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What's New from AKC Government Relations

May kicked off with the celebration of National Purebred Dog Day (NPDD) on May 1. NPDD honors the pride, predictability and purpose of [purebred dogs](#) and the preservation of these breeds.

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No two breeds have exactly the same ideal standards and care requirements. Similarly, when it comes to canine policy, arbitrary one-size-fits-all requirements can harm some animals and do not make good laws. This is one of the reasons that experts at AKC oppose aspects of the so-called "Puppy Protection Act," S. 1385/H.R. 2840.

The AKC Government Relations team is available to advise and assist policymakers in understanding animal husbandry best practices, science, and nuance necessary for crafting reasonable and non-discriminatory laws that protect dogs, responsible dog owners, and the public.

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Latest Capitol Canine Profile, Leading Canine Policy, Health & Education

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In-Person Seminar in Hillsborough NC – ‘Detection Dog Training Begins with a Responsible Breeder’

On Saturday, May 8, 2021, the AKC Detection Dog Task Force (DDTF) hosted a first-of-its-kind seminar for Patriotic Puppy Program (PPP) participants to work in-person with PPP Manager, Stacey West. Registrants participated in demonstrations with various breeds, varieties and ages of future detection dogs including two 11-week old Labrador Retrievers!

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Stormy Hope Named Recipient of Bebout Award for Leadership in Canine Legislation

The American Kennel Club Government Relations Department is pleased to announce that longtime purebred dog advocate Stormy Hope of California has been named the recipient of the First Quarter 2021 Bebout Award for Leadership in Canine Legislation.

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AKC Celebrates Louisiana's Outdoor Heritage at Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus Event

The American Kennel Club (AKC), along with conservation groups and sportsmen's and women's organizations, celebrated Louisiana's outdoor heritage at a state Sportsmen's Caucus luncheon on May

4, 2021, in Baton Rouge. Patty Van Sicklen, Southeastern Regional Manager of Government Relations, represented AKC at the event.

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2020-2021 Companion Animal Law Writing Contest Winners Announced

The American Kennel Club® (AKC), the world's largest purebred dog registry and leading advocate for dogs, is pleased to announce the winners of its 2020-2021 Companion Animal Law Writing Contest. The first prize winner is Rebecca Anne Dellicker from Seattle University School of Law. As this year's first place winner, she will receive a \$2,500 cash prize.

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AKC GR, AKC PAC Support National Purebred Dog Day Photo Contest

May 1 has long been known as “May Day” and marks a variety of different causes. However, most dog enthusiasts know this day marks National Purebred Dog Day® (NPDD) – a day to celebrate the pride, predictability and purpose of [purebred dogs](#) and promote the preservation of our amazing dog breeds. NPDD was created by [Colorado resident and Puli fancier Suzi Szeremy](#) to celebrate the remarkable diversity and heritage of the breeds we love.

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Legislative Information and Updates

Listed below are some highlights of pending legislation impacting dog ownership and dog owners’ rights across the country. For more information on these bills, and information on how you can get involved, visit the AKC GR Legislative Action Center at www.akcgr.org.

In addition to tracking and responding to legislative proposals, AKC Government Relations addresses dog-related regulatory proposals from the U.S. federal government, all 50 states, and the District of Columbia.

AKC GR's Regulatory Resource Center provides updates on our federal and state regulatory work that may impact dog owners.

Visit the [2021 Legislation Tracking page](#) for the most up-to-date information on state and federal legislation. This site, updated each weekday, provides the latest bill text, status, and links to legislative alerts posted by the AKC. Click on the links below to view highlights of issues that are being tracked by AKC Government Relations:

Federal

Issues that may affect *all* dog owners in the U.S.

State

Issues specific to your state

Local

Issues at the city, county, and metropolitan levels, and in U.S. territories

Regulatory

Regulatory issues at the federal, state, and local levels

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