

## THE ENDANGERED BREEDS ASSOCIATION

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## EBA board meets in Las Vegas

The annual board meeting of Endangered Breeds Association was held March 5 during the American Dog Breeders Association Convention in Las Vegas, Nev.

Board members present included a quorum of Kim Krohn, Tom Lundberg, Joan Morrison, Doris Hutson, Jean Carpenter, JoAnn LeBlanc, Hank Greenwood and Lucretia Ashcraft.

The board also announced its winners of recognition awards, which included Garland Juarez, President of the California American Pit Bull Terrier Club; Leigh Anna Terrell, Bryan, TX; Dalora Prather, Baton Rouge, LA; Karen and Lewis Strange, President and Secretary of the Missouri Federation of Animal Owners; and Doris Hutson, Walker, LA.

President Kim Krohn welcomed Tom Lundberg to the board and as the board's new vice president.

Lundberg thanked the board for their confidence, then discussed several bills which are being proposed during the 2011 session of the Texas Legislature. One bill, HB 998, is aimed at owners of dogs weighing 20 pounds or more and requiring owners to obtain \$100,000 liability insurance. Another bill deals with breeders and the puppies and cats that are sold and strict regulations which would have to be followed.

Lundberg also discussed the October 2011 National Dog Show which will be sponsored by Lone Star State Pit Bull Club. Several ways to raise funds for EBA during this show were discussed.

The board also approved an expenditure of \$5,000 to help pay for lobbyist

expenses in Texas, and put Lundberg in charge of how funds from the Texas Fund would be spent.

Krohn discussed the annual Ralph Greenwood Memorial Show which will be Memorial Day weekend in Missouri. Krohn's club, Sho-Me-State, is hosting this event.

The board also discussed a previous case from 2009 involving Responsible Owners of Arkansas Dogs Inc. versus North Little Rock, AR. This case was dismissed by the courts at the request of ROADS and was to be filed again. The case to date has not been refiled.

Jean Carpenter reported on legislative actions from 2010. Louisiana will begin its 2011 session in April, and so far, no bills dealing with dog issues have been filed.

In 2010, Carpenter said EBA donated \$5,000 toward a lobbyist hired by Cajun Country Dog Club. The Cajun Country matched that amount with \$5,000, and the lobbyist was able to kill a bill which would have required \$100,000 liability insurance by owners of American Pit Bull Terriers. He also gained an amendment to a tethering bill which would have limited dogs to three hours on tether, to "no animal shall be treated inhumanely while tethered."

The board approved an expenditure of \$5,000 for a lobbyist in Oklahoma to fight the proposed legislation of allowing cities to write BSL; and to make attendance at a dog fight a felony. The expenditure was granted with the hopes that Oklahoma owners will step up to the

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### It's time to renew memberships

January 1, 2011, has come and passed — and if you have not renewed your EBA membership, please do so.

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# EBA auction a success

Endangered Breeds Association conducted its annual fund-raising auction March 5 during the evening social of the American Dog Breeders Association 2011 convention in Las Vegas, NV.

We had many, many wonderful items donated for the auction. Gary Hammonds of Texas again served as our auctioneer. And a "first" occurred during the auction: a proposal of marriage. ADBA conformation judge Stoney Green proposed to Rita Bond. Both are from North Carolina. She said yes.

The auction brought in \$2,678.25 and we

thank those who made donations, including: Alice Santillan, Sam Villani, Jean Carpenter, Gary and Linda Emmert, Kim Krohn, Judith Brecka, Joel Halverson, Gary Hammonds, Doris Hutson, Molly Gibb, Ron and Ruby Wolfe, Jodi Hangar, Brandon Perez, Cajun Country Dog Club, Sharon Terrell, Lucretia Ashcraft, Jennifer and Richard Lett, and Calvin and Joan Morrison.

The bidding was fast, furious and fun with several "bidding wars" taking place.

And ADBA, once again, provided food and drink for the occasion.

# Thanks to our donors in 2010

Endangered Breeds Association would like to recognize individuals and groups who made donations during 2010. Without these generous efforts, our work would not be possible.

- Sherry Young
- Jean Carpenter
- Renee Greenwood
- Joe & Lucretia Ashcraft
- Calvin & Joan Morrison
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- "Pass the Hat" donations collected at the Lone Star State Pit Bull Club
- Carol Williamson
- Linda Carey
- Jamie & Whitney Alexander
- "Pass the Hat" donations collected at the 2010 Nationals in Oklahoma

# Board

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plate and donate to help repay the funds spent for the lobbyist.

The board also approved the purchase of a new copy machine to make packets for new members and create letters to be sent to cities, towns and state legislators; and discussed changing the EBA ad in the ADBA Gazette; urging clubs to donate the \$1 per dog checkoff to EBA; a local issue in Terrebonne Parish of Louisiana which would deem APBT and other

breeds as vicious, and require a mandatory \$100,000 liability insurance policy; a similar issue in St. Mary Parish, LA, which has resulted in several dogs being euthanized; Illinois and an attempt to remove language against BSL from its state law; a proposal in Van, TX that would enact BSL and affect dogs weighing more than 40 pounds; and a case in Georgia in which an individual is filing a civil case against the Humane Society of the United States.



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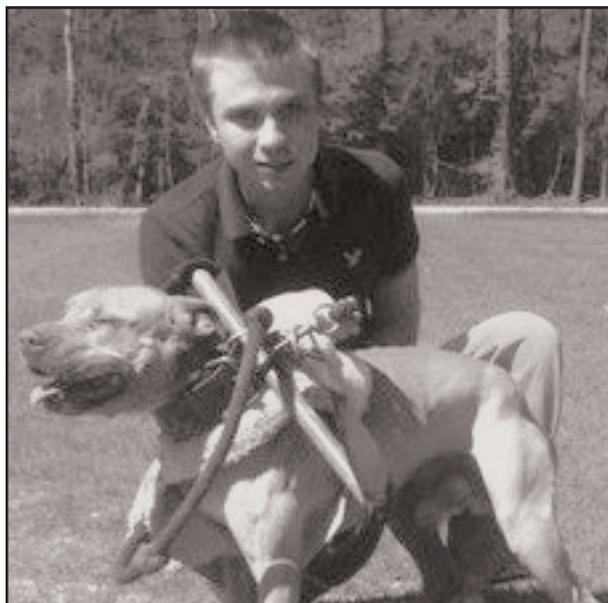
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## Pet corner

Kirk Hutson of Walker, LA with General Lee, after pulling in the Ace class at the recent Cajun Country/Trinity Valley Dog Show. They won second place and pulled 91 times the dog's body weight. Hutson is the son of Keith and Doris Hutson.

## 2010 legal/legislative expenses

Endangered Breeds Association has spent the following monies this year for legal/legislative issues:

Missouri	\$200.00
Ohio	\$769.71
Oklahoma	\$5,000.00
Texas	\$500.00
Louisiana	\$5,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,469.71</b>

The Missouri funds were sent to Missouri Federation of Animal Owners which lobbied against the state's Proposition B (breeder bill).

The Ohio funds were sent to the Ohio Coalition of Dog Advocates which is working on the state law. Work continues in Ohio to remove the BSL language from the state's dangerous dog law.

The Oklahoma funds were spent on lobbyist Michael Maxwell to stop Rep. Paul Wesselhoff's attempt to establish BSL in

Oklahoma. Work continues in Oklahoma as Wesselhoff's final term will end 12-31-16. The newest legislator (from Wesselhoff's district) just began his term 1-1-11, and has introduced a proposal to allow cities and towns to enact BSL.

Louisiana funds were spent on a lobbyist who was able to stop several pieces of legislation aimed at dog ownership.

Texas funds were spent on an attorney who represented a veteran whose pit bull was taken from him after a neighbor alleged (two months later) that the dog had bitten him. The dog was returned to its owner.

In addition, we spent \$1,160 on expenses setting up EBA information booths at several dog shows and at the ADBA Nationals, advising owners of pending legislation in various states.

**TOTAL LEGAL/  
LEGISLATIVE EXPENSES \$12,629.71**

## EBA FINANCIAL REPORT 2009

START BALANCE (1-1-10)	\$20,373.54	EXPENSES	\$16,616.44
INCOME	\$ 8,792.32	BALANCE 12-31-10	\$12,549.44
BALANCE	\$29,165.86	VALUE OF CD	\$50,652.27



# Oklahoma's dangerous dog law upheld 3rd time in state high court

In 2007, animal control officers in Midwest City, OK attempted to take two Bull Terriers owned by Jerry and Carol Stuckey, claiming the dogs were dangerous by breed. The city maintained any of the "bully" breeds were dangerous and therefore had banned them from their town.

This was in direct conflict with the state's dangerous dog law which prohibits cities and towns from writing or enforcing breed specific legislation and ordinances.

The Stufkeys sued and their attorney, R. Scott Adams, of Oklahoma City, was successful in the municipal court and state court, with both courts ruling the city violated the state law.

Midwest City appealed to the State Supreme Court, which ruled March 7, 2011, that the issue of whether or not cities and towns in Oklahoma could write BSL had been well settled in the court before, and the appeal was denied.

And it had. The state court of civil

appeals had ruled in favor of the state law twice before on cases from Oklahoma City and Del City.

As EBA Board Member Judith Brecka, and attorney, explained, "in order for a supreme court of a state or the United States to take a case, they have to grant certiorari.

"The court ruled in denying the writ of certiorari, that the state law on this issue is well settled and it would be a waste of the court's time to hear the case."

# The oddest couple in the world

By Diane Herbst

A male Chihuahua's tenacity in guarding his beloved pit bull girlfriend helped save their lives. Now, the couple is inseparable.

Sometimes even an abandoned, injured dog with a bad rap ends up doing great things. And so it was with a female pit bull, being guarded by her beloved boyfriend, a Chihuahua.

What the Pennsylvania dog warden did not realize when he rescued the pair on Labor Day, was just what a sweet story these two dogs had to tell. Once the pit bull got into a crate on the warden's truck, the Chihuahua would not follow. Instead, he put himself between the two, barking and growling at the warden.

The warden would not follow his usual routine when finding a pit bull — to take the dog to a facility that could euthanize her within 48 hours. "Due to this little guy's tenacity and I do believe true affection for his Pit Bull lady," the warden writes, "I was not going to let

that happen." Cute couples, it turns out, melt hearts.

The warden found them safe haven at the no-kill Washington Area Humane Society. He asked the staff, could they please find room in their already overflowing no-kill shelter for just two more dogs?

"We truly didn't have room but we could not let them go," says Alice Wancowicz, assistant manager of the shelter in Eighty Four, PA. "They stayed in the bathroom for two days until we could get a run open."

And so, the staff embraced the pair, naming them Bonnie and Clyde.

The dog warden writes that we need to change our opinions of pit bulls: "You may find a loving, loyal and dedicated companion to fight for like our Chihuahua friend did. Perhaps this story will give you a second chance to revisit your thoughts and opinions concerning Pit Bulls. They deserve the opportunity to overcome a stereotype that can most certainly lead them to death."





# Around the nation: *Legislation that affects you*

Forty-three state legislatures and the District of Columbia are currently in session. For the latest information on state and federal bills, you should visit your state's legislative web page or contact your elected officials.

**COLORADO** – Senate Bill 11-009 sought to make significant changes to the impoundment laws and the ability of owners to get their animals back if they are seized during a cruelty investigation. This included changing the hearing from civil to criminal court and requiring that the person charged with cruelty continually pay for the costs of caring for dogs seized. The bill passed the Senate, but was pulled by a sponsor in the House Agriculture Committee.

**FLORIDA** – House Bill 359 and its companion, Senate Bill 676 will require that local governments add a \$15 surcharge to every citation for an animal control offense or animal cruelty offense. Fees will be used for the training of animal control officers and to fund voluntary spay/neuter services. HB 359 has been referred to the House Subcommittees on Agriculture and Natural Resources, Community and Military Affairs and the House Committee on State Affairs. SB 676 has been referred to the Senate Committees on Community Affairs, Judiciary and Budget.

**GEORGIA** – House Bill 148 would create broad definitions for “dangerous” and “vicious” dogs with requirements for extensive enclosure engineering standards, mandatory sterilization, liability insurance and other provisions. This bill has been assigned to the House Judiciary Committee. AKC GR and the Georgia Canine Coalition are monitoring this bill.

**HAWAII** – House Bill 1621/Senate Bill 1522 seek to impose ownership limits of 50 dogs over the age of 6 months and requires licensing for anyone who sells 25 or more

puppies per year or owns 20 intact female dogs or 30 intact dogs of either sex over the age of 6 months. HB1621 has been approved by one House committee and referred to a second. SB1522 has passed the Senate and has been referred to three House committees.

**ILLINOIS** – House Bill 1080 would remove the state ban on breed-specific legislation. This would allow the state to classify specific breeds as “vicious” and allow municipalities to pass breed-specific laws. This bill has been scheduled for several hearings in the House Agriculture & Conservation Committee, but so far they have all been postponed.

**MARYLAND** – House Bill 940/Senate Bill 839 would create a licensing program for all who own or have custody of 10 or more unspayed dogs over the age of six months and intend to breed any of the dogs and sell any offspring. The bill would also allow counties to establish additional kennel license fees to cover administration costs associated with the licensing program and allow them to enact more stringent kennel licensing laws. HB 940 has passed the House and is pending in the Senate Education, Health & Environmental Affairs Committee. SB 839 passed the Senate Education, Health & Environment Committee.

**MISSISSIPPI** – Senate Bill 2821, as amended by the House, establishes the offense of felony animal cruelty against cats and dogs. There is no exemption from sterilization for an owned dog that accidentally escapes its enclosure or for dogs owned by a person found not guilty of civil or criminal charges. The bill will now go to a joint conference committee.

**MISSOURI** – House Joint Resolution 17 would place a measure on the November 2012 ballot to protect animal owners from

undue economic burdens and regulations. It further requires that any laws governing, among other issues, the welfare of any animal must be based on “generally accepted scientific principles” and enacted by either the General Assembly or a state department or agency.

Senate Bill 95/Senate Bill 113 (Committee substitute amendment) are pieces of legislation introduced to modify or repeal Proposition B, which passed on the ballot in November 2010. A combination of Senate Bills 113 and 95 makes several changes to the new law, including removing the 50-dog ownership limit and the restrictions on breeding ages (the bill now states that female dogs may not be bred more than what is recommended by a veterinarian). This bill has passed the Senate and is scheduled for hearing in the House Agriculture Policy Committee on March 29.

House Bill 131 seeks to modify Proposition B by, among other changes, removing the term “puppy mill,” dog ownership limits, and numeric restrictions on litters. The bill allows for action to be taken against those who have past violations of breeder regulations that have not been addressed or corrected, and creates the crime of neglect for repeated violations. HB 131 also removes exemptions for hobby breeders, shelters and retail pet stores. The bill passed the Agriculture Policy Committee and is now pending on the House Floor.

**MONTANA** – House Bill 390 and House Bill 515, which sought to regulate and limit dog breeders, were tabled in committee.

**NEBRASKA** – Legislative Bill 427 seeks to further regulate “commercial dog breeders,” which is defined in current law as anyone “engaged in the business of breeding dogs” and owns or harbors four or more  
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intact dogs or cats, sells at least 31 dogs and cats per year, owns dogs/cats that produce four or more litters per year, or who knowingly sells or leases dogs/cats for later retail sale or brokered trade. Due to this low threshold in current law, LB 427 would require anyone who owns four intact dogs of any age to comply with strict engineering standards and breeder restrictions, including building an exercise area that is 10 times the size of the primary enclosure. The Agriculture Committee conducted a public hearing of the bill on February 8, but no action was taken.

**NEW JERSEY** – Assembly Bill 3559/Senate Bill 1506 would prohibit insurance companies from denying homeowner coverage based on their ownership of a specific breed of dog. The bills do permit a company, however, to include a clause excluding liability coverage for a dog or specific breed. A. 3559 has been assigned to the Assembly Financial Institutions & Insurance Committee. S.1506 was referred to Senate Commerce.

**NEW YORK** – Assembly Bill 78 - Currently New York law defines “pet dealer” as anyone who sells or offers to sell nine or more dogs each year. This bill seeks to change the definition to a person who meets any of the following criteria: Anyone who sells or offers for sale nine or more dogs per year that were raised somewhere other than their premises, owns at least six intact female dogs or cats at least 6 months of age and sells or offers to sell any offspring, or anyone who sells at least 10 dogs in a calendar year. The bill also removes the current exemption for anyone who sells fewer than 25 dogs a year directly to the consumer. It has been referred to the Assembly Agriculture Committee.

Senate Bill 1310 directs the State Department of Health to oversee dog licensing for cities with populations of over 2 million people. Among other provisions, it requires a higher licensing fee for intact dogs than for altered dogs and mandatory sterilization for any dog that is impounded, even if the dog is reclaimed by its owner. This bill has been assigned to the Senate Agriculture

Committee.

Senate Bill 1710 prohibits insurance companies from denying coverage or increasing premiums based on a specific dog breed. It does allow the insurer to deny coverage or increase premiums if the dog has been classified as “dangerous,” based on the current definition in statute. However, prior to denying coverage or increasing the premium, the owner of the dangerous dog must be permitted to successfully complete an obedience course, which would then waive the owner from this provision.

**OHIO** – House Bill 14 seeks to remove the term “pit bull” from the state’s definition of “vicious dog.” The term “pit bull” is not defined in current law, but owners of dogs considered to be of this breed must comply with numerous requirements. In 2010, this language was added into another bill and passed the House of Representatives. The session adjourned before it could be heard in the Senate. The Ohio House Criminal Justice Committee has held several hearings on this bill.

**OKLAHOMA** – Senate Bill 773 seeks to make numerous amendments to the commercial pet breeders laws. Among other provisions, the committee amendment would exempt all those who breed hunting, sporting and working dogs and require that any rules established by the Commercial Pet Breeders Board be first approved by the state Department of Agriculture, Food & Forestry. The requirements for annual inspections are removed and replaced with inspections on receipt of a written complaint. These complaints may be made against breeders, animal shelters, or rescues that have contracts with local municipalities. The amendment has been approved by the House Agriculture & Rural Development Committee and now goes to the Appropriations Committee.

**OREGON** – House Bill 2712 will establish minimum fines for specific violations. Specifically, being cited for an at-large dog, an unlicensed dog, a dog that is deemed a nuisance, or for keeping a dog which has harmed livestock would be categorized as a Class B violation with a minimum fine of

\$260. HB 2712 has been assigned to the House Judiciary Committee.

House Bill 2724 will create the crime of animal endangerment, defined as leaving a dog or cat in a car when the weather is a danger to the animal’s health. HB 2724 will allow law enforcement officers to remove the animal and to cite the owner for a Class B traffic violation. HB 2724 has been referred to the House Judiciary Committee.

House Concurrent Resolution 12 recognizes the AKC Canine Good Citizenship program, encourages owners to train their dogs and urges kennel clubs to provide training programs in their communities. The measure is in the House Rules Committee.

House Bill 3047 will expand the definition of “farm use” to include land used for the purpose of breeding, raising, kenneling, showing or training dogs for racing or other canine skills including, agility, obedience, tracking, lure coursing and herding. The measure will be heard in the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee on March 28th.

**PENNSYLVANIA** – House Resolution 89 recognizes the impact breeders have on the Commonwealth’s economy and the significant resources they invest in their kennels and their dogs. It also seeks a government study on the economic impact of the 2008 dog laws and subsequent regulations. The bill is pending action on the House floor.

Rhode Island – Senate Bill 140 would make it a violation of the animal cruelty statute to keep any dog “outside, tethered, penned, caged or otherwise confined” for more than one hour without access to an outdoor housing facility, unless the person caring for the dog also remains outside. As currently written, this could mean that someone allowing their dog to play in a fenced-in backyard for an hour must have an outdoor facility available, unless they remain outside with the dog. The Senate Environment and Agriculture Committee held this bill for further study.

**TEXAS** – House Bill 1451 will define any-  
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one who owns 11 or more intact female animals (dogs or cats) and is “engaged in the breeding and sale of animals for a profit” as a commercial breeder. Among other requirements, the newly-defined “commercial breeders” will be regulated by the Commission of Licensing and Regulation, be required to undergo criminal background checks and allow an annual inspection of their property. The House Committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedures held a hearing on March 15 but did not vote on the bill.

House Bill 323/Senate Bill 279 will prohibit the removal of a pet, companion or assistance animal from the possession of a person named in a protective order. This bill will also make it a crime to harm, threaten, or interfere with the care, custody, or control of a pet, companion animal, or assistance animal owned by a person named in a protective order. HB 323 has been referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence. SB 279 has been referred to the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice.

House Bill 998 will require the owner of any unneutered male dog over 20 lbs that is ever off the premises of the owner off-lead to purchase \$100,000 per occurrence in liability insurance to cover instances of property damages, bodily injury or death. The measure has been referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

House Bill 2116 will define anyone who owns 11 or more intact female animals (dogs or cats) and is engaged in the breeding and sale of animals for a profit as a commercial breeder. Under this measure, regulations for proper feeding, watering, housing, care, veterinary care, grooming, treatment, transportation and disposition of dogs would be drafted and enforced by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. The bill also restricts tethering and outdoor confinement of dogs. The bill has been referred to the House Committee on County Affairs.

House Bill 2833 will define “working dogs” as those that are used in law enforcement, agricultural activities, hunting, service or therapy and will exempt these animals from compliance with mandatory spay/neuter

provisions, limits on the number, weight or breed of animals a person may own, specified housing requirements or requirements for additional insurance.

House Bill 3044 will allow county commissioners to prohibit the sale of dogs and cats on a public highway or road, in the right-of-way of a public highway or road, or in a parking lot.

Senate Bill 1500 will allow owners of a pet to sue for noneconomic damages in certain cases. Damages would be at least \$500, but not more than \$5000.

Senate Bill 1517 will require any dog adopted out or returned to an owner by a releasing agency be sterilized unless specified conditions are met. The bill will require that owners of dogs and cats that are not sterilized obtain a \$50 intact animal permit for each intact animal.

**UTAH** – House Bill 124 places numerous requirements on “commercial breeders,” defined as anyone who owns six or more dogs “for breeding” and sells or provides the offspring of the dog to another person. Commercial breeders may not sell or solicit the sale of a dog unless the commercial breeder has a valid breeder license, business license, and land use approval from the Land Use Authority. The bill failed in the House Revenue and Taxation Committee, but the sponsor is expected to bring the bill up again for consideration.

**VERMONT** – House Bill 303 would change numerous licensing and tax requirements for those who sell dogs. It would also require inspections of all “pet merchants,” defined as someone who engages in the sale of one or more litters per year or the sale of two or more animals over six months of age within a year. Anyone who owns two or more intact “domestic pets” must obtain a \$25 annual license, which must be prominently displayed on the owner’s premises.

**WASHINGTON** – House Bill 1226/Senate Bill 5151 will establish the companion animal safety, population control, and spay/neuter assistance program to provide for spaying and neutering of feral cats and companion animals owned by low-income individuals. The revenue will come from a \$50 per ton

fee on producers of pet food. HB 1226 has been assigned to the House Early Learning and Human Services Committee. SB 5151 has been assigned to the Senate Committee on Government Operations, Tribal Relations and Elections.

House Bill 1727 will replace “service dog” with the federal definition of service animal. The bill has been assigned to the House Judiciary Committee.

House Bill 1755 will institute statewide restrictions on tethering including prohibiting tethering between 10pm and 6am, tethering for more than 10 hours in a 24-hour period or 10 consecutive hours. HB 1755 been assigned to the House Judiciary Committee.

Senate Bill 5649 which will institute statewide restrictions on tethering, was initially identical to HB 1755, but a substitute version has added exemptions for dogs under veterinary care, an arctic breed used for sled dog activities, participating temporarily in an exhibition, show, contest, or other event in which the skill, breeding, or stamina of the dog is judged or examined or being temporarily kept in specified circumstances. The bill has passed the Judiciary Committee and is eligible to be voted on by the House.

**WEST VIRGINIA** – House Bill 2883 contained ownership limits and breeding restrictions for “commercial dog breeders,” defined as any person who maintains 11 or more unsterilized dogs over the age of one year and is engaged in the business of breeding animals for sale. HB 2883 passed the House, but was held in the Senate Judiciary Committee. This bill will likely be reintroduced in 2012.

**WYOMING** – The Wyoming Legislature passed a bill that creates the crime of “household pet animal cruelty.” As introduced, Senate File 100 sought to define “hoarding” and “puppy mills” by the number of dogs owned, and other vague and arbitrary terms. An amendment was approved by the House of Representatives that deleted the original language and instead defined “household pet animal cruelty” as anyone who keeps household pets “in a manner that results in chronic or repeated physical harm” or “confined in conditions which constitute a public health hazard.”



**ABOUT THE  
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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 officials or agen-

cies. We oppose animal abuse or any illegal activities with animals. Membership is \$15-single and \$20-family per year or \$300-lifetime with members receiving three 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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