AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB®

Canine Legislation Position Statement

DOG AUCTIONS

The American Kennel Club® considers auctions and raffles not to be reasonable and appropriate methods to obtain or transfer dogs.

AKC's current inspection program shall include kennels/individuals offering dogs for sale at auctions.

Any dog sold at auction that is under 8 weeks of age or without microchip identification will be ineligible for AKC® registration and shall be placed on permanent referral.

The American Kennel Club discourages Parent Club rescue groups from purchasing dogs at auctions. Although Parent Clubs may be doing good things for individual dogs purchased at auctions, it perpetuates the problem and tends to create a seller's market. Reciprocally, auctioneers seek more dogs of those breeds to offer at auctions. AKC applauds the work of Parent Club rescue groups on many fronts. However, AKC believes that the purchasing of dogs at auctions is not overall in the best interest of purebred dogs.