AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB®

Canine Legislation Position Statement

DOG TRAINING

Training in appropriate behavior is an important part of responsible dog ownership and enables a dog to be a respected and cherished part of family and community life. Appropriate training can help prevent dogs from being relinquished for behavioral issues and can deepen the bond between owners and their dogs. Individual dogs respond differently to a variety of approaches. AKC® recognizes that there are numerous effective approaches to training that produce desirable results such as obedience, Canine Good Citizen®, performance and working/service dog designations. Government entities should not arbitrarily restrict accepted, appropriate and effective dog training practices.