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# Dogs are Barking About...

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## Legislative Report May 2022

### State Legislative Proposals

**SB36 (Hill) & HB858 (Jones)** – Service Dog License Fee Exemption. SB85 of 2019-2020. On one hand, this sounds like a reasonable thing to do and the percentage of dogs that are credentialed service dogs is small. On the other hand, the Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement is on the verge of bankruptcy and needs every dollar they can get. We believe this proposal should be amended into SB232 or HB526, the BDLE funding proposals.

**SB232 (Schwank) & HB526 (Pashinski)** – Funding proposals for the Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement. We cannot allow the BDLE to become ineffective. Stronger enforcement of existing Laws is the only way to stop radical proposals like Victoria's Bill. We strongly support this proposal and believe it should be broadened to include kennel license fees.

**HB 1072** – Detection Dog License Fee Exemption. As with the Service Dog License Fee Exemption, we support this proposal in theory but know that the BDLE needs every dollar they can get. We would support this proposal if it was rolled into SB232 or HB526, the BDLE funding Bills.

**HB337 (Hohenstein)** – Extreme Weather Protection for Dogs. PA has Cruelty Laws and "Libre's Law" toughened the penalties. Just enforce them. One-size-fits-all restrictions are not fair to some breeds that thrive in weather extremes. Confusing, heavy-handed mandates will result in a lot of surrenders to shelters & rescues. This may be a bonus for some shelters & rescues needing adoptable animals to bolster adoption fees.

**HB132 (Rothman)** – Home-based Pet Care Exempt from Definition of "Boarding Kennel". HB368 of 2019-2020 session. This Bill seeks to exempt homes that board five or less dogs for compensation from the definition of a "boarding kennel." This will preclude such homeowners from getting a boarding kennel license. We would like to know if the dogs kept by such a home-based provider would be counted toward the private kennel license limit of 26 dogs handled in a calendar year. We support the Bill as currently written.

**SB476 (Brooks)** – Lost Dog Registry. SB29 of 2019-2020. We support this Bill but would like to see it amended to require agencies that adopt out pets to check it on intake and placement.

**HB1137** – Reporting at Pet Shops. We have concerns about this proposal. It should also apply to shelters and rescues we believe. We are also concerned about a new definition of pet shop kennels being slipped into the proposal.

**SB234 & HB1299** – Victoria's Bill. We oppose the retail restrictions in the Bill. We do not oppose the reporting requirements in it.

## **(Legislation Report, Continued)**

- Tough changes to Dog Law and kennel regulations enacted in 2008-2009 need to be adequately funded before new legislation is considered.
- If this SB234 is enacted, what's next? Backyard breeders or hobby breeders? We were told the 2008-2009 reforms would be the solution, but they're back any way.
- The numbers in the beginning of SB234 are made up by the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) from whole cloth, not scientific basis because mandatory shelter reporting opposed by HSUS, etc.
- There are only 31 brick & mortar pet stores statewide selling puppies from commercial kennels according to HSUS on WHP580, Thursday, April 18, 2019. Puppy Lemon Law much more effective.
- There are over 100 rescues registered as 501c3 in PA that operate with almost no oversight despite a lot of anecdotal evidence that greater oversight is needed.

**HB327 (Markosek)** – Pet Kidnapping, Lab Sales. HB2207 of 2019-2020. There are some concerns about unintended consequences of including research laboratories, lumping them in with dog fighters and unlicensed, substandard commercial kennels. We are neutral on this Bill at this time.

**HB674** – Tax Credit for Shelter Adoptions. We do not support this proposal.

**HB495** – Animal Cruelty, ownership restrictions. We are concerned about the unintended consequences of this proposal. If a family member with no history of cruelty want to take in animals from a hoarding situation, this could be problematic. We are still looking at this.

**HB2047 (Ortitay)** - Cracking Down on Unscrupulous Breeders and Animal Cruelty. The title sounds good but it contains many of the same ownership restrictions covered in HB495, so we are concerned about the “unintended” consequences of this proposal too. This kind of proposal would be considered by the Animal Welfare Board to be created by S907, so it probably will not go anywhere pending resolution of that proposal.

**SB907 (Yaw)** – Animal Welfare Board creation. The PFDC is pleased to announce the introduction of SB907 by Senator Gene Yaw. This bill would create an animal advisory board tasked with reviewing all new bills as well as those laws already in place. The Board would then make recommendations, if warranted. The PFDC has been awarded 2 seats on this Board. We will keep you updated as this bill progresses through committee.

## **Federal Legislative Proposals**

**HR2840/S1385 (Shumer)** – Puppy Protection Act.

This is Federal government over-reach. PA, like many other States, has cruelty laws and kennel regulations already in place. Dealing with these issues is best left at the State and local level in our view. One-size-fits-all legislation in this area from Washington will give more influence to radical, nation-wide organizations with animal liberation agendas.

## **Meet Jonathan Stanley)**

Our new board member on the PFDC is Jonathan Stanley of Columbia Crossroads, PA. Jonathan is the current president and past vice president of the Tioga County Kennel Club. The club is known for the Hickories circuit which is held in the Owego NY area every August. He began to get involved in dog law and the politics around it about 5 years ago, deciding that being proactive to promote and defend our rights to animal sport and enterprise is not a job for “someone else”, but a job for “all of us”. One of his projects has been PA SB 907 sponsored by his state Senator Gene Yaw, which was recently unanimously voted out of the PA Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee to the Senate floor for a full vote. Jonathan was influential in assuring the PFDC 2 seats and the AKC seat on the

Board along with a couple of other seats to sporting dog clubs. If passed, he will be filling one of the PFDC's seats on that board which will review all animal current and proposed legislation by industry professionals rather than having it planted with Animal Activists.

He lives with his wife, Donna Stanley in Bradford County where they have resided for 35 years. Together they oversee a business holding company invested in Real Estate and the Pet space. They have been involved with the AKC since 1985 and have actively exhibited their dogs in AKC Conformation events since 1999. He looks forward to being a part of the legislative work of the PFDC and working with the entire PFDC Board in promoting the work of the Federation.

# PFDC Legislative Report

The Legislative Committee has spent 2021 building relationships with various state and national organizations supportive of common-sense dog law. Networking with other organizations has helped to strengthen our knowledge as well as to join forces with others who are engaged in protecting Show people and Breeders from Legislation that will have a negative effect on their freedoms and on our pets.

We are currently following a few bills that are stagnant in the PA House and continue to encourage action on SB907 establishing a PA Animal Welfare Board, designed to intercept and comment or make recommendations on all introduced legislation relating to pets. Board members will be appointed from trade organizations. The PFDC will have 2 of 18 seats.

We are tracking and cataloging abuses of Libre's Law by Animal Rights Activists and regularly reporting these things to trusted Senators. People are having their property confiscated without due process and some are being charged with felonies based on undefined terms of cruelty without recourse or remediation. First time offenders are being charged with felonies. We are working with a couple of Senators and Representatives on this. We continue to monitor the allegedly illegal confiscations in the Lancaster area and work with these communities as well as advising State Representatives and Senators of those confiscations.

Senator Yaw (R-23) has asked Jonathan Stanley to meet with various House Representatives and Senators. He is following through with that.

We are using our channels to meet with District Attorneys in some locales to discuss upcoming bills as well as enforcement of current pet related laws. House Representatives are trying to help us do that.

House Ag Chair Representative Mau will bring up in the House and Senate about increasing the Kennel License yearly fees.

Representative Zimmerman (R-99) is agreeable that all dogs should be considered the same when forming Bills, and he is working with us to form additional bills combating some very bad laws like Libre's Law which was passed on 2017 in a back room deal with Gov. Wolf.

Victoria's Bill is not advancing in part due to the "All Dogs being Equal" proposal and partly because it is in the Agricultural Committee where Senator Yaw will not advance it.

We are working to get ourselves into the position where Senate and House representative offices call us for upcoming and pending bills

Linda met yesterday with David Burkholder, Senator Mastriano's Liaison. As the Legislative Committee, we are considering endorsing Mastriano for Governor because of his strong support for our shared Canine agenda.

We are in possession of information that shelters holding lost, missing, or stolen dogs are refusing to attempt to return dogs through microchip identification so they can be fed in the Retail Rescue trade.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Linda Witouski, Chair/Jonathan Stanley, Vice Chair*

## Animal Advisory Board – SB907

SB907 was introduced by Senator Yaw to create an advisory board to review any and all animal legislation prior to being forwarded to the legislators for consideration. This advisory board would also be tasked with reviewing and recommending changes to current existing PA State animal laws.

The advisory board is comprised of representatives from a variety of organizations that have an interest in animal welfare as well as animal rights.

To be truthful and transparent, simply put, it will be the battleground for newly introduced legislation as well as advocating changes in existing legislation.

The entire legislative body is tired of animal bills and obviously believes that a group of animal representatives is the best option to sort them all out before they have to hear about them. Essentially, we will be doing their job for them, and relieving their staff of what they believe to be non essential legislation.

We encourage each and every animal owner/breeder/kennel to contact your representatives and ask them to support this advisory board creation.

If you want to see less legislative animal bills introduced and changes made to existing animal legislation, you need to be proactive and make the calls or send them an email.

For the first time in many years, because of the extensive work done by the PFDC Legislative Committee, our voices will be heard, loud and clear. The animal rights movement has had control of legislative issues for far too long.

Help us to help you...make those calls. If you are unsure of your representatives, kindly send us an email and we will assist you.

*Linda Witouski*

# Pennsylvania's Dog Laws

## Basic Requirements and Information All Dog Owners Need to Know

1. Licensing:
  - ❖ All dogs three months and older must be licensed by January 1 of each year.
  - ❖ Dog licenses are purchased through your county treasurer's office.
  - ❖ Violations are subject to \$300.00 fines (plus court costs.)
  - ❖ Burden of proof of the age of the dog is on the owner. (See Pennsylvania Statutes - 3 P.S. § 459-201; § 459-802.)
  - ❖ Licensing & Transportation of Dogs:
    - It shall be unlawful for any dog required to be licensed as hereinbefore provided, to be transported for any purpose without a current license tag firmly attached to a collar or harness securely fastened to the dog except when a dog is being transported for law enforcement, to receive veterinary care pursuant to an order of the secretary for humane purposes or by the owner to or from a hunt, show, performance event, field trial or commonly accepted training practice involving hunting dogs and dogs that participate in such events. All vehicles being used to transport dogs are subject to inspection and must meet requirements for such transportation through regulations as promulgated by the secretary. 3 P.S. § 459-213.
  - ❖ Licensing Exceptions:
    - Any person may bring, or cause to be brought into the State, for a period of 30 days, one or more dogs for show, trial or breeding purposes or as a household pet without securing a Pennsylvania license, and any person holding a Pennsylvania nonresident hunting license may, without securing a license or licenses therefor, bring or cause to be brought into the State one or more dogs for the purpose of hunting game during any hunting season when hunting with dogs is permitted by law, if a similar exemption from the necessity of securing dog licenses is afforded for hunting purposes to residents of Pennsylvania by the State of such person's residence; but each dog shall be equipped with a collar bearing a name plate giving the name and address of the owner. 3 P.S. § 459-212.
2. Rabies:
  - ❖ All dogs shall be vaccinated against rabies within 4 weeks after the date the dog attains 12 weeks of age. (See Pennsylvania Statutes - 3 P.S. § 455.8.)
3. Transportation of Dogs into the Commonwealth:
  - ❖ (A) Health Certificate for Importation:
    - It shall be a violation of this act to transport any dog into this Commonwealth except under the provision in section 212 without a certificate of health prepared by a licensed doctor of veterinary medicine, which certificate, or copy of such, shall accompany the dog while in this Commonwealth. The certificate shall state that the dog is at least eight weeks of age and shows no signs or symptoms of infectious or communicable disease: did not originate within an area under quarantine for rabies; and, as ascertained by reasonable investigation, has not been exposed to rabies within 100 days of importation. All dogs must have been vaccinated for rabies in accordance with the act of December 15, 1986 (P.L. 1610. No. 181,) known as the "Rabies Prevention and Control in Domestic Animals and Wildlife Act." The name of the vaccine manufacturer, the date of administration, and the rabies tag number must appear on health certificates prepared by a licensed doctor of veterinary medicine. 3 P.S. § 459-214.
  - ❖ (B) Exception & Dogs Temporarily in the Commonwealth:
    - Any person may bring, or cause to be brought into the State, for a period of 30 days, one or more dogs for show,, trial, or

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breeding purposes or as a household pet without securing a Pennsylvania license, and any person holding a Pennsylvania nonresident hunting license may, without securing a license or licenses therefor, bring or cause to be brought into the State one or more dogs for the purpose of hunting game during any hunting season when hunting with dogs is permitted by law, if a similar exemption from the necessity of securing dog licenses is afforded for hunting purposes to residents of Pennsylvania by the state of such person's residence; but each dog shall be equipped with a collar bearing a name plate giving the name and address of the owner. **3 P.S. § 459-212.**

### 4. The Dog Law contains critical definitions relating to people who are involved with enforcement:

- ❖ **Animal Control Officer** – Any person appointed to carry out the duties of dog control.
- ❖ **Department** – The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.
- ❖ **Dog Control** – The apprehending, holding and disposing of stray or unwanted dogs. Dog control may be performed by humane society police officers, police officers, state dog wardens or animal control officers.
- ❖ **Humane Society or Association for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals** – A nonprofit society or association duly incorporated pursuant to 15 Pa C.S. CH. 53 Subch. A (Relating to incorporation generally) for the purpose of the prevention of cruelty to animals.
- ❖ **Human Society Police Officer** – Any person duly appointed pursuant to 22 Pa. C.S. § 501 (relating to appointment by nonprofit corporations) to act as a police officer for a humane society or association for the prevention of cruelty to animals. The term shall include any person who is an agent of humane society or association for the prevention of cruelty to animals as agent is used in 18 Pa. C.S. § 5511 (relating to cruelty to animals.)
- ❖ **Police Officer** – Any person employed or elected by this Commonwealth, or by any

municipality and whose duty it is to preserve peace or to make arrests or to enforce the law. The term includes constables and dog, game, fish and forest wardens.

- ❖ **State Dog Warden** – An employee of the department whose primary duty is to enforce this act and the regulations pursuant thereto. (**See 3 P.S. § 459-102.**)

As stated in the PA Department of Agriculture Website:

- ❖ Pennsylvania Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement acting through dog wardens, are charged with protecting puppies and dogs, consumers and protecting communities from dangerous and stray animals. Dog wardens enforce licensing and rabies laws, enforce kennel licensing and regulations through inspections, seize dogs running at large, investigate dog bites and establish and enforce quarantine of dogs and prosecute dog law violations in court.
- ❖ The Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement does not oversee or have jurisdiction over animal cruelty. If a dog warden suspects cruelty, they will refer the case to the humane society, police officer or police officer for official investigation.
- ❖ Humane Society Police Officers' scope and powers are set forth in Title 22 of the Statutes of Pennsylvania Chapter 37.

### 5. Humane Society Police Officer:

- ❖ **Humane Society Police Officer is Defined as follows:**
  - Any person duly appointed pursuant to **22 Pa. C.S. § 501** (relating to appointment by nonprofit corporations) to act as a police officer for a humane society or association for the prevention of cruelty to animals. The term shall include any person who is an agent of humane society or association for the prevention of cruelty to animals as agent is used in 18 Pa. C.S. § 5511 (relating to cruelty to animals.) **22 Pa. C.S. § 3702 Definitions**
- ❖ **Society or Association is defined as follows:**
  - A nonprofit t society or association duly incorporated pursuant to 15 Pa.C.S. Ch. 53 Subch. A (relating to incorporation

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generally) for the purpose of the prevention of cruelty to animals. (June 28, 2017, P.L.215, No.10, eff. 60 days)

- ❖ Human Officers' can be appointed by nonprofit corporations. Section 3704 state:
  - (a) Application for appointment.- A society or association may apply to the court of common pleas in any county for the appointment of an individual as a humane society police officer for that county by providing proof of qualification under section 3705 (relating to qualifications for appointment) to the court of common pleas and to the district attorney. The court, upon reviewing the application and considering the recommendation, if any, of the district attorney, may by order appoint such person to be a humane society police officer.
- ❖ Humane Society police officers have the following powers: Section 3708 Powers and Authority, Jurisdiction:
  - (a) Authority limited to county of appointment.—An individual appointed as a humane society police officer in accordance with this chapter shall have

power and authority to exercise the powers conferred under 18 Pa.C.S. Ch. 55 Subch. B (relating to cruelty to animals) in enforcement of animal cruelty laws only within the particular county whose court of common pleas issued the appointment. The individual has no power or authority to exercise the powers conferred under 18 Pa.C.S. Ch. 55 Subch. B in any other county whose court of common pleas has not issued an appointment.

- (b) Notice to district attorney.—Prior to exercising the power and authority set forth by this chapter within a county, each appointed humane society police officer shall file notice, along with a copy of the appointment granted under this chapter, with the district attorney of the county.
- (c) Shield.—Every individual appointed as a humane society police officer under this chapter shall possess a metallic shield with the words “humane society police officer” and the name of the society or association for which the individual is appointed displayed thereon.

## **Summary**

### **Humane Society Police Officer (Animal Cruelty Officers v. Dog Warden)**

- ❖ Pennsylvania SPCA
  - Primarily responsible for investigation of alleged instances of cruelty and/or neglect of animals by owners commercial establishments or other persons, relative to care, use and treatment of animals under Title 18 § 5511.
  - They have all the police powers of a uniformed officer for cruelty investigation; seizing animals, investigating animal abuse, executing search warrants, issuing citations and arresting offenders.
  - Humane societies have authority to employ animal cruelty officers.
  - Pennsylvania Crime Code 18 P.S. § 5531-5561 Cruelty to Animals.

### ❖ State Dog Officers – Dog Warden

- The Pennsylvania Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture oversees the licensing of dogs and vaccination against rabies.
- They also ensure welfare of breeding dogs and puppies in commercial kennels, as well as leash law and the dangerous dog statue.
- The Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement does not oversee or have jurisdiction over animal cruelty.
- A dog warden receives humane officer training in order to identify suspects of cruelty and then refers the case to a humane society police officer or a police officer.

Please note that enforcement of laws regarding dogs varies greatly between counties.

# How did it happen and why we recommend the endorsement of Senator Mastriano for PA Governor

During 2021, the PFDC Legislative Committee received requests for assistance from various individuals throughout the Commonwealth whose dogs had been confiscated by deception, intimidation, harassment, threats, missing due process and other unethical means. These individuals were charged with cruelty and several cases are still on going as of this writing. The majority of charges against these individuals were simple things that most responsible breeders would consider normal occurrences, such as “cloudy water in outside buckets,” ear mites, nail trimming, etc. None of these individuals had the number of dogs required for a PA kennel license. The majority of these dogs were considered “high dollar purebreds.” In these situations, the dogs were confiscated and made to disappear. The legislative committee worked side by side with these devastated individuals, their families, and children to help them, including locating proper legal representation. We contacted those Senators and House Representatives that we had already formed relationships with and advised them of the abuse of Constitutional Rights that were permitted under Governor Wolfe’s Libre’s Law.

It was recommended to PA Senator Mastriano’s Liaison to contact us regarding these incidents and advised him that the PFDC was assisting the wrongfully accused individuals. The Liaison called and advised that he was told to find out if our organization was an animal rights organization and if so, they were not interested

in working with us. The Liaison was told that we are an *animal welfare* organization and they understand the difference. Several hours later, the PFDC Legislation Chair received a call from Senator Mastriano. Since that conversation, we have been provided with VIP status at all of his rallies and have maintained communication with him. The endorsement of Doug Mastriano for Governor is uniquely and exclusively formed from his support of dog-related issues that we represent. No other public policy issues were considered. He has sought to forge this relationship with the PFDC and sees us as a leader among our aligned partners.

The Senator:

- 37-year veteran who has fought for our freedom – Col. Doug Mastriano, Retired.
- Is a Constitutionalist – he follows the Constitution as written
- Understands the animal rights agenda and their existence in government agencies
- Is against animal rights and is willing to assist us

But first, he needs to get elected!

Your Legislation Committee has worked hard to educate and form alliances with politicians who understand the issues facing our dog and agricultural communities in the Commonwealth. We are not taking this election nor an endorsement lightly. It is our opportunity, for our side, to finally be the first heard. Let’s not lose the position for which we have fought.



## Club Spotlight

# Tioga County Kennel Club

The Tioga County Kennel Club is based out of beautiful, historic Owego, NY. Owego is the county seat for Tioga County, which is a rural area of the southern tier of NY. Situated on the Susquehanna River along Route 17, and less than 10 minutes from the Pennsylvania/ New York state line, Owego is approximately 3 hours from Buffalo, 3 1/2 hours from NYC and 1 1/2 hours from Syracuse. And Owego was once voted the #1 Coolest Small Town in America!

In December 1980, a group of nine local show exhibitors from the Apalachin, Owego, Vestal, and Endicott areas of New York State felt there was a strong need for handling classes to keep their dogs from getting out of shape for the Spring point shows. Handling classes in conformation and obedience were started at the Bonner Community Center and the Appalachian Elementary School. These classes were open for participation by members of the community.

Regular monthly meetings as a club began in January 1981. At this time, club officers and an advisory committee were appointed. In April, a Constitution and By-laws were drawn up and adopted by the club members, based on the outline provided by the AKC for this specific purpose. An official election of all officers and board members, as defined by the by-laws, was held in May 1981. The Tioga County Kennel Club was “born.”

We applied to hold an AKC sanctioned dog show in 1990 and have had a show every year since. In 2010 we joined forces with Susque-Nango Kennel Club to expand the show (now newly named the Hickories Circuit) to 3 days with great success. In 2014 we expanded to a 4 day circuit. The show originally started at the Hickories Park in Owego, but after severe flooding at the park in 2006 and 2011, we moved the show to the Apalachin Firemen’s Field Day Grounds in Apalachin, NY. After the 2020 shows were cancelled due to COVID, we moved to the Broome County Fairgrounds in Whitney Point NY for 2021 and beyond. Our new show site has tons of great potential, and we look forward to getting better each year.

Over the years we have proudly sponsored the Tioga County K-9 unit, we’ve supplied Pet Oxygen Mask kits for Tioga and Broome County First responders, The Baker Institute for Canine Health and have supported the Southern Tier Police Canine Assoc. The Tioga County Kennel Club was one of the chief sponsors of the AKC Reunite Disaster Relief program in our region, and in 2018 we were proud to see the plan become a reality for our local communities.

Our club members make our club unique. We seek to be a welcoming club and believe in mentorship and education for those who have interest or are pursuing AKC pure bred dogs. We have been active in legislation in both New York and Pennsylvania and believe that it is part of our responsibility to the breeds and breed lovers to advance legislation and educate for responsible dog ownership and animal welfare.

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