

## THE ENDANGERED BREEDS ASSOCIATION

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## Carpenter leaves EBA legacy

There was only one nomination for board member for the 2011 election. Sharon Sundy, former board member from California, was nominated.

EBA board member Jean Carpenter, of Louisiana, asked to be allowed to step down from the board and did not seek re-election. Therefore, Sundy will move into Carpenter's board position.

Current board members JoAnn LeBlanc, of Texas, and Judith Brecka, of California, will continue their terms.

EBA certainly cannot thank Jean Carpenter enough for all the hard work she has put in with our organization the past 31 years. We don't have enough room to list all of the accomplishments she has made in fighting unfair breed specific legislation and other issues concerning American Pit Bull Terriers during that time.

Carpenter has vowed to "never quit fighting for our dogs," but will be spending some leisure time with a new great-grandson, Levi. Carpenter's granddaughter, Paige, is well-known to those of you who

have watched her grow from a pony-tailed youngster trailing her grandmother at shows and the annual ADBA convention, to the beautiful young woman she is today. Paige and her husband, Lance, had Levi in July.

"I've seen a lot of changes in legislation during the past 30 years, and I've seen changes in owners," Carpenter said. "I'd like to think EBA had an important part in these changes and I know we did.

"But we can't stop now and memberships in EBA and owners working hard to help change legislation is more important now than ever," Carpenter added.

Perhaps current EBA President Kim Krohn sums up Jean's service best.

"When I attended the Nationals in Cleburne, Texas, in October I had the privilege of meeting Floyd Boudreaux. I introduced myself and told Mr. Boudreaux I was the current president of the Endangered Breeds Association and had replaced Jean Carpenter," Krohn said. "I quickly added, 'Even though we both know there's no replacing Jean Carpenter'.

"It would be impossible to thank Jean sufficiently for the years of service she's given to EBA, ADBA, the American Pit Bull Terrier, and dogs in general. I'm reminded of those credit card commercials:

Long distance phone calls – Thousands of dollars.

Plane tickets and hotel rooms for attendance at ADBA Conventions and Nationals – Thousands of dollars.

The expense of gas and wear and tear on a vehicle for trips to City Council meetings, Parish meetings, and other government meetings – Hundreds, possibly even thousands of dollars.

Dogs saved – Priceless!

"It's impossible to put a price tag on a beloved dog's life and just as impossible to put a price tag on Jean's time, devotion, sacrifices, and lost sleep. Jean has vowed to fight on for the dogs. I wish Jean all the happiness in the world enjoying her family (especially that great-grandson), because if anyone's earned a rest from the duties of the EBA board, it's Jean Carpenter."

## Thanks to workers, bracelets take off

This past show season, and during the summer, Board Member Patty Bullock, of Utah, came up with the idea of selling those trendy rubber wrist bands to help raise funds for Endangered Breeds Association.

There are two styles: one is printed with "I Love My Dog" and the other is printed with "Stop BSL."

Many have been sold at shows and dog recognition events in the Utah area and in Canada.

Shane Duroseau, and EBA lifetime members Renee Greenwood and Kate Greenwood, sold the bracelets in Utah. Ruby Wolfe attended American Dog Breeders Association shows in Washington and Canada and sold the wrist bands at

those shows.

EBA had an information table at the ADBSI Nationals in Texas in October, and the wristbands were available there. EBA is in the process of getting more of the bracelets printed.

We do not have them yet, so please be watching at the shows next season for the bracelets.

**Memberships expire Dec. 31 unless multi-years are paid.**



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# EBA auction a success at '11 Nationals in Texas

If you attended the 2011 Nationals at Texas, sponsored by Lone Star State and Texas Heat clubs, you enjoyed a fine event.

Endangered Breeds Association sponsored two of the major trophies in honor of long-time board member and former president, Jean Carpenter. An information table also was manned by current EBA President Kim Krohn, Linda Emmert and Joan Morrison. EBA also provided coloring books for junior handlers and handed out the books to other children at the show.

Many items were donated for a fund-raising auction for EBA. Donors included American Dog Breeders, Joel Halverson, Sherry Young, Gary Hammonds, James Rogers, Kim Krohn, Sho Me State Pit Bull Club, Ken Newman, Lone Star State Pit Bull Club, Joan Morrison, Sunday Pederson, Ron

and Ruby Wolfe, and Pat and Dwight Brisco.

Top bidders for the evening were Patrick Parker, of Utah, and Darren Agee, of Oklahoma. Other bidders were Mike Harron, Katie McCray, James Rogers, Ron and Ruby Wolfe, Kim Newman, Linda Emmert, Eric Shoemaker, Eric Shoemaker, Mickey Smith, Tom Lundberg, Laura and Don Dapkus, Crystal Parre, and Randy McCothen.

The night was profitable for EBA as the auction brought in \$850. Another \$171 was collected from the sale of wrist bands and lip balm, and from donations. EBA thanks those who made purchases or donations for their support.

As there will not be an American Dog Breeders Association convention during 2012, this was EBA's major fund-raising event for the year.

# Pa. town agrees to settle after officer shoots and kills pit bull

NORTH BRADDOCK, Pa. — The borough of North Braddock says it will pay \$25,000 — without admitting any liability — to settle a lawsuit filed by a woman whose dog was shot by police.

Kelly Schor sued in federal court, saying Officer Max Wittlinger should not have killed her 6-year-old pit bull, Sadie, which she said was a well-behaved dog.

"I've seen the dog, I've never had any problems with the dog," neighbor Melvin Bradford said.

"The dog wasn't a vicious dog," neighbor Katherine Gee said. "If you say all pit bulls are vicious — certain ones are. It all depends how they're treated by the owner."

The officer shot the dog after responding to another person's call about the animal,

which had somehow gotten loose from Schor's yard on Spring Street one day in October 2010.

In her lawsuit, the 26-year-old Schor claimed that she and her sister were approaching the dog — just feet away from it — and trying to tell the police officer to back off when he fired.

Schor said that her sister yelled, "That's our dog," and that Sadie never displayed signs of aggression and did not growl, bark, snarl or attack, according to the lawsuit.

North Braddock borough officials have not commented on the lawsuit.

Nobody answered when Channel 4 Action News reporter Marcie Cipriani knocked on the door at Schor's home Wednesday afternoon.



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# Raisins a problem? Read this before treating pets

*By Joan Morrison*

As you know, you can read almost anything on the Internet. Some of it true — some not true — some half-true.

We received the following story, and are providing it with the recommendation that you check with your veterinarian.

All pit bulls that are house dogs receive “special treats.” My vet has told me in the past not to feed my dogs nuts — and I don’t (any more).

So if you give your dog treats, consider the following.

Written by Laurinda Morris, DVM, Danville Veterinary Clinic, Danville, OH.

“This week I had the first case in history of raisin toxicity ever seen at MedVet. My patient was a 56-pound, 5-year old male neutered lab mix that ate half a canister of raisins sometime between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

“He started vomiting, diarrhea and shaking about 1 a.m. the next morning, but the owner didn’t call my emergency service until 7 a.m.

“I had heard somewhere about raisins and grapes causing acute renal failure but hadn’t seen any formal paper on the subject. We had her bring the dog in immediately. In the mean-

time, I called the ER service at MedVet, and the doctor there was like me — had heard something about it, but . . . . Anyway, we contacted the ASPCA National Animal Poison Control Center and they said to give IV fluids at 1 1/2 times maintenance and watch the kidney values for the next 48-72 hours.

“He started vomiting again overnight at MedVet and his renal values continued to increase daily. He produced urine when given lasix as a diuretic. He was on three different anti-vomiting medications and they still couldn’t control his vomiting. His urine output decreased again, his BUN was over 120, his creatinine was at 10, his phosphorus was very elevated and his blood pressure, which had been staying around 150, skyrocketed to 220. He continued to vomit and the owners elected to euthanize.

“This is a very sad case — great dog, great owners who had no idea raisins could be a toxin. This is a very serious risk. Poison control said as few as seven raisins or grapes could be toxic.

“Other things that can be toxic to dogs include onions, chocolate, cocoa, avocado and macadamia nuts.”



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Those of you who receive the newsletter via email will receive a notice when your membership expires.

All other memberships expire January of each year unless multi-years are paid or unless you are a lifetime member.

## Organizations can use some winning ribbons

Do you have a box full of ribbons you've won at shows? Or perhaps they are collecting dust on a shelf somewhere.

If you would like to pass them along, the therapeutic horseback riding organizations can use them. These organizations provide horseback riding for children with special needs. They also have "shows" for the riders.

The kids love winning ribbons of any kind, and this is a good place to pass along those bundles of ribbons you no longer want to keep.

If you would like to help out, contact Sue Copeland at [thishorselife@aol.com](mailto:thishorselife@aol.com).

# NOT A TRUE STORY Just to make you grin

An Animal Welfare Advocate and an HSUS executive (an unlikely pair, I agree; but bear with me) were walking down the street when they came upon a homeless person and his dog. The Animal Welfare Advocate gave the homeless person his business card and told him to come to his business for a job so he could earn a living. Then he could afford food and shelter for himself and the dog. He then took \$20 out of his pocket and gave it to the homeless person and a coupon for dog food so they could get by until the homeless person could start that job.

The HSUS person was very impressed, and when they came to another homeless person with a dog, he decided to help out as only he could. He walked over to the home-

less person and gave him directions to the local animal "shelter" and a coupon for euthanasia, because he knew the homeless person would be better off without the dog; and besides, dogs are better dead than in the company of humans. He reached into the Animal Welfare Advocate's pocket and got out \$20. He kept \$19.50 for administrative fees and gave the homeless person 50 cents.

If the homeless man refused this kind offer, the HSUS executive would make sure that he was cited for failure to license, failure to sterilize, and failure to provide food and shelter for the dog. And then he would take it to the "shelter" himself.

Now you understand the difference between Animal Welfare Advocates and the Humane Society of the US.

*You made me what I am today, courage at its best.  
You wanted me to know no fear, a cut above the rest.  
Not only did I master that, I've thrown in loyalty, too.  
Look past my eyes into my soul, you know I'd die for you.  
I'll watch your kids, I'll watch your house, your praise will  
be my crown. Ask what you will, I'll do my best,  
I'll even be your clown. But some of you don't like me,  
I'm sure I don't know why. The only thing I'm guilty of  
is courage, love, and try.  
But still they want to see me go,  
they want my breed to end.  
Will I see you sitting idly by?  
You, whom I call a friend?  
You made me what I am today,  
you never saw me waiver.  
I've done my best to keep you safe.  
Won't you please return the favor.*



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# A year ahead for clubs to be 100%

## Journalists' Guide to Dog Breed Identification

If your American Dog Breeders Association club isn't a 100% club, you have until the Nationals in 2012 to join.

What is a 100% club? That is an ADBA club with all of its members also belonging to Endangered Breeds Association.

Why should your club do that? Because it helps support the organization that fights for your rights to own your dog of choice. It also provides you with an opportunity to win a free trip to the ADBA convention in 2013.

Many clubs raise the cost of joining their group by \$10 for singles and \$15 for families. Those who join EBA through their ADBA clubs can become members of EBA for \$10 for singles and \$15 for families. Otherwise, the cost is \$15 for singles and \$20 for families. The clubs collect the EBA membership fees in the manner they choose, then send the funds and a list of members to EBA treasurer Joan Morrison.

Each year at the Nationals before the convention, a club is drawn as the winner for the year. That club then selects a member to attend the ADBA convention. EBA pays plane fare up to \$500 and three nights' motel stay (room only - no frills).



Rottweiler



Pit Bull



Pit Bull



Pit Bull



Pit Bull



Pit Bull



Pit Bull



Pit Bull



# Around the nation: *Legislation that affects you*

These are the latest updates on legislation in various states and in Washington, D.C. For the most recent information, you should contact your elected officials.

Eight state legislatures and the District of Columbia are currently in regular session. Six states are in special session, four states have special sessions forthcoming, and three states are accepting pre-filed bills for 2012.

**California** – Assembly Bill 1121 was vetoed by Governor Brown. The measure would have allowed cities and counties the option of issuing a puppy license for microchipped dogs under 4 months of age.

Senate Bill 702 was vetoed by Governor Brown. The bill would have required that animals adopted out or returned to an owner by an animal control agency, rescue group or humane society be microchipped.

**Hawaii** – Senate Bill 1522 SD2 HD1 establishes an ownership limit of 50 intact dogs of any age and requires licensing as a high-volume dog breeder 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. This bill also establishes extensive engineering requirements for licensees' dog facilities and allows inspections of any areas in which dogs are kept, handled or transported with no exemptions for personal residences. The Office of the Auditor will review SB 1522 to determine whether the new licensing is necessary to protect consumers and prevent cruel and inhumane treatment of dogs.

**Massachusetts** – House Bill 562 would strengthen the Commonwealth's dangerous dog laws in a number of ways, including allowing dogs declared "at risk" to have that designation removed if the dog does not exhibit the behavior again within two years. The legislation also would prevent municipalities from establishing breed-specific laws or programs. On May 11, the Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government held a public hearing on this bill. The bill is now pending a decision by an executive ses-

sion of the committee.

House Bill 1023 would significantly change the definition of kennel to encompass "day-time only" facilities that have more than 12 dogs on the premises. This would include any facility used for training, dog shows, or trials. The Joint Committee on Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure conducted a public hearing on July 19, and amendments are expected.

House Bill 1455 would make numerous changes to animal control laws, including establishing intact animal permits for all owners of intact dogs and providing recommended penalties that include sterilization or euthanasia for common nuisance violations. The bill would also allow municipalities to ban or regulate specific breeds and require localities that do so to establish a 3-person board "to identify and determine the breed of dogs." On May 11, the Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government held a public hearing on this bill. The bill is now pending a decision by an executive session of the committee.

House Bill 2054 would prohibit insurance companies from refusing to issue or renew, cancel, or charge an increased rate for homeowners' insurance based on the breed of dog owned by the policy holder. The bill was heard by the Joint Committee on Financial Services on September 13.

**Michigan** – Senate Bill 574 would establish a state consumer protection law that would apply to all pet shops and pet dealers (defined as anyone who buys or sells dogs or cats for compensation). The law would also apply to anyone who breeds dogs or cats, engages in the sales of dogs or cats to the public for profit, or sells more than one litter or at least two dogs or cats over the age of 6 months per year. Under the bill, a dog or cat may be deemed unfit for purchase if within 30 days after purchase a veterinarian states in writing that the animal has a contagious or infectious illness that existed at the time of purchase or within 90 days the veterinarian

states the animal has died or is ill because of a hereditary defect. The purchaser may request a full refund, exchange the animal for one of equal value if one is available, or receive reimbursement for veterinary fees up to the purchase price of the animal. A substitute bill passed the Senate Committee on Regulatory Reform that amended the bill, including, according to the legislative analysis, changing the time for the veterinarian declaration of contagious illness from 30 days to 10 days. The bill is now pending in the Senate Committee of the Whole.

**New Jersey** – Assembly Bill 3559/Senate Bill 1506 would prohibit insurance companies from denying homeowner coverage based on the ownership of a specific breed of dog. The bills do permit a company to include a clause excluding liability coverage for a dog or specific breed. It also allows insurance companies to develop guidelines or a rating system to establish rates and premiums for coverage of certain breeds. A. 3559 has been assigned to the Assembly Financial Institutions & Insurance Committee. S.1506 was referred to Senate Commerce.

Assembly Bill 4096/Senate Bill 2923 establishes an optional pilot program concerning sterilization of cats and dogs released for adoption from various facilities and updates the law concerning procedures to be followed when an animal is subject to impoundment. The Senate approved changes requested in Governor Christie's conditional veto, and the new law will become effective in February 2012.

**New York** – Assembly Bill 259/Senate Bill 3806 would amend the laws regarding the care of animals that have been seized and are being cared for during animal cruelty hearings. A. 259 has passed the Assembly and been assigned to the Senate Finance Committee. S. 3806 has passed the Senate Finance Committee and is pending in the Rules Committee.

Assembly Bill 3507 prohibits insurance  
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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.

Assembly Bill 3595 would prevent senior citizens from being denied occupancy or evicted from a multiple-unit dwelling because they own a pet. The bill also recognizes the benefits of pet ownership and allows landlords to create regulations such as leash laws in public places, removal of animal waste, and other health and safety rules. The bill has been assigned to the Assembly Housing Committee.

Assembly Bill 8146 seeks to create an "Animal Breeding Permit" for everyone who breeds a female dog for pay or other compensation. The permit would allow for the whelping of one litter per female in a 12-month period. The bill also calls for inspections of all licensees. The bill has been assigned to the Assembly Agriculture Committee. No hearings have been held on this bill, and to date none have been scheduled.

Senate Bill 946 revises the definition of "property" in the state's penal code to include pets. It also expands the penalty of grand larceny in the fourth degree to include pet theft.

**Ohio** – House Bill 14 as introduced would 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. The bill passed the Ohio Criminal Justice Committee with numerous amendments to clarify the difference between dangerous and vicious dogs, and to add a classification for "nuisance dog." HB 14 overwhelmingly passed the House on June 28 and is now pending in the Senate.

Senate Bill 130 seeks to regulate "high volume" dog breeding in Ohio, defined as those who produce at least 9 litters of puppies and sell 60 or more dogs in a calendar year. The Senate Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Committee has heard sponsor and supporters' testimony on this bill. An opportunity for public comment by opponents

will be scheduled at a later date.

**Oklahoma** – As of October 3, 2011, all who meet the definition of "commercial breeder" in state law must now have a state license. "Commercial breeder" is defined as anyone who owns 11 intact female dogs or cats over 6 months of age "for the use of breeding..." Breeders are encouraged to visit the Oklahoma State Board of Commercial Pet Breeders' web site at [www.ok.gov/pet-breeders](http://www.ok.gov/pet-breeders) for more information. As of Oct. 25, the Board of Commercial Pet Breeders has cited 10 kennels for failure to get licenses. Several other investigations still are open, and the agency's two inspectors have made 50 to 60 visits to breeders. About half of those have determined the facilities did not fall under state regulations because they did not have at least 11 breeding females.

**Pennsylvania** – Senate Bill 27 would make several changes to the state's consumer protection laws. Among other provisions, it would change the timeline from 10 days to 14 days from the time of sale for a dog to be determined to be clinically ill or to have died from an illness that renders it "unfit for purchase," and from 30 days to 90 days for a dog to have a congenital or hereditary defect. The bill also clarifies that a dog may not be found "unfit for purchase" if it has intestinal or external parasites (unless the dog is seriously ill or dies), it has an injury or illness likely contracted after the purchase, or if it has a health problem that is disclosed by the seller in writing prior to the sale. SB 27 unanimously passed the Senate and is now pending in the House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee.

**Texas** – The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) has until March 31, 2012, to draft new dog breeder regulations. Affected breeders will have until September 1, 2012 to come into compliance with these regulations and obtain a license. TDLR has recently established a website to provide updates about this legislation.

**Wisconsin** – Representative Don Pridemore is gathering co-sponsors for LRB 1798/2, a measure that would change the state's definition of "dog breeder" from someone who sells 25 puppies per year to someone who sells 50 puppies per year. Numerous hobby breeders and fanciers have expressed concerns about the low threshold

in current law, particularly since the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection has clarified the threshold does include co-ownerships.

**Washington, DC** - H.R. 835/S. 707 Known as the "Puppy Uniform Protection & Safety Act" (PUPS), this bill would require anyone who owns or co-owns dogs that produce 50 or more puppies that are sold in a 12-month period to be regulated under USDA dog dealer regulations. Anyone meeting that criteria would be required to obtain an annual USDA license, maintain minimum federal standards of care, and undergo regular inspections at least biennially. The language in this bill is identical to the 2010 PUPS bill. The bills have been assigned to their chamber's agriculture committees. Neither is scheduled for a hearing.

## Proposed Federal Regulations

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has distributed a proposed rule (regulations) that provides guidance to federal agencies tasked with enforcing the 2008 law that prohibits the import of puppies under the age of 6 months into the continental United States for resale. The rules would require that anyone importing dogs into the continental U.S. for resale obtain import permits and provide documentation to demonstrate that the dogs are in good health, have received all necessary vaccines (including rabies and DHLPP) and are at least 6 months of age.

**H.R. 1406** - This legislation, known as the "Fairness to Pet Owners Act of 2011," would require the prescriber of an animal drug to provide the pet owner with a copy of the veterinary prescription and a written disclosure that the owner may fill the prescription through a pharmacy selected by the pet owner as well as through the prescriber (if available). It has been referred to the Health Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

**H.R. 1725** - This bill would authorize federal grants to states that ban debarking "for purposes of convenience." The grants, which may be up to \$1 million, must be used to fund "activities that prevent or promote the prevention of cruelty to animals." It has been referred to the House Committee on Agriculture. No hearings are scheduled.



**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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