AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB®

Canine Legislation Position Statement

CIVIL DAMAGES IN CASES INVOLVING INJURY TO PETS

The American Kennel Club® supports the appropriate awarding of traditional economic damages in cases involving negligent injury to an animal. Together with criminal laws that prohibit animal cruelty and dog fighting, and civil laws that address both intentional and negligent injury or death of an animal, traditional economic damages in cases involving the negligent injury or death to an animal helps create a stable legal system that promotes responsible animal ownership, deters animal abuse, and promotes innovative, affordable, and quality animal care.

The AKC® opposes the awarding of non-economic damages in cases involving the negligent injury to an animal.