

THE ENDANGERED BREEDS ASSOCIATION

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Election time is here!

It's time to elect, or re-elect, board members of Endangered Breeds Association.

Current board members up for re-election are JoAnn LeBlanc, Kim Krohn and Renee Greenwood.

New nominees include Judith Brecka, Sam Villani and Kate Greenwood.

This year, we are providing you with information about the candidates and a ballot which you may fill out and mail in. OR, you may vote via email as in the past.

If you choose to vote via email, send your vote for the three candidates of your choice to ebajeanc@aol.com

If you choose to mail your ballot, send it to: Jean Carpenter, P.O. Box 1148, Albany, LA 70711.

Here is information about the candidates:

JUDITH BRECKA

Brecka lives in Santa Monica, CA and served on the board of EBA for a number of years. She is an attorney, and was the attorney of record in the Zuniga vs San Mateo County (CA) case, which stood for the premise that a dog is not vicious by birth.

She acquired her first bull breed from the San Francisco SPCA in the early 1980s. "Daisy" was a red-nosed beauty with tons of personality. She became interested in obedience training with this dog.

Brecka also owned "Maxwell," who was an ADBA champion and earned a utility degree from AKC. She also has

Vote for 3

- Judith Brecka
- Kim Krohn
- JoAnn LeBlanc
- Renee Greenwood
- Kate Greenwood
- Sam Villani

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competed with her American Staffordshires and Staffordshire Bull Terriers in competitive obedience; and will be entering agility trials with her newest Staffordshire Bull Terrier, "Mikey," who also is a service dog.

Brecka currently serves as legislative liaison for the Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of America; and is on the board of California Federation of Dog Clubs. She was a member of the team of experts that wrote the California Vicious Dog Law which contained a breed specific preemption clause which was amended in 2005.

Brecka feels it is important for EBA to reach out to all dog owners, not just those with bull breeds. The EBA must

encourage members to be active in their communities as the wave of mandatory spay/neuter ordinances and laws whether breed specific or not are the greatest threat to whether certain breeds become extinct.

She believes there are way too many "pit bulls" showing up in shelters all over the country.

"We must do more to police our own or animal control will do it for us and we will lose our rights to breed our dogs," Brecka said.

KIM KROHN

Krohn lives in Blue Springs, MO, and has been a board member of EBA 17 years.

She and her husband, Russ, married in 1978, and got their first ADBA registered pit bull, "Rosie," in 1982. Since that time they have had six other APBTs and AmStaffs. Four were registered and two were rescues. They also owned two Miniature Bull Terriers and one Louisiana Catahoula Leopard Dog. The Catahoula was a rescue and when Krohn picked him up at the vet as a puppy, everyone, including Krohn, thought he was a pit bull.

"Which proves what we've contended all along — breed identification often is unreliable and even the alleged 'experts' make mistakes," she said.

Krohn and her husband have owned three ADBA champions and one grand champion. All of the dogs, except "Rosie," have earned a variety of obedi-

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ence, tracking and agility titles with UKC and AKC. The three youngest dogs now are in obedience, tracking and agility training. The Catahoula and one of the rescue pit bulls are featured on Hallmark birthday cards and other birthday products. Several of their dogs have posed for a variety of advertisements.

Krohn is a member of Missouri Federation of Animal Owners and is a registered lobbyist in Missouri.

Krohn says EBA was out there on the front lines fighting for pit bulls when no one else was even willing to admit there was a big problem brewing. "Not just with 'pit bulls', but

with animal ownership in general. Ralph Greenwood had a lot of foresight when he helped found EBA. He was quite a visionary," she said.

Krohn said it's important to get as many organizations as possible involved in fighting for our dogs, as it's the only chance we have at defeating the Animal Rights movement, which is nothing more than a propaganda machine that generates lies about pet ownership and responsible animal use in order to raise money from a sympathetic, unsuspecting public. Animal Rights organizations are not interested in humane, responsible use of animals. They want no animal use

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and no pet ownership, period!

"I think the depth of knowledge in the EBA is superior because many EBA members have been involved in the fight for a long time, have a lot of knowledge of ordinances and court cases, and they understand the history of the Animal Rights agenda," Krohn said.

On a smaller and more personal level, she said EBA is very important because it's the one organization that will help individuals who have been falsely accused of a crime and/or have had their rights violated. There have been several instances where EBA stepped up to the plate and helped a pet owner when little or no other assistance was available. There are people that would have lost their pets had it not been for EBA.

"I believe these small battles are important because it sends a message that there are still those of us willing to stand up for what's right," Krohn said.

JOANN LEBLANC

LeBlanc lives in Dayton, TX, and has served on the board of directors several years.

She has owned American Pit Bull Terriers 26 years, showing and pulling them the past 24 years. She also is a licensed pulling judge, and has been breeding dogs several years.

LeBlanc said EBA has been essential in fighting for the right to own the breed of dog of one's choice. "That is for any breed," she said.

"Without members of EBA and its board, there would have been breed specific legislation passed all over the United States," she said. "EBA has worked hard in cities and states to prevent the banning of specific breeds such as the pit bull and other so called bully breeds."

Without the hard work of everyone, we could see the end of certain breeds of

dogs, she said.

"I hope that this fight can continue through the EBA and its members so that our dogs can live for future generations to come to know what a truly great breed of dog the American Pit Bull Terrier is," she said.

RENEE GREENWOOD

Greenwood lives in North Salt Lake City, UT, and has been a board member of EBA since 1988 at the death of her husband, Ralph Greenwood, past president of American Dog Breeders Association. Ralph Greenwood also was a founder of Endangered Breeds Association.

She has owned the American Pit Bull Terrier, Boston Terriers, and various other working breeds since she was a young girl of 17. At age 75, she presently owns several dogs of varying breeds.

"I currently have a household pet American Pit Bull Terrier that is shown in conformation shows and is pointed," she said. "She is also the first dog to pass the ADBA Safe Dog Program."

Greenwood owns and maintains an average of 10 to 15 dogs as a hobby breeder and they have been pointed in various conformation events throughout the nation.

"My endeavor is to preserve the Greenwood bloodline in the name of my husband," she said. "Breeding toward the APBT conformation standard and that of the American Dog Breeders Association, of which I also am a board member."

According to Greenwood, without the efforts of Endangered Breeds Association, dog owner rights will be limited. Owners will be limited to size, personality, quality of purebred status or lack of, and various other qualifications dictated by government entities.

"Trendy mixed breeds are currently the epitome of pet ownership," she said. "Purebred dogs and the sport of pure-

bred conformation shows has lost its flavor. I am fearful that the very ownership of any dog is dubious to the future citizens of the United States. Without the dedication of Endangered Breeds Association and its members, I feel that this may become tomorrow's reality."

KATE GREENWOOD

Greenwood lives in Sandy, UT, and is past president of American Dog Breeders Association. She has had close ties with EBA, and served on its board from 1988 to 2007.

A third generation American Pit Bull Terrier owner, she has been raised around the dogs and owned them all her life. She currently has a family pet and is an ADBA sanctioned conformation and weight pull judge.

"I am an avid admirer of the working ability of the American Pit Bull Terrier," she said. "And of the devotion and passion of their owners."

Greenwood said it was important for EBA to fight for the right to own the breed so that she could pass along the breed, in its original form, to the next generation — as she received them.

SAM VILLANI

Villani lives in Brighton, CO. He has owned dogs all his life, and has owned American Pit Bull Terriers the past 21 years.

He and his wife, Tina, have competed in conformation and weight pulling events in ADBA sanctioned shows the past six years.

Villani is president of Bulldogs of the Rockies Club, and has been an ADBA sanctioned judge since 2007.

"I think it is a must for the EBA to fight for our dogs, because when this organization started out years ago, it was the only one that really knew and understood what battle we were in fighting for the right to own the dog of our choice," he said.



Around the nation: *Legis*

(These are reports from around the country provided to Endangered Breeds Association by American Dog Breeders Association, EBA members, and American Kennel Club.)

California – The City of Los Angeles’ mandatory spay/neuter ordinance went in to effect on October 1. The AKC requested and has been granted status as an “approved registry” allowing residents with AKC papers to apply for an intact animal license if their dog is currently competing, has a title, or is being trained to compete.

Delaware – The Seaford City Council’s amendments to Article 4 “Dogs” of the city code have passed the first reading and will come up for a final reading on November 11. The new ordinance proposed impoundment fees, dog limits, and breed-specific regulations (including American Staffordshire Terriers). Dogs covered by the breed-specific restrictions will be subject to permitting, muzzling, enclosure, and leashing requirements, and their owners must obtain \$100,000 of liability insurance coverage. Owners should find out the results of the November session.

Illinois – The Chicago City Council’s Committees on Finance and License and Consumer Protection held a joint hearing on a possible mandatory spay/neuter ordinance on July 29. Due to the number of people speaking in opposition to the proposal, any vote on the ordinance has been postponed and a new hearing date has not yet been established.

ADBA has sent information to the

2009 legislative sessions to begin

It’s our job to stay up to date before rogue bills become law

With the coming year, lawmakers will be returning to state capitols for the 2009 sessions.

All dog owners should stay informed on any proposals dealing with animals. These bills can be located on individual state legislature home pages. Most are designed so that key words such as “dogs,” “animals,” or “kennels” can be typed in and bills that contain language pertaining to these issues will come up.

Endangered Breeds Association is expecting issues in Texas, Colorado and Arkansas during 2009 at this time. Many more states could come up.

Now is the time to get involved and educate yourself on how your government works. Stopping bills before they become law is much easier — and cheaper — than trying to change them.

council on its opposition to the proposal. According to ADBA, the City of Chicago has seen steadily declining rates of intake and euthanasia at its shelters without mandatory sterilization.

Here is a link to web pages of aldermen where contact information is available:
egov.cityofchicago.org/city

Massachusetts – House Bill 5092 is a conglomeration of many anti-responsible breeder and anti-responsible dog owner provisions. These include: mandatory

spay/neuter of all dogs over 12 months of age, unless owners qualify for and annually purchase an intact animal permit at a cost of up to \$500 per dog; limiting the number of reproductive events per female dog to one litter per year, with few exceptions; requiring the reporting of all sales of puppies to local jurisdictions; eliminating the practice of humane tethering, without allowances for hunting or sled dogs; allowing towns and cities to impose breed-specific ordinances; and instituting state-mandated vaccination

schedules, instead of the current national schedules to be determined and in consultation with the state. The bill was to be introduced to the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Regional Government on October 23. Owners should be aware of this proposal and its progress.

Michigan – The Grand Haven City Council was scheduled to consider an ordinance on December 10, Nov. 10. Some council members stated a dangerous dog ordinance, mostly by breed. The ordinance would apply to all dogs, including American Staffordshire Terriers, any dog animal could be dangerous. Owners should find out the status of the ordinance and attend council meetings to provide council members with information.

Mississippi – The Council is considering a dog ordinance that would ban pit bulls and several other breeds. The ordinance would keep people from owning more than four adult dogs of any breed to live in a residential area with less than one acre of land. Owners should be aware of this proposal, track its progress, and attend council meetings to provide information.

Nevada – The Animal Control Authority is considering recommending a mandatory spay/neuter ordinance. The County Commission is the largest city in Nevada. ADBA and AKC are working with local clubs and breeders on this measure. The ordinance requires that breeders



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North Carolina — Orange County officials were to vote Nov. 18 on a proposed tethering and penning ordinance. The proposal called for limiting the time a dog can be tethered to 3 hours during a 24-hour period and kennel size requirements. Owners should go to North Carolina Responsible Animal Owners Alliance alert page for information on contacting county officials. That site is available at www.ncraoa.com/alerts

Pennsylvania — House Bill 2525, which makes extensive changes to

the Pennsylvania Dog Law with regard to the issuance of dog licenses, kennel licenses, out-of-state dealer licenses, kennel requirements, and inspections of premises and dogs was substantively amended in the Senate prior to the bill's passage out of the Senate. The Pennsylvania House concurred with the Senate amendments and Governor Rendell signed the bill into law on Thursday, October 9.

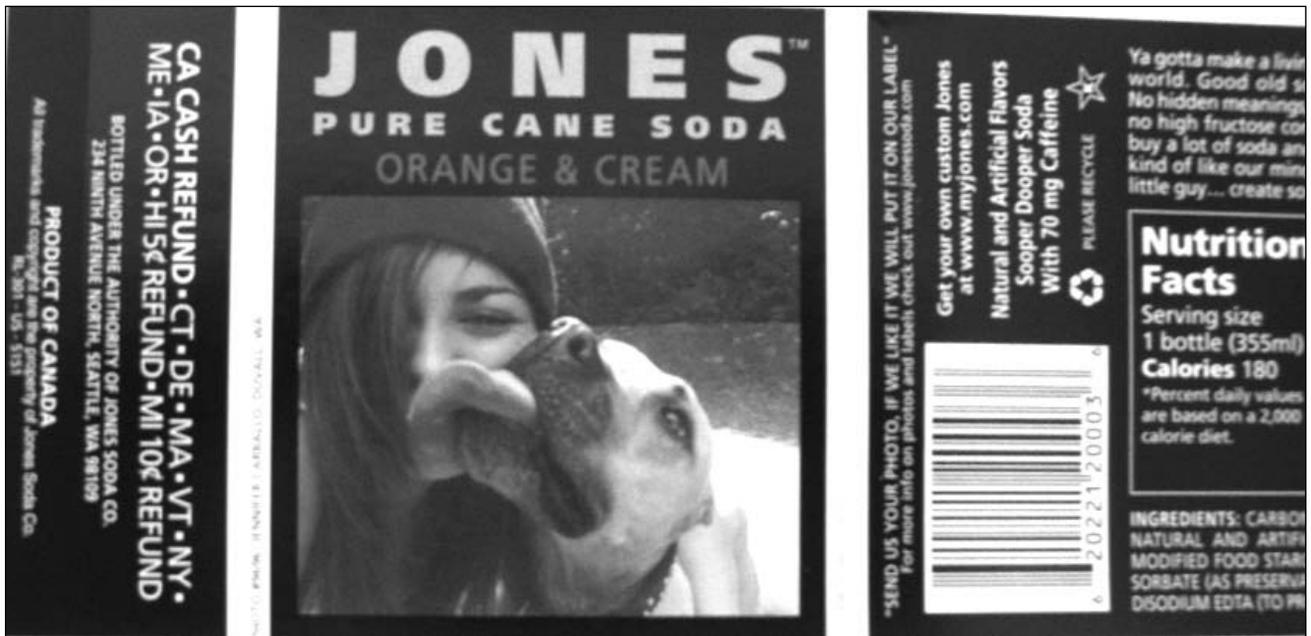
United States — The "Puppy Uniform Protection Statute," or PUPS Act, has been introduced in the United States Congress. In the House, the bill is known as H.R.

6949; in the Senate, as S. 3519. Purportedly, the legislation will close a loophole in the federal Animal Welfare Act that currently allows large, commercial breeders who sell puppies online and directly to the public to escape licensing and regulation. The bill would require that anyone who sells an animal directly to the public for use as a pet and who breeds or raises more than 50 dogs for use as pets during any one-year period to be licensed. Additionally, it imposes mandatory exercise requirements for animals kept on dealers' premises.

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Jennifer Carballo, EBA member of Kingsland, TX, submitted this photo of her daughter Drew and their APBT Angus. "We submitted the photo to Jones Soda Co. and were chosen for their label!!!!!"
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Recent court rulings

Alf gains confidence

By Kathy Cascade

TTouch Instructor

(Adapted from a full-length article by Joyce Gibb)

In the course of TTtouch work, we sometimes encounter animals that have suffered neglect, abuse or violence. Our intention when working with them is to help them move beyond the limitations of their past experience. I had the honor recently of working with one such dog helping him transform from living in a constant state of fear to feeling safe in the world.

"Alf" was one of the Pit Bulls rescued in the Michael Vick dog-fighting case. When Alf and his foster mother, Molly Gibb, of Oklahoma, arrived the first time in Stillwater, OK, Alf cowered in the car, too afraid to get out. Yummy treats or coaxing simply did not work! To simply pull him out of the car would have defeated the goal of giving him some choice and earning his trust. Molly told me that though fearful of people, Alf was interested in other dogs, so I used my very neutral dog, Indie, to coax him out and finally join us.

With my best intentions to remain neutral, I have to admit it was very emotional to see Alf for the first time. His extreme fearfulness was reflected in his posture: contracted, tail tightly tucked, legs tense in a bracing pattern and so out of balance that he was physically unstable.

Court decisions regarding Breed Specific Legislation recently were made in Aurora, CO and Ontario.

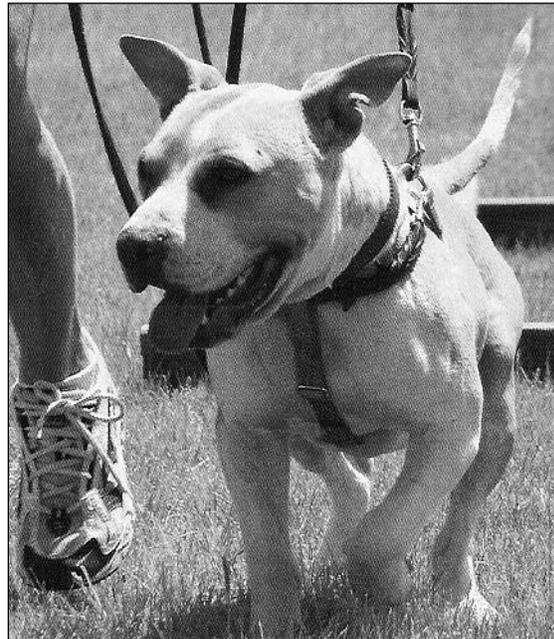
In Aurora, the Denver Post reports the town's pit bull ordinance was upheld by a federal judge Nov. 19.

Chief U.S. District Judge Wiley Daniel ruled in favor of the city in a suit brought by Florence Vianzon Sasek who owns an American Staffordshire Terrier mix. Her suit had maintained the law was vague and passed unnecessarily.

Vianzon Sasek was allowed to keep her dog because she owned it before the ordinance took effect.

On Oct. 24, the Ontario Court of Appeal re-affirmed a law banning pit bull-type dogs in the province. The law requires pit bull owners to have their dogs sterilized, muzzled and on a leash in public; and owners are forbidden from breeding or importing more pit bulls into the province. Violators face a maximum fine of \$10,000 and six months in jail.

Under the provincial law, pit bulls are defined as American Pit Bull Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Bull Terrier or any dog that looks similar.



Alf takes a stroll during one of his classes with Kathy Cascade in Stillwater, OK.

Photo by Joyce Gibb

Sudden sounds and moves caused him to "pancake" or run and hide. I had to make myself less threatening by squatting to lower my posture, responding to his calming signals and offering treats. Having choices also lessened his fear. Gradually he allowed himself to be touched for longer periods of time.

The goal was to introduce Alf to new sensory experiences in a safe environment. In helping Alf organize his body more efficiently to better his lack of balance and awkward movements, he was introduced to walking across different textures, on teeter ramps, and across boards of different heights. He navigated the labyrinth, sometimes alone, sometimes with other dogs and even horses. Some of his most dramatic progress occurred with the aid of

Gabriel, my Icelandic horse. An important step was having Molly use a harness instead of a collar which constricted his neck and increased his fear. As his balance improved, so did his confidence and ability to stay focused.

Our sessions culminated in Alf's attending a daylong public workshop that I taught. Alf handled the situation beautifully! Witnessing his newfound confidence, the light in his eyes, and his ability to cope well with so many people and animals in an unfamiliar environment was an unforgettable moment for both Molly and me.

(Alf will soon be training for therapy dog certification looking toward working in educational outreach on issues of animal cruelty and responsible dog ownership.)



Texas clubs help in BSL fight

Cianna Lozano and her dog Star won the Howl-O-Ween costume contest during the recent North Texas Bully Breed Club's Pit Bull Awareness Day in Texas.



The second annual Pit Bull Awareness Day, hosted by North Texas Bully Breed Club, was Oct. 18. The group raised \$1,000 which was sent to Endangered Breeds Association for the Texas Fund. Lone Star State Pit Bull Club, sanctioned by American Dog Breeders Association, and a 100 percent club of EBA, assisted with the show.

There were conformation classes, fun events and a weight pulling competition. Unlike other events hosted by NTBBC, this event brought together the American Bullies and the two standards of the American Pit Bull Terrier — American Dog Breeders Association and United Kennel Club.

Members of NTBBC are very dedicated individuals who promote a positive image and teach responsible ownership of the bully breeds.

Founded in April 2007, the club has more than 100 members. Its main focus now has become the fight against Breed Specific Legislation.

The group also hosted an all-breed show Nov. 30 in Cleburne, TX to raise money for the Zandra Anderson Fund Texas Commissions Dogwatch of Owner Rights.

Endangered Breeds Association commends this organization — which also is a 100 percent member club of EBA — for its dedication and hard work.

Moving?

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(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 \$15-single \$20-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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Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
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Membership type: New _____ Renew _____ Single _____ Family _____

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