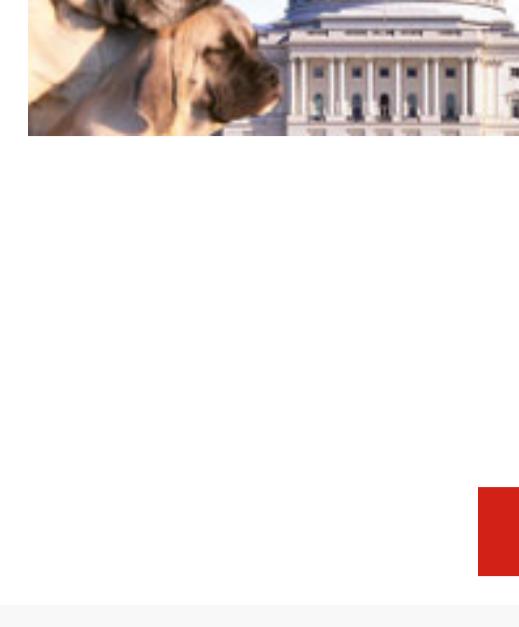




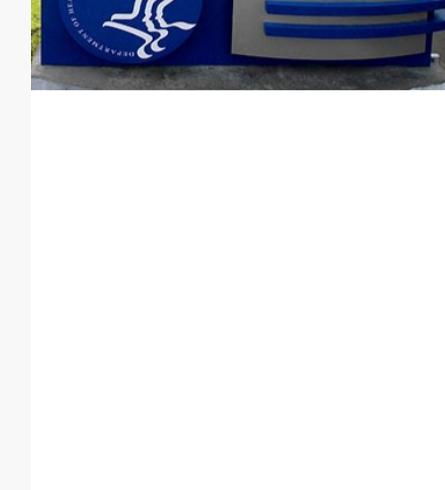
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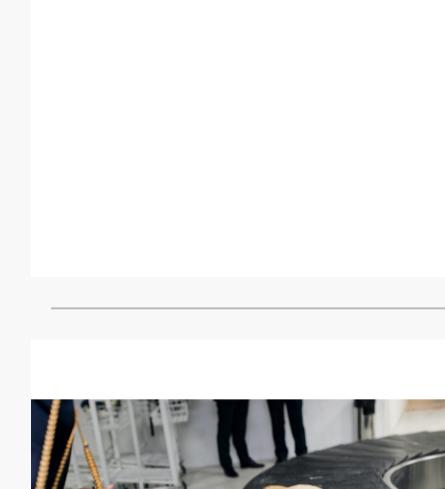
What's New from AKC Government Relations

A hot topic in June is the announcement by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that it is temporarily banning the importation of dogs from countries at high risk for canine rabies, effective July 14. American Kennel Club Government Relations quickly responded with a [legislative alert](#) on the issue and a blog with [information about the ban and available exceptions](#) for personally owned dogs belonging to US citizens living abroad.

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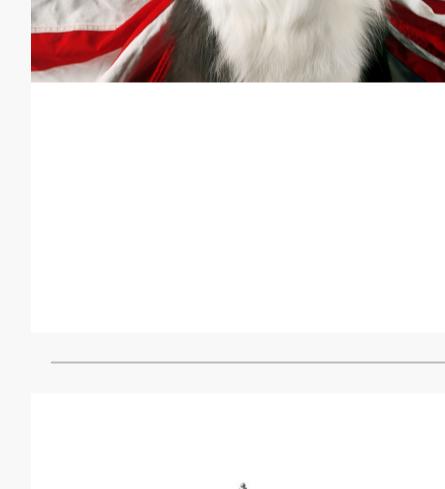
Did an Imported Rescue Dog Trigger CDC Action?

Earlier this month, a dog imported by an animal rescue organization from Azerbaijan to the United States tested positive for rabies. The dog was one of 34 animals that was part of a shipment to O'Hare International Airport in Chicago on June 10. The dog had ultimately been placed with a family in Chester County, Pennsylvania, before symptoms had become apparent and the dog was tested and later euthanized.

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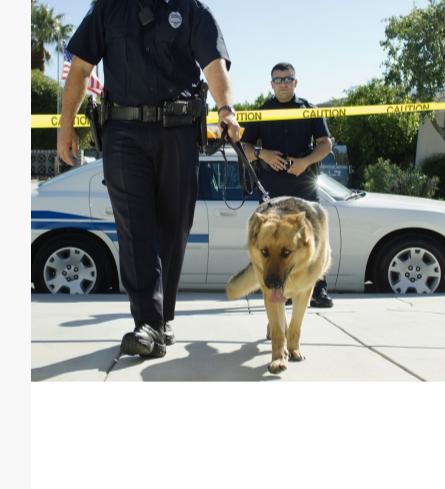
The American Kennel Club Appreciates CDC Leadership on Health Issues Related to Import of Unhealthy Dogs, Urges Nuanced Long-Term Solutions

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced on June 14 that it is temporarily banning, with few exceptions, imports of dogs from countries determined to be [high risk for canine rabies](#). The agency cited a 52% increase in irregularities with rabies vaccination certificates for canine imports in 2020 over 2018 and 2019, and stated the measure is being taken "to ensure the health and safety of dogs imported into the United States and to protect the public's health against the reintroduction of dog rabies."

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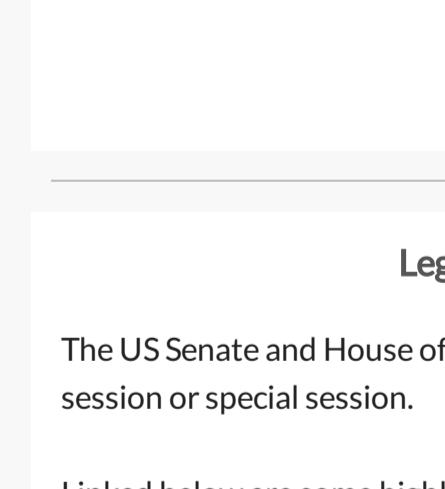
Getting Puppies Started Right for Detection: Experts Compare and Contrast Successful Approaches, Part 2

The AKC Detection Dog Task Force (DDTF) held a webinar on June 9th, *Getting Puppies Started Right for Detection: Experts Compare and Contrast Successful Approaches - Part 2*. Our panelists were Bart Rogers, Tim Baird and Stacey West. The discussion began, well... at the *beginning*, with a focus on the importance of the role of the breeder.

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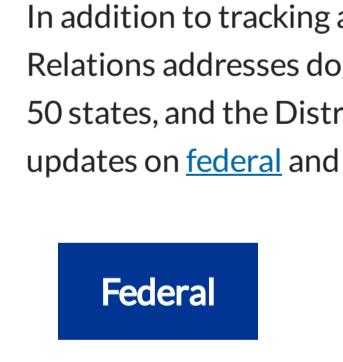
Research and Analysis of the American Domestic Government Working Dog Industry

Approximately 80 to 90% of the explosives detection dogs in the US—whether they work in law enforcement, private security, or government—are sourced from overseas. Sourcing for this crucial national security resource is not secure, because other countries also face their own terrorism threats, pandemics, or geopolitical disturbances that reduce the number of dogs available for US national security and public safety. Increasingly, the US must rely on high-quality, American-bred, -raised and -trained dogs to protect our national and public security.

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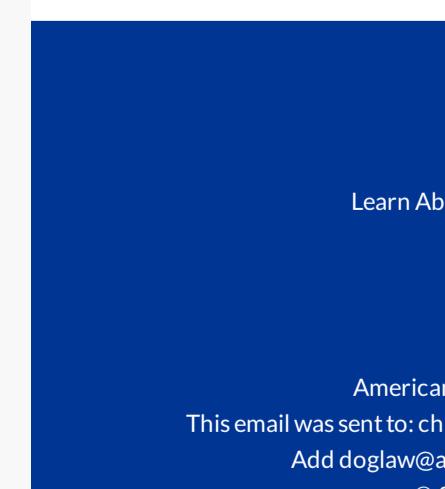
Tales from the Trenches – An Insider's Guide to the Texas 2021 Legislative Session

As has been widely covered by the media, the last hours of the 2021 Texas Legislative Session were not without drama. And that drama was not reserved only for the consideration of voting rights legislation. It extended to "eleventh-hour" political maneuvering on House Bill 1818, the "pet store bill." *Wait, Why Should I Care About Pet Store Legislation?*

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A Radical Push to Give Animals the Rights and Privileges of Humans

A radical assault is underway around the country with animal activists waging a war against animal ownership. At issue are so-called animal advocacy bills debated over the last several years in numerous state legislatures across the US that are masking a push to give animals the legal rights and privileges of humans.

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AKC Reunite Expands Program Partnering with AKC Clubs to Donate K-9s to Local Agencies. Share this Good News with Lawmakers!

Do your state and local elected officials know about the AKC Reunite Adopt a K-9 Cop program? If not, they should!

Participating in the AKC Reunite Adopt a K-9 Cop program is just one of many ways that AKC dog clubs, dog enthusiasts, and breeders make a real, positive difference in their communities. Better yet, [participating in the AKC Adopt a K-9 Cop](#) program has just gotten easier.

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Pet Store Ban Would Harm Dog Owners

Deciding to bring a pet into your family is a big decision—and it's one that shouldn't be taken lightly. You have to do your homework. This includes deciding what breed, temperament, age, grooming needs and other characteristics are the best fit for your family and lifestyle. And it ensures the dog has the right family to meet its needs. But if some lawmakers have their way, New Yorkers could soon lose the ability to choose a source or breed of their pet—along with the important state consumer protection laws that hold sellers accountable for false advertising and selling sick puppies.

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Legislative Information and Updates

The US Senate and House of Representatives are both in session. Seventeen states are in session or special session.

Linked below are some highlights of pending legislation impacting dog ownership and dog owners' rights. For more information on these issues, and information on how you can get involved, visit the AKC GR Legislative Action Center at [www.akcgr.org](#).

Visit the [2021 Legislation Tracking map](#) 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.

In addition to tracking and responding to legislative proposals, AKC Government Relations addresses dog-related regulatory proposals from the US, federal government, all 50 states, and the District of Columbia. AKC GR's Regulatory Resource Center provides updates on [federal](#) and [state](#) regulatory issues that may impact dog owners.

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