



# Taking Command

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## What's New from AKC Government Relations

The work of dog advocates is making a difference!

Lawmakers on all levels of government are considering legislation and regulatory actions that affect dogs in the US and abroad. Read about these measures and how AKC and allied groups are responding.

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## Advocates Take Action on Behalf of Dogs and Dog Owners



*Dedicated Dog Breeders Successfully Change New Hampshire Law – [read about their hard work](#) and why it matters.*

*AKC Lauds Passage of PAWS for Veterans Therapy Act – [read about a new federal therapy dog law](#) that benefits veterans who suffer from certain disorders related to their military service.*

*Senators Take Action to Forestall Potential Crisis of Unhealthy Imported Dogs – [read how this legislation](#) continues to advance.*



*Military Working Dogs Can Come Home: Dispelling Misconceptions about the CDC Dog Importation Ban – [read about how](#) AKC counters misinformation and advocates for long-term solutions.*

*California Lawmakers Serve as Honorary Chairs for San Diego AKC Meet the Breeds – [read more>>](#)*

## INSIDESOURCES



## AKC Government Relations in Major Media

*Breed-Specific Laws Punish Responsible Dog Owners – [read this widely-circulated AKC article](#) about the ineffectiveness and high costs of breed-specific laws.*

*Ban on Dogs from 'High-Risk' Countries a Wake-up Call about Importation Health Crisis – [read this AKC op-ed](#).*



## New Advocacy Tools in the AKC GR Legislative Action Center

*Consumer Protection: [Read updated information and talking points](#) about an alternative to overreaching dog breeder/seller bans and restrictions.*

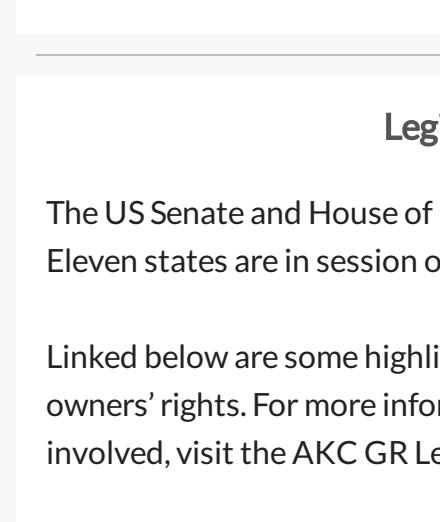
*AKC's Congressional Newsletter: [View the Summer 2021 issue of In Session](#) and share it with your elected officials.*



## AKC Works to Positively Impact US Detection Dog Shortage

*See the new Patriotic Puppy Program video – [view it here>>](#).*

*View a Detection Dog Task Force webinar – [read about July's presentation>>](#).*



## State and County Lawmaker Outreach: AKC GR on the Road

*State Legislators Informed of Need to Focus on "Deed, Not Breed" Insurance Practices at national meeting – [read more>>](#).*

*AKC Provides Facts and Positive Policy Information at 2021 Meeting of State Legislators – [read more>>](#).*

*AKC Offers Resources, Solutions, and Insights at National Conference for County Leaders – [read more>>](#).*

## Legislative Information and Updates

The US Senate and House of Representatives are both currently working in their districts. Eleven 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](http://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.

**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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