline and a trailer rental for Sandi Coy of Kentucky. Coy traveled to Louisiana and rescued 12 American Pit Bull Terriers from Louisiana Humane Society.

Concerns were made about the "Responsible Dog Owners of the Eastern States."

The board also voted to investigate any further requests

from any person more thoroughly before granting any funding of any sort.

Several applications for EBA representatives were submitted by American Dog Breeders Association clubs. A question was raised about letting a person serve as an EBA representative if they are not members of EBA. The board voted that all EBA representatives should be members of EBA.

A request for further funding for Ohio was tabled as EBA board member Harry George could not attend the meeting. George, from Ohio, was to provide updated information about the case in Ohio before additional funding is approved.

Joan Morrison gave the board a updated report on Oklahoma's proposed ban. Rep. Paul Wesselhoft is scheduled to introduce his proposal during the 2006 legislative session. Morrison reported his proposal has virtually no support from Wesselhoft's Republican party, or from Democrats.

A lobbyist has been hired and

is working well with senators and legislators to get EBA's proposal of stronger penalties for irresponsible owners of dogs and to place all responsibility for a dog's actions on the owner.

EBA has approved \$5,000 for the 2006 calendar year in Oklahoma and many donations have come in to EBA earmarked for Oklahoma. Donations of \$500 have been received from 89'er Pit Bull Club of Oklahoma City; and Mike Wood of Ardmore, Okla. John and Laura Bowman of Norman, Okla., have donated \$300; and \$72 was collected during the 2005 Nationals in a "spare change" jar. Pledges from Green Country Pit Bull Club in Tulsa and Tulsa Dog Training Club also have been recorded.

In the annual drawing for 100 percent clubs, Magnolia State Pit Bull Club won. The club will select a member to attend the ADBA Convention in March in Las Vegas. Expenses of that member for airline and hotel room will be paid by EBA.

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Join the fun at ADBA annual convention

Don't forget the annual American Dog Breeders Association annual convention March 4-5 in Las Vegas, Nev., at the Imperial Palace.

Besides interesting meetings, Endangered Breeds Association and ADBA awards presentations, and seminars, there will be a hospitality room Saturday night. EBA will have its annual auction of unique items.

Anyone who would like to donate an item for the auction, either bring it to the convention or contact Jean Carpenter, president, at ebajeanc@aol.com.

Board

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Two clubs requested the 2006 EBA show, Hoosier and Kentucky. The show was awarded to the Hoosier State Club.

EBA by-laws were amended as follows: sustaining memberships were stricken; and any monies left in the treasury of EBA when the organization ceases to exist will be donated to a charity approved by the board.

Several nominations for 2005 EBA awards were received. Awards will be presented at the ADBA Convention.

A quorum of the board was present with the attendance of: Jean Carpenter, Colleen Hill, Kim Krohn, Doris Hutson, JoAnn LeBlanc and Joan Morrison.



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but more help is needed. Albuquerque residents should contact their councilmembers today if they have not done so already, and urge them to vote "no" on this measure. For more information, contact the Rio Grande Kennel Club.

NORTH CAROLINA – The Mayor Pro-Tem of Marion has introduced a proposal to ban Rottweilers, "pit bulls," and any dog with "vicious tendencies." The term "pit bull" was not defined in the original proposal. AKC has notified local officials of our opposition to breed-specific legislation and have provided them with model dangerous dog legislation.

OKLAHOMA — EBA continues to have meetings with individual key senators and legislators. We are gaining more and more support for our proposals of adding stronger penalties for irresponsible owners and placing all responsibility of a dog's actions on the owner.

Contributions also continue to come in. A well-known survey organization in Oklahoma recently polled 500 voters of all ages, both Democrats and Republicans, and asked if they would like to see a ban of American Pit Bull Terriers and related breeds in Oklahoma. More than 50 percent said yes,

HOWEVER, when asked if they would RATHER SEE STRICTER PENALTIES INSTEAD OF A BAN, more than 70 percent said yes. This works in our favor.

TEXAS – The City of El Paso is again considering revisions to its animal control ordinance, including a \$75 litter permit and a limit of one litter per year. Additionally, the proposal mandates microchipping and allows animal control officers to go door-to-door to enforce provisions of the ordinance. Fanciers are urged to immediately contact their city council members and ask them to request that these sections be removed from the proposal.

- Although no member of the Austin City Council has yet committed to sponsoring a mandatory spay/neuter ordinance proposed by the Animal Advisory Commission, local dog owners are encouraged to inform their representatives of their opposition to this type of legislation. Under the proposal, exceptions would be allowed only if the animal is deemed medically unsuited to the procedure, if the animal is kept in Austin less than 30 days in one year, or if the owner purchases a \$100 intact animal permit. The proposal also includes a \$500 litter permit. The AKC has provided local fanciers with materials and sent a letter of opposition to city

officials. Purebred dog owners are working hard, but many more voices are needed.

Please contact the Responsible Pet Owners Alliance at for more information on how you can help in El Paso or Austin.

WASHINGTON – The Tacoma City Council's Public Safety and Human Services Committee is considering changes to the city's dangerous dog ordinance. It is possible that the committee may consider some form of breed-specific legislation. AKC has sent a statement opposing breed-specific legislation and encouraging the committee to instead consider strong generic dangerous dog legislation. Local dog owners are encouraged to attend a public meeting on November 16th at 3:30 in Room 248 of Tacoma City Hall (747 Market St, Tacoma, WA). To find out how you can assist in Tacoma please contact the Doberman Pinscher Club of America.

WEST VIRGINIA – The City of Charleston is considering strengthening its dangerous dog ordinance with a possible view toward breed-specific legislation. Concerned dog owners should contact ColbyH304@aol.com to find out how they can help ensure that Charleston adopts a fair and enforceable dangerous dog law.



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est have been prefiled in Maine for the 2006 session. LR2527 would prohibit insurance companies from refusing to issue or renew homeowner's insurance to people who own dogs. LR2545 would repeal a \$25 surcharge on the sale of non-neutered animals that was passed without AKC's knowledge in the 2005 session.

MARYLAND – In a disappointing move, Prince George's County Council rejected a proposed repeal of its breed-specific ordinance, which bans "pit bulls" - defined as American Staffordshire Terriers, Staffordshire Bull Terriers, American Pit Bull Terriers and any dog exhibiting the physical characteristics of these breeds. AKC, the Maryland Dog Federation and countless responsible dog owners fought for several years to repeal the ban and have vowed to continue opposition efforts. For more information, contact the Maryland Dog Federation.

MICHIGAN – Rep. Caswell has introduced H5231, a bill to require an owner whose dog has killed a domestic animal to show cause to why their dog should not be euthanized. Another dangerous dog bill, Rep. Magesis's H5252, would establish penalties for fleeing

the scene of a dog bite and for failing to provide assistance to the bitten individual. Both bills have been assigned to the House Judiciary Committee.

- Congratulations to concerned dog owners in Cass County for their success in persuading the Animal Control Ordinance Review Committee to adopt a generic dangerous dog law in place of proposed breed-specific legislation. The initial proposal would have declared "pit bulls," defined as American Staffordshire Terriers, Staffordshire Bull Terriers and American Pit Bull Terriers, to be dangerous dogs. Due to quick notification by a local dog owners, AKC was able to get a letter opposing the breed-specific language to committee members, and local dog owners were able to hand-deliver dangerous dog packets with model legislation to committee members.

NEW JERSEY – Senator Sweeney is sponsoring S2745, a bill to require that all animals released from shelters or pounds be sterilized. The bill also establishes a penalty for noncompliance. S2745 does allow exceptions for AKC and CFA "registered breeders," despite the fact that these organizations do not register breeders. The New Jersey Federation of Dog Clubs notes that the language is very similar to that of Assemblywoman

Greenstein's H3219. The federation is already working with the Assemblywoman regarding that bill's problematic language and will pursue similar action with Sen. Sweeney. For more information on these and other issues in New Jersey please contact the New Jersey Federation of Dog Clubs.

NEW MEXICO – Councilwoman Sally Mayer of Albuquerque continues to refine her HEART ordinance, a complete rewrite of the city's animal code. The current proposal includes a prohibition on chaining or tethering, provisions for intact companion animal permits, and strict requirements for what constitutes proper care of animals. The ordinance also establishes a definition for and regulation of commercial breeder facilities. Commercial breeder facilities are defined as any facilities in any zone other than a residential zone that are used for breeding and care of newborn animals. The measure also establishes limit of 6 companion animals- 4 of the same species - which can be waived if a person obtains a special permit. A person may not maintain more than two intact companion animals of the same species, even with a permit. AKC has been working closely with local fanciers to oppose the measure,

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Oklahoma teen shares Pit Bull's cry

Jeffrey Edwards, 17, of Stillwater, Okla., recently wrote the following poem.

It speaks volumes for the emotions we all share as we fight the continuing battle against Breed Specific Legislation.

Edwards, son of Lee and Kathy Edwards, is a junior at Stillwater High School and Meridian Technology Center (Information Technology Department).

He plans on pre-enlisting in the United States Marines, and one day move to Japan. He also wants to own his kennel and continue the fight against BSL, showing the positive side of the American Pit Bull Terrier.

Edwards helps take care of nine of the family dogs (including two rescues), and plans to get his own dog in the spring of 2006.

He started showing in junior handler classes in 1997 at the age of 9; and has won many junior handler trophies including Best Junior Handler at the 2000 Nationals.

Edwards' poem:

The Pit Bulls cry

*lock me up, lock me away
don't let me out, not even to
play.*

*Pit Bull Attack! It's all over the
headline
BSL this is my deadline.*

*Pit Bull Attack! This is all you
hear
Is it really my sweet face that
you truly fear?*

*I play with you all day, and
snuggle with you at night,
to be stuck behind bars is my
only fright.*

*I'm your best friend, an abundant
source of kisses,
hold me close and tell me all
your wishes.*

*BSL, it betrays your best friend,
I thought they knew, I'm loyal
to the end.*

*For you to vote no on BSL,
will make me happy enough to
wag my tail.*

*Sweet happy kisses all over your
face,
I'm happy now so I rest my
case.*

Popsicle retires

After recovering from bite wounds on his head and neck, hypothermia, and dehydration at the Erie County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty



to Animals, the pit bull that would be named Popsicle was selected as a possible candidate for the U.S. Customs Service canine enforcement program. Popsicle joined the ranks of other

dogs nobody else wanted: dogs that dig up back yards, chew furniture, and are constantly on the go. Just the sort of dog Customs is looking for.

At the end of his training at the Canine Enforcement Training Center in Front Royal, Va., Popsicle went with his handler, J.J. Trevino, to work at the Pharr and Hidalgo bridges in Texas. While working at the Pharr bridge, Popsicle alerted to drugs in a tractor trailer. It turned out to be a ton and a half of cocaine with a street value of \$139,605,000, the largest cocaine seizure in the McAllen area in 10 years.

Popsicle and J.J. worked together for a couple of months before Popsicle was returned to Front Royal for additional training. At Front Royal, he was teamed with Rudy Carr, a handler looking for a new canine partner.

Popsicle and Rudy graduated and went to work at the Port of Roma, Tex. While working in Roma, Popsicle made 24 seizures of Marijuana: 12,080 pounds with a street value of \$640,000; one cocaine seizure of 148 pounds worth \$6,719,200; and two currency seizures with a total value of \$65,144.

Popsicle is now retired and is living a life of leisure at Rudy's house.



Around the nation: *Legislation that affects you*

ARKANSAS – The City of Bentonville has tabled a proposed ordinance which would ban “pit bulls,” defined as American Staffordshire Terriers, American Pit Bull Terriers, and Stafforshire Bull Terriers, from the city. After receiving letters from several groups and model legislation from AKC, the city attorney asked the council to table the ordinance in order to evaluate other options. Concerned dog owners are encouraged to contact City Hall in support of a strong dangerous dog ordinance that is not breed-specific.

CALIFORNIA – Governor Schwarzenegger has signed SB861 into law. Beginning January 1, 2006 local governments will be able to pass breed-specific mandatory spay/neuter ordinances, and several have already announced their intentions to enact such measures. AKC encourages all dog owners to remain vigilant for these types of proposals and to begin preparing grassroots opposition campaigns now. As a responsible dog owner there are many ways that you can help monitor your community:

- Subscribe to your local newspaper and/or watch your local news for animal-related stories.
- Frequently check city and county council agendas. Many municipalities have websites

where you can read about upcoming agenda items.

- Build and maintain good relationships with local government officials. Consider inviting them to present an award at a dog show, attend a club meeting, or anything else that helps them learn about our sport.

Should a discriminatory measure be introduced in your community, please contact Endangered Breeds Association at www.endangeredbreedsassociation.org; American Dog Breeders Association; and AKC's Canine Legislation department (doglaw@akc.org) for assistance. These organizations have materials to assist you including information packets, model legislation and brochures to improve your lobbying skills. Letters to elected officials on behalf of responsible dog owners also can be written.

- Governor Schwarzenegger has also signed SB914, a bill to prohibit the sale of puppies under eight weeks old without written approval of a veterinarian.

- The City of Vallejo is considering rewriting its dangerous dog ordinance. Although the city declined to take a position on SB861, it is preparing two draft ordinances; one containing breed-specific language and one that is generic. AKC sent a letter oppos-

ing breed-specific legislation and provided model legislation to local officials.

- The City of Oakland has enacted an animal limit law that will limit residents to three dogs. Prior to passage, AKC sent a letter explaining our opposition to limit laws and copies of our “Animal Limit Laws: Better Alternatives” brochures to members of the City Council. Local fanciers and The Animal Council opposed the bill as well.

- Following San Mateo County's adoption of stronger dangerous dog laws, incorporated cities are required to review and adopt similar legislation. As part of this process, however, the City of Millbrae is considering additional restrictive provisions beyond care conditions for dangerous dogs. These include differential licensing for unaltered animals, breeder permits and a limit law. The Canine Legislation department sent a statement to city council members in October noting our opposition to unreasonable breeding restrictions and to unfair limits on responsible pet ownership. For more information, contact The Animal Council.

- The Contra Costa Board of Supervisors is considering an ordinance that would require owners of dangerous or potentially dan-

gerous dogs to obtain a permit for their animal. The proposal establishes appeals processes for both designations and specifies how dangerous and potentially dangerous dogs must be housed and cared for. This proposal also requires convicted felons to obtain a permit for any dog that weighs more than 20 pounds, has been designated dangerous or potentially dangerous, or that has been determined by the animal services director to pose a threat to public safety.

COLORADO - The City of Aurora has given initial approval to a proposal to ban “pit bulls” (defined as American Pit Bull Terriers, American Staffordshire Terriers and Staffordshire Bull Terriers), as well as American Bulldogs, Dogo Argentinos, Canary Dogs, Ca De Bous, Tosa Inus and Cane Corso breeds. The ordinance would allow owners of these breeds already living in Aurora to keep their animals if they register them within 60 days, pay a \$200 license fee, obtain a \$100,000 liability insurance policy, and spay or neuter them. AKC has sent a letter explaining our opposition to breed-specific legislation to city officials, along with model legislation we feel to be reasonable. A final vote on this proposal is expected, although an

exact date has not yet been announced.

CONNECTICUT – The City of Trumbull has passed a new law allowing animal control officers the power to deem dogs dangerous or vicious. The new ordinance provides a variety of remedies if the dog is found dangerous, including euthanasia, and allows owners to appeal a designation to an appeals board composed of a veterinarian, the police chief and a dog behavior specialist.

FLORIDA - Palm Beach County has adopted changes to its local dangerous dog law, which now requires that appeals be made to a “special master” rather than the Animal Care and Control Hearing Board. The qualifications for an individual to be appointed as a special master are not spelled out in the legislation, although the commissioners have said that a county attorney will assume the role when necessary.

- The Village of Tequesta continues to consider an ordinance to ban “pit bulls.” The move comes after a neighborhood group assembled a petition after a “pit bull” injured another dog. AKC sent a letter to members of the Village Council opposing breed-specific legislation and reminding them that such an ordinance would contravene Florida's state

dangerous dog law prohibiting breed-specific legislation. For more information about how to get involved, please contact moderatorfloridapetlaw@hotmail.com.

ILLINOIS – As she has done in the past, Chicago Alderwoman Rugai is once again pursuing a “pit bull” ban, this time under the same home rule authority that allowed Denver to ban these dogs. (Both Illinois and Colorado have state laws which prohibit local governments from enacting breed-specific legislation.) AKC has worked closely over the years with Chicago's Board of Aldermen, Department of Animal Control, and local fanciers to oppose breed-specific legislation and will continue to do so now. Area dog owners are encouraged to monitor the situation closely.

IOWA – The City of West Union is considering a proposal to ban “pit bulls,” defined as Bull Terriers, Staffordshire Bull Terriers, American Pit Bull Terriers, American Staffordshire Terriers or any dog that has similar characteristics to these breeds. AKC has sent a letter opposing breed-specific ordinances, as well as model dangerous dog legislation, to the mayor and members of the city council.

MAINE – Several bills of inter-
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