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Bar Association urges repeal of all breed-specific laws

From National Canine Research Council

On Monday, August 6, 2012, the American Bar Association (ABA) House of Delegates, meeting at the 2012 ABA convention in Chicago, approved a resolution urging “all state, territorial, and local legislative bodies and governmental agencies to repeal breed discriminatory or breed-specific provisions.”

This comprehensive recommendation is accompanied by an extensive report detailing the legion of problems associated with breed-specific regulation, including significant questions of due process; waste of government resources; documented

failure to produce safer communities; enforcement issues connected with identifying the dogs to be regulated or seized; and infringement of property rights.

The American Bar Association (ABA), founded in 1878, considers itself to be the world’s largest voluntary professional organization, with some 400,000 members. In addition to being dedicated to accrediting the nation’s law schools and providing practical resources for legal professionals, the ABA prides itself in working to improve the administration of justice.

In addition to urging repeal of all breed-specific regulations, Resolution

100 endorses “breed-neutral dangerous dog/reckless owner laws that ensure due process protections for owners, encourage responsible pet ownership and focus on the behavior of both individual dog owner and dogs.”

With the passage of Resolution 100, the ABA adds its name to the long list of national organizations opposed to breed specific regulation, including the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and the National Animal Control Association (NACA), the association of animal services professionals charged with enforcing the nation’s animal ordinances.

Area you ready for the 2013 auction? Bring an item, please

Endangered Breeds Association will again host its fund-raising auction during the 2013 American Dog Breeders Association convention Feb. 16 and 17 in Las Vegas, NV.

In past years this has been a fun — sometimes competitive — and even romantic event. The 2013 auction is sure to be more of the same.

As always, EBA appreciates any and all items donated for the auction. The 2013 event will be no exception.

Plan to join the fun and bring along an item to donate for the auction.



Nominations due for EBA board member

The annual board member election for 2012 is coming up and nominations now are due.

Board members whose terms will expire in December 2012 are: Jean Keating of Ohio; Linda Emmert of Missouri; and Russ Krohn of Missouri. All three have been nominated for re-election.

All nominations are due by October 15, and should be sent to EBA President, Kim Krohn. Nominations can be emailed to Krohn at krohndog@swbell.net

Voting will be held Nov. 1 through 30 with results posted on the EBA website and announced at the 2013 American Dog Breeders Association convention in Las Vegas, NV.

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



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Time is running out for 100% Club enrollment in 2012

Time is running out for your ADBA club to take advantage of the 100 percent program for 2012.

All dog clubs sanctioned by American Dog Breeders Association should show their support for Endangered Breeds Association and become a 100% Club.

It's easy to do. Simply get all the members of your club to join EBA. If members join through a sanctioned ADBA club, dues are \$10 for singles and \$15 for families. Regular fees are \$15 for singles and \$20 for families.

Once the club has all its membership enrolled as members of EBA, they send their

list of members and the funds to EBA, Rt. 1, Box 71, Gore, OK 74435.

Each year at the ADBSI Nationals, before the scheduled ADBA Convention, a club will be drawn from those that are 100%. The winning club then selects a member to attend the ADBA convention.

The 2012 Nationals are just a few short weeks away.

EBA will pay air fare (up to \$500) for the winning member, and two nights hotel cost (room only, no frills).

The next ADBA convention is Feb. 16 and 17, 2013, at Palace Station in Las Vegas, NV.

Humane Society by the numbers

From SAOVA (Sportsmen's and Animal Owners Voting Alliance)

Humane Society of the United States Campaign Contributions:

In the 2008 election, cycle Humane USA PAC spent \$354,669, with \$250,000 distributed directly to campaigns and committees; 77 percent to Democrats, 22 percent to Republicans.

HSUS spent \$535,841 in Independent Expenditures (communication costs) on targeted candidates; 19 percent for Democrats, 2 percent for Republicans, 79 percent against Republicans.

In 2010 Humane USA PAC distributed \$141,500 to campaigns and committees; 69 percent to Democrats, 31 percent to Republicans. That year Humane Society Legislative Fund distributed \$55,000; 71 percent to Democrats, 29 percent to Republicans. Also

in 2010 HSUS distributed \$750,826 in Independent Expenditures on targeted clients; 61 percent for Democrats, 35 percent for Republicans; 4 percent against Republicans.

So far, the 2012 campaign spending from HSLF directly to federal candidates is at \$148,500; 60 percent to Democrats, 40 percent to Republicans. Independent Expenditures are \$80,292; 55 percent for Democrats, 26 percent against Democrats, 19 percent for Republicans. Third quarter reports are not yet available. HSLF has made additional contributions to Rep. Sam Farr (D-CA) bringing his total up to \$5,500; Mary Bono Mack (R-CA) bringing her total to \$4,000; Tony Cardenas (D-CA) and Jared Huffman (D-CA) bringing their totals to \$3,000 each. Michael Grimm (R-NY) and David Vitter (R-LA) each received additional contributions bringing their totals to \$3,000 each.

Has your membership expired?

If you are one of 78 members reading your newsletter on your computer, it may be time to renew your membership. You should have a membership card with the expiration date on it. If not, just e-mail treasurer Joan Morrison at morrison@mynewroads.com and she will check your expiration date for you.

If you are reading a hard copy of Banter, check the mailing label on the front. The last line is your expiration date. If expired, the date will be highlighted and this will be your

last issue until you renew.

Memberships are the life blood of EBA. Without our members and the loyal clubs that send \$1 per dog when they have shows, we cannot continue to fight the vast array of legislation and ordinances that pop up all over the nation. Please renew today.

Visit www.endangeredbreedsassociation.org and renew with PayPal; or send a check or money order to EBA, Rt. 1, Box 71, Gore, OK 74435.



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Kilo, a 12-year-old pit bull, was shot in the head while jumping to help his owner as he struggled with a home invader. The 'S' stands for 'superhero'

A true best friend! Hero dog survives being shot in the head saving owner during home invasion

From Daily Mail Reporter

A hero dog has survived being shot in the head after he lunged at a home invader to protect his owner.

Kilo, a 12-year-old pit bull, took a bullet for Justin Becker as he struggled with a thief posing as a deliveryman in Staten Island, NY.

The bullet hit the brave pet in the head — but ricocheted off his skull and exited through his neck, the New York Post reported. “This is like, one in a million,” Dr. Greg Panarello, whose clinic operated on Kilo, told the newspaper. “He’s very lucky.”

The robber forced his way into Becker’s apartment in Graniteville. Before he managed to get all the way through the door, Becker fought him to the ground and pushed the door against his body. With the would-be thief laying on the floor, caught halfway inside the apartment, Kilo moved to protect his owner.

Kilo’s owner Justin Becker rushed his dog to an animal hospital, refusing to

let him die. Luckily, the bullet had not entered his skull

“My dog stuck his head out the door, and then [the intruder] shot him in the head,” Becker told the Post.

The man struggled free and ran off, said Becker, who had turned his attentions to his dog.

He rushed Kilo to South Shore Animal Hospital, where an X-ray revealed that the bullet had not gone through the skull. Panarello said the bone had not been fractured and Kilo did not appear to have suffered any brain injury.

The dog escaped with swelling and was sent away with painkillers and antibiotics. He must wear a cone around his neck to restrict his movement, the Post reported. And on top of the bandage placed around his head, the clinic’s staff drew an “S” for “superhero.” But they also gave the proud owner a hefty vet bill — for \$2,200.

Becker admitted he was stunned by the cost of the care, but added that it was worth it. “It saved my dog’s life.”



Around the Nation

Legislation that affects you

Five state legislatures and the District of Columbia are in regular session. Bills have been prefiled for the 2013 session in four states. For the latest information on any of these bills or any proposals, you should contact your elected officials.

CALIFORNIA — Senate Bill 969 failed to pass the Assembly Appropriations Committee by a legislative deadline and is ineligible for the remainder of the session. The bill provided for the voluntary certification of pet groomers, defined as “an individual, licensed as a pet groomer, who bathes, brushes, clips, or styles a pet for compensation.”

Senate Bill 1221 would prohibit using dogs in the pursuit of a bear or bobcat. Sportsmen’s organizations have expressed concerns that enactment of SB 1221 would set a precedent for outlawing others forms of hunting with dogs. The bill passed the full Assembly and is in the Senate awaiting a vote to concur with Assembly amendments.

DELAWARE — Senate Concurrent Resolution 44 establishes an Animal Welfare Task Force “to consider and evaluate the state of animal welfare in Delaware.” This task force is directed to “convene as soon as possible” and conduct at least one public hearing prior to providing written recommendations to the legislature in March 2013. The resolution has been approved by both the Senate and House.

MARYLAND — Senate Bill 2/House Bill 2 were introduced in a Maryland special legislative session to immediately address the breed-specific concerns that resulted from a recent Court of Appeals ruling. While the bills received initial approval, they have been held in the Senate. The Maryland General Assembly is expected to introduce and consider legislation on

The word



Looks real, doesn't it? Some clever person created this sign at www.says-it.com/churchsigns/ and then posted it on Facebook. Well, that's one way to get the word out! We love pit bulls, and well, of course, God does too.

this issue during the 2013 session. On August 21, 2012, the Court of Appeals issued a decision regarding a motion for reconsideration. This decision stated in part that the provisions no longer apply to mixed-breed dogs, but only purebred “pit bull” dogs. It also stated again that the landlord should be held liable if they knowingly allow a “pit bull” to be owned by a tenant and an incident occurs. The Maryland Dog Federation and others continue to work with the General Assembly to develop reasonable solutions to concerns regarding dangerous dogs in

the state.

MASSACHUSETTS — Senate Bill 2192 was signed by Governor Deval Patrick in early August. The bill creates a new statewide definition of “dangerous dog” that prevents a dog from being declared dangerous only because of the dog’s breed; provides for state inspection of kennels; and establishes the Homeless Animal Prevention and Care Fund to help offset costs associated with the medical care of dogs and cats owned by low-income residents or that are not owned, and to assist with the training of animal control officers. A last minute amendment to the bill also requires all outdoor enclosures to be at least 100 square feet in size.

NEW JERSEY — Senate Bill 1840/Assembly Bill 2746 are being described as consumer protection bills but instead seek to significantly regulate breeders across the state, including licensing, inspections, onerous breeding and sales restrictions, and care and conditions rules. Both bills have been assigned to committee, but neither has been scheduled for consideration. The New Jersey Federation of Dog clubs and other allied groups are opposing the bills as currently written.

OHIO — 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. A number of changes have been incorporated into the bill, including removing problematic standards and ensuring that high volume breeders are represented on a proposed advisory board. SB 130 has passed the Senate and is pending in the House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee. The House committee chairman has expressed an interest in further amending the bill.



Get active! Ideas to identify, support dog-friendly candidates

(From American Kennel Club)

Results of primary elections are narrowing the slates of candidates for federal, state and local offices, and the November election date is fast approaching. As campaigns heat up and candidates make increasingly impassioned appeals to voters, it's important to identify dog-friendly candidates and use your vote to elect those who will protect the rights of responsible dog owners and breeders.

Here are four steps that every dog owner should take in this critical 2012 election cycle:

1. Register yourself and others to vote — consider hosting a voter registration drive at an upcoming dog show or event.
2. Find out where, when, and how to vote — including absentee and early voting options.
3. Become an educated voter — identify and support those candidates who respect your rights as a responsible dog owner.
4. Mark your calendar for the upcoming elections, then get out and vote!

But how do you know for sure that you are voting for someone who will support your rights? How do you become an educated voter? American Kennel Club Government Relations has several suggestions on how to determine if a candidate will work to protect your rights as a dog owner:

Research Incumbent Voting Records

If candidates are incumbents, research their voting records on issues that impact dog owners.

You can also visit your state's legislative website to research information on current and past bills. Most state websites allow you to search for bills introduced in the past 3-5 years.

Some county and city websites provide current and archived meeting minutes that record the votes on local measures. If they do not, contact the city or county clerk's office to request the vote record for an issue of interest. These records are available

to the public.

Research Candidate Endorsements

Another good way to learn about candidates is to research their endorsements. It can be helpful to see which special interest groups have endorsed or "rated" a candidate on animal issues. Check organizations that you agree with as well as those with whom you don't agree. Some candidates will also be endorsed by public officials. Consider whether these officials are dog-friendly. Many candidates publish endorsements on their personal or campaign web pages.

Ask the Candidates

An effective way to find out a candidate's views is to ask him or her directly. This not only helps reveal candidates' opinions and attitudes on canine issues, but it also lets them know that these issues are important to you, the voter. Attend town hall meetings, public forums, debates, and other public events that allow voters to ask the candidates questions about issues important to them. Here are some suggested questions:

- Do you support the right to breed dogs, as long as it is done in a responsible and safe manner?
- Do you support the right to keep dogs that are not spayed or neutered?
- Do you support the right to own the breed or mixed breed dog of one's choice?
- Do you support limiting the number of animals someone can own?
- Do you support holding dog shows (and/or field trials, hunt trials if applicable) in your state/district/community?
- Do you believe there is a pet overpopulation problem? If so, what do you believe is the cause of the problem and how would you resolve it?

Do not ask them their opinions about specific organizations, as they may not be aware of where various groups stand on dog issues. Rather, asking them policy questions will give you a much better idea

of their positions. We also recommend that you do not engage in a public debate. Instead, follow up with their campaign office and ask if you can meet with the candidate or their staff to discuss canine legislation issues.

If they are not familiar with the issues, do not share your views, evade a question, or have not voted how you want in the past, view it as an opportunity to educate. Be sure to have some talking points prepared to provide information on issues of concern to you as a responsible dog owner. Invite candidates to your next club meeting or dog show to talk about canine legislation issues.

You've identified the candidates who will receive your vote. Now what?

Volunteer

Get involved in campaigns that are important to you. Let your candidates know why you support them, and volunteer! Even if you have only limited time, taking a few hours to stuff envelopes, answer phones, or put up signs is a great way for candidates to see that responsible dog owners care about legislation and will support those who will protect our rights.

Go Local

Candidates for federal and state offices often get the most press, but don't forget your city and county elections. Local measures often have the greatest and most immediate impact on dog owners. Problematic ordinances such as breed restrictions, pet limits, mandatory spay/neuter, and other overreaching laws are often introduced and passed at county and city levels.

Spread the Word

Electing lawmakers who respect the rights of animal owners helps ensure that the concerns of dog owners are heard and understood when canine legislation is considered. If you identify a dog-friendly candidate for office, spread the word to other animal owners.



10 Canine Commandments

1. My life is likely to last 10 to 15 years. **Any separation from you will be painful to me.** Remember that before you buy me.

2. **Give me time to understand** what you want from me.

3. **Place your trust in me.** It's crucial to my well-being.

4. **Don't be angry with me** for long, and don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, your entertainment and your friends. I only have you.

5. **Talk to me sometimes.** Even if I don't understand your words, I understand your voice when it's speaking to me.

6. Be aware that however you treat me, **I'll never forget it.**

7. Remember before you hit me: I have teeth that could easily crush the bones in your hand, but **I choose not to bite you.**

8. Before you scold me for being uncooperative, obstinate or lazy, **ask yourself if something might be bothering me.** Perhaps I'm not getting the right food, or I've been out in the sun too long, or my heart is getting old and weak.

9. **Take care of me when I get old.** You too will grow old.

10. **Go with me on difficult journeys.** Never say: *"I can't bear to watch it,"* or *"Let it happen in my absence."* Everything is easier for me if you are there.

REMEMBER THAT I LOVE YOU.





Mo. Humane Society director's salary raises questions

By *Meghann Mollerus*

ST. LOUIS — A Target 8 investigation revealed the nonprofit Humane Society of Missouri's President Kathryn Warnick has been paid a total of almost \$800,000 in compensation and benefits in the past two years — while the organization ran a deficit between \$500,000 and \$800,000.

The Humane Society of Missouri (HSMO) is one of three primary animal rescue shelters in St. Louis and covers animal rescues across the state. According to IRS Form 990s — tax returns nonprofits file each fiscal year — the organization operated with about an \$18 million total revenue in each of the past two years.

The organization's most recently filed tax return revealed that last year, Warnick was paid about \$280,000 in compensation and all benefits. The year before, she was paid almost \$500,000 — including about \$230,000 in deferred compensation owed to her because of what HSMO's Communications Director Jeane Jae deemed "an accounting error" that occurred in previous years.

Jae explained "HSMO saw a 38 percent increase in the number of stray animals re-

ceived and for which care was provided... The current president voluntarily elected to take a 20 percent decrease in salary in each of the past two years to help the organization weather the recession," Jae wrote in an emailed reply.

But, Jae explained, "To ensure salaries are in line with industry norms, the executive committee periodically hires an outside independent organization to compare executive compensation of other local charities and similar-sized non-profits throughout the U.S. The current president's salary is in line with those norms."

In looking for these "norms," KOMU 8 discovered that while the president of the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), Wayne Pacelle, made a salary similar to Warnick's, he operates an organization with about eight times HSMO's revenue. He also lives in Washington D.C., where the cost of living is one-and-a-half times higher than in St. Louis.

HSMO said it and HSUS have different structures and missions and thus cannot be compared. Jae suggested KOMU 8 instead look at the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals —

the ASPCA.

Though ASPCA President Edwin Sayres earned more than \$500,000 in compensation and all benefits last year, the ASPCA's revenue is seven-and-a-half times greater than HSMO's. The organization also had about a \$13 million surplus last year. The organization is based in New York City, where the cost of living is nearly twice what it is in St. Louis.

In terms of other similar cities in the Midwest, Nebraska Humane Society Executive Director Judy Varner made about \$180,000 in salary and all benefits, while the organization operated in about a \$500,000 surplus..

In looking at local organizations, KOMU 8 discovered the former executive director of the Central Missouri Humane Society (CMHS), Dr. Alan Allert, made about \$60,000 in compensation and all benefits last year, and Columbia Second Chance's executives all reported they made nothing.

"Everyone that works at our shelter does it for the love of helping Mid-Missouri's adoptable pets. We're not there for the high-end salary," CMHS Shelter Relations Coordinator Colin LaVaute said.

Dog pulls unconscious owner from train's path



A pit bull named Lilly is being hailed a hero after she pulled her unconscious owner from the path of a freight train.

SHIRLEY, Mass. — A pit bull named Lilly is being hailed a hero after she pulled her unconscious owner from the path of a freight train.

An engineer of a westward-bound freight train saw a dog pulling a woman away from the tracks in the early hours of May 3 in Shirley. The engineer tried to stop, but couldn't avoid hitting the 8-year-old dog.

The woman, identified as Christine Spain, wasn't hurt, but the train's wheels sliced through Lilly's right foot, fractured her pelvis in multiple locations and caused other internal injuries.

When EMTs arrived at the scene,

Lilly was covered in blood but still standing guard over her owner, who had collapsed next to the tracks while walking home from a friend's house.

The dog was initially taken to an emergency animal hospital in Acton, and she was then taken by Spain's son, Boston police Officer David Lanteigne, to Angell Animal Medical Center in Boston.

Lanteigne said he had adopted the dog for his mother three years before, and Lilly's companionship helped curb her drinking.

"Lilly's recovery from this horrific ordeal is my top priority right now and I'll do everything possible to get her back home to us."



ABOUT THE
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 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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