



Dogs are Barking About...

PA Federation of Dog Clubs Newsletter #1

Winter- Spring 2019

Recap of Legislation in the 2017-2018 Session

All these Bills died at the end of 2018. Many of them will be reintroduced quickly in the 2019-2020 session.

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Bald Eagle Kennel Club
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Bernese Mt Dog Club of Watchung
Borzo Club of Delaware Valley
Bucks County Kennel Club
Bull Terrier Club of Philadelphia Inc.
Bulldog Club of Philadelphia
Butler Dog Training Association
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel of Delaware Valley
Chambersburg Area Kennel Club
Colonial Rottweiler Club
Dachshund Fanciers Assoc. of Berks County
Delaware County Kennel Club
Delaware Valley Bullmastiff Club
Delaware Valley Dalmatian Club
Delaware Valley German Shepherd Dog Club
Delaware Valley Havanese Club
Delaware Valley Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club
Delaware Valley Toy Dog Fanciers Assoc.
Delaware Valley Weimaraner Club
Delaware Valley Yorkshire Terrier Club
Devon Dog Show Association
Doberman Pinscher Rescue of PA
Dog Training Center of Chester County PA, Inc.
Dog Training Club of York
Erie Kennel Club
Great Dane Club of Lehigh Valley
Great Dane Club of Pennsylvania
Greater Philadelphia DFA
Greater Pittsburgh Golden Retriever Club
Greater Valley Forge Rhodesian Ridgeback Club
Harrisburg Kennel Club
Hatboro Dog Club
Hilltown Dog Training Club
Huntington Valley Kennel Club
Inter-State Shetland Sheepdog Club of PA
Irish Wolfhound Association of Delaware Valley
Kan-Do K9 Sports Association
Keeshond Club of Delaware Valley
Kennel Club of Philadelphia
Kerry Blue Terrier Club of Greater Pittsburgh

Senate Bill 1154. A bill recently introduced in the Pennsylvania State Senate is designed to restrict breeders and limit pet choice and access to purpose-bred pets. Senate Bill 1154 requires retail pet stores to sell only random-source dogs obtained from shelters and rescues. Even if you currently work only with dogs from non-professional/hobby breeders, this bill could have significant implications for your future ability to obtain a healthy, purpose-bred dog of your choice.

Facts about the sources of U.S. pets and pet choice:

- Fewer than 4 percent of pets in the US are obtained from pet shops. By contrast more than 40% are obtained from shelters or rescue operations. (American Pet Product Manufacturers Survey, 2017). This bill will do little to address any issues associated with substandard breeders.

- This bill bans the sale of pets from known, regulated and inspected sources and compel pet shops to only sell pets from random, unregulated sources (i.e., shelters, rescues, and other similar organizations not subject to breeder laws).

- This bill will dramatically reduce the average person's opportunity to choose a dog with the predictable type, legally-mandated care & oversight, and substantiated health background that come with purebred pets from regulated sources. Individuals who lack access to accurate information about pet sources or access to private hobby breeders will be the most impacted.

- This bill will harm responsible pet breeders and retailers who are regulated under federal and/or state laws, while encouraging the retail sale of pets from unlicensed and unregulated sources that are not subject to federal animal welfare or Pennsylvania's consumer protection laws.

- This bill does not require shelters or rescues to supply pet shops with dogs to sell. A lack of supply will prove economically disastrous for these businesses, the people who are employed by them and the consumers who rely on them.

Contact your State Senator TODAY before new Bills are introduced and ask him/her to not support any pet sales bans. Visit the AKC Legislative Action Center (www.akcgr.org) and type your address in the "Find Your Elected Officials" box or visit www.legis.state.pa.us and use the "Find My Legislator" tool to get the name and contact information for your your State Senator in Harrisburg. For more information, contact the Pennsylvania Federation of Dog Clubs at President@PAFederationofDogClubs.org or AKC Government Relations at doglaw@akc.org.

Banning pet stores from selling any animal except those from "Rescues" or "Shelters" is a bad idea. When is enough, enough? When it comes to the radical agenda of some animal groups, the answer is never. In 2009

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 Lehigh Valley Coursing Club
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 Liberty English Cocker Spaniel Fanciers
 Lower Bucks Dog Training Club
 Mid Susquehanna Valley Kennel Club
 Middle Atlantic St Bernard Club
 Mifflin County Dog Training Club
 Montgomery County Kennel Club
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 Old York Road DTC
 Penn Ridge Kennel Club
 Penn Treaty Kennel Club
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 Philadelphia DTC
 Pocono Mountain Kennel Club
 Poodle Club of the Lehigh Valley
 Quaker City Doberman Pinscher Club
 Saucon Valley Boxer Club
 Schuylkill Valley German Shorthaired Pointer Club
 Siberian Husky Club of Delaware Valley
 Skycastle French Hounds
 South Eastern Keystone Chinese Shar-Pei Club
 South Hills Kennel Club
 Suburban Dog Training Club of Eastern Mont-
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 Tri State Dog Obedience Club
 Waterland Retriever Club
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 William Penn Poodle Club
 William Penn West Highland White Terrier Club
 Williamsport Dog Training Club
 York County Dog Training Club

Law enforcement. Several years ago, \$4 million was removed from the account to help balance the budget. PFDC challenged this in Federal Court along with other groups, but we lost the court battle. Ever since, the amount available to support the Dog Law functions has diminished.

The PFDC supported the goals of HB 1463 to ensure that the Dog Law functions are adequately funded and protected from encroachment. However, we believe that some changes would make the Bill even more equitable and remove current distinctions that have no enforcement impact. PFDC believes that to be equitable, both individual dog licenses and kennel licenses should be increased - a position we have held since 2008. We want Dog Law to be a self-supporting program and are concerned that income from kennel licenses may not cover all the costs of kennel inspections. This reduces the amount of money available for other Dog Law activities, like providing funds for shelters that house stray dogs for the state, increasing staff to more appropriate past levels, prosecuting vicious dog cases, and increasing the percentage of dogs licensed.

The Bill permits the Department to set license fees through regulation, rather than rely on changes to the statutes. Political considerations make getting any change to license fees through the legislature very difficult. Our current fees are outdated and among the lowest in the country.

We continue to oppose the differentiation in license fees between neutered or spayed and intact dogs. There is no difference in the enforcement burden related to whether a dog is capable of breeding and

the PFDC helped pass significant reforms to PA Kennel Laws and Regulations. As a result, the Commonwealth saw a significant reduction in the number of commercial kennels from over 1500 in 2008 to less than 1000 today based on Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement reports. Those that remain are highly regulated and inspected. Any substandard commercial kennels still in operation are unlicensed and illegal. Since pet stores are also licensed in the Commonwealth, an operator of a pet store would be putting their license in jeopardy if they obtained animals from an unlicensed kennel.

Supporters of this concept will argue that it does not affect hobby breeders so we should not care. While we would love to see all pure-bred dogs coming from hobby breeders who invest hundreds of hours and thousands of dollars annually in their dogs, we recognized that we cannot keep up with the turn-over in the pet population ourselves. Well-regulated and inspected commercial kennels should not be driven out of business. Doing so would greatly impact the ability of consumers to obtain the pet of their choice for their families. Also, given the facts above about the success of the 2009 kennel reforms and the fact that this Bill is still being pushed by animal radicals shows us that they will never be satisfied. After they have succeeded in driving all commercial kennels from the Commonwealth, we expect hobby breeders would be next in the cross hairs.

Another concern for us is the level of fraud among "rescues", especially in the northeastern US. The anecdotal evidence is overwhelming that there are dozens if not hundreds of "puppy mills" now passing themselves off as "rescues" and raking in huge amounts of "adoption fees" instead of sales receipts. We would not be the least bit surprised, should SB1154 be reintroduced and pass into Law, the number of such "rescues" will explode. Without significant reforms to rescue and shelter regulations, this proposal would make conditions worse for animals we believe. We need to take action now to make it clear to Legislators that there is opposition to this idea.

2018-2019 State Session Proposals

House Bill 1463 aimed to restore the Dog Law Restricted Account to sound financial health by increasing individual dog license fees. The money in the account comes from licensing fees and penalties for violations of the Dog Law. No funds from the state's general fund budget are spent on Dog

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believe that the policy origin for the distinction is no longer valid. This is implicitly recognized in the Dog Law by requiring licensing of rescue groups that import animals into the Commonwealth. Each puppy born should be licensed at the required age. Failure to register is an enforcement issue, but the breeding of dogs is not, so it should not be penalized by increased fees through state regulation. Furthermore, there is growing evidence that dogs with intact reproductive systems live longer than those that have them removed and that the health benefits from having a dog intact outweigh those associated with neutering and spaying dogs.

The proposed law eliminates an outdated fee provided to the judicial system associated with prosecuting Dog Law offenses. We support this. However, given the history of raiding the account that is not funded from the tax base, we urge the legislature to expand the protection of this fund so that money taken from license fees and penalties will only be used to fund Dog Law activities. If the legislature does not provide that protection, we risk another raid on the resources we pay for that are supposed to be dedicated to enforcement of the Dog Law and ensuring the proper care of dogs in the Commonwealth. The legislature needs to step up and take responsibility for fiscal soundness.

With the advances in computers, selling licenses online is more cost effective, more efficient, and makes the process easier, encouraging people to comply with the law. The proposal will look into developing a unified, statewide online licensing system. This should reduce the burden on County Treasurers, make information sharing easier, and provide better data for policy analysis. This will aid Department staff in retrieving dog license information to enforce the Dog Law expeditiously and fairly and to fund improvements in its operations by increasing the percentage of dogs licensed in the Commonwealth.

We urge you to contact your legislator to express your support of the fee increases, but to also request the amendments discussed above be included when the Bill is reintroduced.

H B1238 has passed as Libre's Law, and is NOT Just a Reorganization of Existing Cruelty Laws. A Bill that was fast-tracked through the PA House of Representatives is not what it claimed to be. The statements to the media by its sponsors imply that it is only a restructuring of existing Cruelty Laws and some increase in the category of some of those offenses (i.e. from a summary offense to third degree misdemeanor). While those elements are in Libre's Law, there are also some troubling provisions in it that are not part of current PA Law. These include, but are not limited to:

- Tethering language. The PA Federation of Dog Clubs maintains its position that tethering is used humanely by many PA Citizens today. The problems with tethering come from the conditions in which the dog is kept. The need for adequate cover from the elements, food, water and veterinary care are already addressed in the Commonwealth's Cruelty Laws. If the increased categorization and penalties included in the Bill are passed without the tethering language, we believe that will adequately address the problem.

- Immunity from civil suits for Humane Police Officers employed by humane societies and SPCAs. The officers are not employees of the Commonwealth or any local municipalities. The immunity of state agencies does not apply to humane societies or SPCAs contracted to provide enforcement of cruelty laws. Such a blanket immunity deprives citizens of their rights to seek redress if their Constitutional Rights are violated.

- The increased penalties do cause us some concern as we have heard from more than a few members of our member organizations who have had unpleasant neighbors attempt to use cruelty complaints to settle disagreements. While often these complaints are dismissed after an investigation, the hassle and threat that individuals live under until they get their day in court can be life altering.

The PA Federation of Dog did not support HB 1238 as written and passed into law. Many of the provisions of this law will impact farmers and others in agriculture, and we will watch carefully to see how it is applied. In the 2019-2020 session, we will seek corrective amendments made to either clarify its application or modify the law. Please report any problems with this new law to us so that we can try to help you.

SB 636: Removing Animals from Vehicles: This Bill is now Law. It addresses the issue of removing animals from vehicles in extreme temperatures is moving through the PA Senate. This Bill responsibly limits the authority to police officers, humane officers, firemen and other first responders.

We are concerned however that there is no protection for dog owners if the animal bites or harms the person removing the animal. Many dogs are very protective of their cars and will not understand if those breaking in are there to help them.

Another concern is protection of dog owners should the authority be misused. While we would all love to think that everyone exercising such authority is doing so with the best intentions to help the animals, we have seen cases where similar authority was misused (i.e. the Willard dog seizure case).

We would like to see the following amendments:

(1) A person who witnesses an act under paragraph 1 of the Bill may contact a police officer, a volunteer or professional fireman, humane officer, security guard or other first responder, who may take any reasonable and necessary action to safeguard the dog or cat, including, but not limited to, breaking into the motor vehicle to remove the dog or cat from the unattended motor vehicle after a reasonable effort to search for the owner or operator of the unattended motor vehicle.

(2) A police officer, a volunteer or professional fireman, humane officer, security guard or other first responder, and the department or agency employing the officer, is not liable for any damage to property resulting from reasonable and necessary actions taken under this section.

(3) A person whose dog or cat is removed from an unattended vehicle under this section shall not be liable for any injury to property or persons during the period that the dog or cat is under possession or control of another.

We need to find a Legislator willing to consider these changes to the Law.

HB 493 (Schlossberg) – This proposal sought to designate the "shelter pet" as the official pet of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This may remove the Great Dane as the official dog. We sincerely hope this is not reintroduced.

SB 54 (Greenleaf) – It sought to make various changes to the Puppy Lemon Law, such as requiring that the releasing agency shall provide a new owner of a dog with a health record for the dog at the time of adoption, extends the timeframe that a hereditary or congenital condition must be certified by a veterinarian from within 30 days to 90 days of the purchase, among other things. The bill also provided that a dog shall not be unfit for purchase because of a health problem, which, in addition to a health certificate or guarantee of good health required under the law, is separately disclosed by the seller in writing at the time of sale. Such disclosure shall be signed by both the seller and the purchaser at the time of the sale and shall be documented in the health certificate or guarantee of good health. We support, however Senator Greenleaf retired and his son did not win the election. We do not know at this point who will chair the Senate Judiciary Committee going forward.

SB 248 (Leach) – The PA Federation of Dog Clubs did not support Senate Bill 248 largely due to its premises lacking scientific basis. It has been asserted in the memo for this Bill that "The circumstances of travel and performance make it impossible for the animals to be given the environment and facilities they require to maintain a healthy life. Mobile housing units are often cramped even to the point of being unhealth. Animals are also denied social interactions, sufficient exercise, and proper nutrition."

Most of these assertions have been shown to be false during the trial of the lawsuit brought by the owners of Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus versus PETA. The Scientific Data Act was passed by the Legislature in 2012 and requires new regulations to be scientifically based. It would be helpful in our view if legislation was too. We opposed and hope it isn't reintroduced. However, we suspect it will be.

HB 854 – Representative Grenier introduced this Bill to increase qualifications for individuals appointed as Humane Police Officers. We support and encourage all member organizations to support. This was incorporated into Act 10 of 2017-2018 (aka Libre's Law).

HB 1917– The PA Federation of Dog Clubs supports the strengthening of training requirements for Humane Society Officers as proposed in House Bill 1917 of 2017-2018. Given that these officers have the power to seize property and curtail the freedom by arrest of those accused, we believe it is entirely prudent to raise the standards of their education. HB1917 passed as Act 77 of 2017-2018. In its final form it provides for:

- A registry maintained by the PA Department of Agriculture of all HSPOs.
- Requirement that revocation in one county be communicated and applied to all counties in the Commonwealth.
- Requirement that HSPOs be residents of the Commonwealth.
- Requires that HSPOs not have been revoked in any county or other state previously.
- Minimum initial training:

- At least 40 hours on cruelty laws, rules of criminal procedure, procedure for filing citations and warrants, execution of search warrants, search & seizure practices and other areas of law enforcement duties.

- At least 40 hours on normal agricultural husbandry practices; industry accepted practices for raising, keeping and production; evidence of cruelty against agricultural animals; standard veterinary practices for treatment and research; agricultural biosecurity protocols; and general farm orientation, safety and security practices.

- The program shall include at least one on-site visit to an operational farm.

- Ongoing training of at least 8 hours in a 2-year period on agricultural and veterinary practices, treatments, biosecurity, farm safety & security. The HSPO registry will be updated with proof of the ongoing training every 2 years.

We are concerned that the initial and ongoing education programs may be contracted out to a “private entity” such as HSUS. The programs are overseen by a Board with the following makeup:

- A representative of the Secretary of Agriculture as chair
- A representative of humane societies or shelters in the Commonwealth
- A Humane Society Police Officer
- A representative of a statewide veterinary medical association such as PVMA
- A representative of a farm organization
- A district attorney or a designee
- A representative of police
- A district judge
- A Court of Common Pleas Judge or designee
- A Clear of Courts
- A representative of the PA Game Commission

There are no representatives of the many public groups subject to the cruelty law, including hunters, breeders, dog owners, exhibitors, etc. Since this Board recommends required training, this is a significant omission.

We supported it wanted the following amendments. The bill originally required increasing training from 44 hours to 120 hours for HSPOs. The enacted Law reduces the increase to only 80 hours for initial training. Eighty hours is not enough training for all the topics listed and including a farm visit.

SB29 of 2019-2020 (Brooks) – Lost Dog Registry. Would provide to those who have both lost and found dogs access to a no-cost, “one-stop-shop” clearinghouse of information about dogs at the state level, via a telephone hotline, a Facebook page and an online reporting system. By sharing information quickly and easily in one centralized information bank, more dogs can be returned to their rightful owners. We support, though we note there will be substantial cost involved. We would also like to see language requiring Humane Societies, rescues and shelters to check this registry on intake and again on adoption of an animal.

SB 480 (Dinniman) – It makes it a first degree misdemeanor if a person harms or kills an animal owned by an individual who has a protection from abuse order against the offender. The bill provided that any individual convicted of this crime shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$2,000 and not more than \$15,000 and/or imprisonment for up to two years. We supported and hope it will be reintroduced quickly.

SB 469 (Blake) – It provides for a tax credit for the cost of adopting a dog or cat from a qualifying pound, shelter, society, or association for the prevention of cruelty to animals, etc. The amount of the tax credit would be \$300 per tax year. Given the number of fraudulent rescues, this will be a big hit to the budget in support of substandard commercial kennels. We did not support.

A bill to stop the importing of unvetted puppies from out-of-state and unrecorded transfer of puppies for "adoption" (read "sale") between some so-called humane and rescue organizations in Pennsylvania is still desperately needed.

Any knowledge of such organizations doing this should be immediately reported to the Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement as a matter of public safety. Also, send a detailed report to APHIS, Animal Care (which

has jurisdiction over interstate shipment of animal in commerce) also. These “shelters” apply for 501(c)3 status as non-profits. They are, in effect, functioning for profit as “puppy mills.” Doing nothing about this directly related disgraceful problem that certainly should affect the public's perception of their honest unctious and practices unfortunately casts Humane PA's and the Federated Humane Societies of PA's motives in promoting any legislation in a very self-serving light, in our way of thinking, as they avoid monitoring or policing these rogue rescues. We recommend that you be careful in supporting their legislative agendas.

The issue about dogs and cats coming through any rescues unvetted and undocumented should not be “a thorny one” for any intelligent person, regardless of his or her affiliation, as it causes exposure of the general public's pets and people to disease from other areas, and purchase of heartbreakingly unhealthy animals as pets. And healthy animals in such shelters are obviously put at risk as well. The current lemon law can only help after the fact. The Federated Humane Societies of PA should be very strong voices to help correct this problem. It should be a much needed amendment to the PA dog laws. We of the PFDC have been trying to get these loopholes stopped for some time. Please notify USDA/APHIS at ace@aphis.usda.gov or phone 301-851-3751 to complain about the transfer of dogs among shelters, especially without adequate health checks.

In addition to vetting the rescue organization or shelter, state officials recommend these tips for people looking to adopt: 1. Find out what state and county the animal came from, 2. Ask for the pet's CVI, 3. Ask what kind of treatments the pet received after coming to the rescue facility. Do your research before adoptions, especially because most organizations will make you sign a contract releasing them of any financial responsibility. Any reputable organization will have treated the animal for at least two weeks before putting it up for adoption.

10 Things You Should Know About HSUS

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1. HSUS raises millions of dollars from American animal lovers through manipulative advertising. An analysis of HSUS's TV fundraising determined that more than 85 percent of the animals shown were cats and dogs. However, HSUS doesn't run a single pet shelter and only gives 1 percent of the money it raises to pet shelters while sucking money out of local communities.

2. HSUS's own donors and local shelters feel wronged. A poll of self-identified HSUS donors found 80 percent thought HSUS “misleads people” about their connections to pet shelters and 75 percent were less likely to support the group when they found out the truth. And according to a poll of animal shelters most agree that “HSUS misleads people into thinking it is associated with local animal shelters.”

3. HSUS puts more into its pension plan and Caribbean hedge funds than it gives to pet shelters. Between 2012 and 2014, HSUS put over \$100 million in Caribbean investments while also putting nearly \$10 million into its pension plan.

4. While it raises money with pictures of cats and dogs, HSUS has an anti-meat vegan agenda. Speaking to an animal rights conference in 2006, HSUS's then-vice president for farm animal issues stated that HSUS's goal is to “get rid of the entire [animal agriculture] industry” and that “we don't want any of these animals to be raised and killed.”

5. In May 2014, HSUS was part of a \$15.75 million settlement of a federal racketeering lawsuit. Feld Entertainment sued HSUS, two of its in-house lawyers, and others under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act for bribery, obstruction of justice, fraud, and other torts. Court documents indicate that HSUS sent several checks as part of an alleged witness-payment scheme.

6. HSUS's senior management includes others who have voiced support for terroristic acts. HSUS chief policy officer Mike Markarian has written that “A perfect example of effective rebellion is an Animal Liberation Front raid on a laboratory.” HSUS food policy director Matt Prescott, meanwhile, has written that “I also believe in the actions of the ALF and other such groups.” (Prescott is a former PETA activist.)

7. HSUS's senior management included a former spokesman for the Animal Liberation Front (ALF), a criminal group designated as “terrorists” by the FBI. HSUS president Wayne Pacelle hired John “J.P.” Goodwin in 1997, the same year Goodwin described himself as “spokesperson for the ALF” while he fielded media calls in the wake of an ALF arson attack at a California meat processing plant. In 1997, when asked by reporters for a reaction to an ALF arson fire at a farmer's feed co-op in Utah (which nearly killed a family

sleeping on the premises), Goodwin replied, "We're ecstatic." Both were recently fired for sexual harassment.

8. HSUS receives poor charity-evaluation marks. CharityWatch (formerly the American Institute of Philanthropy) has issued several "D" ratings for HSUS in recent years over the group's wasteful spending practices. Additionally, the 2013 Animal People News Watchdog Report discovered that HSUS spends 55 percent of its budget on overhead costs.

9. HSUS's CEO endorsed convicted dogfighting kingpin Michael Vick getting another pet. After Vick got out of prison, HSUS CEO Wayne Pacelle told the press that he thought Vick "would do a good job as a pet owner." This startling comment came after Vick's new employer, the Philadelphia Eagles, made a \$50,000 "grant" to HSUS.

10. Given the massive size of its budget, HSUS does relatively little hands-on care for animals. While HSUS claims it "saves" more animals than any other animal protection group in the US, much of the "care" HSUS provides is in the form of spay-neuter assistance. In fact, local groups that operate on considerably slimmer budgets, such as the Houston SPCA, provide direct care to more animals than HSUS does.

Upcoming Member Events

- **BCDV Independent Specialty Friday**, 3 May 2019 Erwinna, PA. Part of 4 days of Borzoi specialties & TSEs Thursday, 4 May HCCNJ, Friday, 5 May BCGNY, Saturday, 6 May Bucks County KC/ BCGNY TSE, Sunday, 7 May Trenton KC/ BCDV TSE. Contact: Joy Windle, Joyous Gard, ,East Fallowfield, PA.

- **Kan-do K9 Sports Assn** Sat, May 4, 2019, Sun, May 5, 2019. Secretary Elizabeth Long, 610.967.2085, kandok92008@yahoo.com. Chairperson Jeanne Carbone, 610.310.2678, grchfrosty@gmail.com. EVENTS OFFERED: Obedience, Rally Obedience. LOCATION: K9 Jym, 252 Bethlehem Pike, Colmar, PA 18915. (Indoors) 215.822.8840.

DAY OF SHOW FEES

Event	Entry Fee	Notes
Rally Obedience	\$28.00	\$15 Jr. Handler
Obedience	\$28.00	\$15 Jr. Handler

Pre-Entry Deadline: Received By April 22, 2019 Please send Pre-Entries to: Elizabeth Long, 4271 Dillingersville Rd, Zionsville, PA 18092. 610.967.2085 kandok92008@yahoo.com

- **Tri-State Dog Obedience Club**- upcoming events :Jan 26-agility fun runs -enter via dogmatchshow.com. Feb. 9-obedience match enter via dogmatchshow.com. March 16 obedience match enter via dogmatchshow.com. March 23-CDSP trial further information on tristatedogobedienceclub.com. April 6- TDI,CGC and tricks testing. May 11-UKC nosework trial-further information on club website.

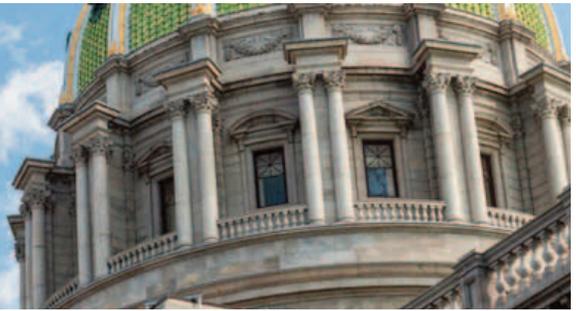
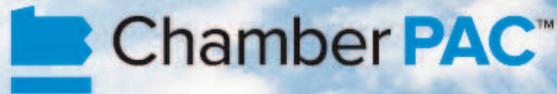
We hold training classes all year round -check website for further information.

- **TNT Canines**, Barn Hunt trials, February 15, 16 & 17, 2019 at Dandy Dog Training Center. See tntcanines.com for more details.

- **Dandy Dog Training Center**, CDSP Obedience trials, March 30-31, 2019. See Dandy-DogTraining.com for more details.

- **The Hatboro Dog Club** will hold its 66th and 67th Annual Point Shows on October 3 and 4, 2019 at the Middletown Grange Fair Grounds in Wrightstown, Pennsylvania 18940. We have six Membership Meetings a year held at the Good Shepard Lutheran Church in Southampton. For those interested in membership can contact Lauren Gerloff, our Corresponding Secretary, at Lmg208@yahoo.com. or myself for meeting dates or show information. Robert W. Thomas, President, Point Show Chairman, Rdbrwt593@aol.com

- **Suburban Dog Training Club** in Wyndmoor is having an Obedience Show-N-Go on Saturday, February 9th. For information, go to SuburbanDogTraining.com.



Business Meets the New Legislators Breakfast

Tuesday, February 5, 201, 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry
417 Walnut Street, Harrisburg, PA
\$150 per person

ChamberPAC's **Business Meets the New Legislators Breakfast** is Harrisburg's premier event for freshman legislators. Don't miss this unique opportunity to introduce your business to the 50 newest members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

The PA Federation of Dog Clubs is a member of the PCBI and will be sending a representative to this event. The PFDC suggests all our member canine organizations research their local chambers and consider joining in order to boost our connections to the communities we serve.

The Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement Requires that Everyone has CURRENT DOG LICENSES for their Pets

All dogs three months or older must be licensed by January 1 of each year. Violators can be cited with a maximum fine of \$300 per violation plus court costs. The cost of a dog license is cheaper than the fine for not having one. An annual license is \$8.50 and a lifetime license is \$51.50. If the animal is spayed or neutered, the annual fee is \$6.50 and lifetime is \$31.50. Discounts are available to older adults and people with disabilities. Dog licenses can be purchased from your county treasurer or issuing agent. Please visit www.licenseyourdogPA.com for a listing of all treasurers.

License fees help millions of dogs in the state by funding the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement which is charged with ensuring the welfare of breeding dogs and puppies in commercial breeding kennels. The Bureau also regulates activities pertaining to dogs that are classified as dangerous, and oversees annual licensure and rabies vaccinations for dogs.

If your dog gets lost, a current license is the fastest way to get him/her back..



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