The Indiana Purebred Dog Alliance (IPDA) was created on February 21, 2009 to protect the interest of Indiana hobby breeders, pet owners and exhibitors. We formed for the long-term to continue defending our rights against legislation on all levels of government that could endanger our sport and the ownership of purebred dogs. Because of our efforts, the AKC recognized IPDA as a Federation Club. In partnership with the AKC, our efforts have been very successful. There are some challenges at the state, federal and local levels that prove again the need for Indiana purebred hobby breeders, dog owners and exhibitors to band together. We are considered the voice of reason to our Indiana Legislators and stand ready to work hand-in-hand with them in resolving legislative issues that impact the dog fancy.

2017 Legislative Update

On the Federal Level:

House Con. Res. 46 and Senate Resolution 144 support the designation of May 1 as National Purebred Dog Day. The resolution, written by the American Kennel Club, recognizes the many ways purebred dogs enhance and enrich our lives, including service, search and rescue, military, livestock guardians, and many other services.

- The Pet and Women Safety Act (PAWS - H.R. 909/S. 322) would add federal protections for the pets of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence. It would include pets in protection orders for human victims and require that a person who commits an interstate violation of a protection order would be subject to fines and/or imprisonment and be required to pay restitution for veterinary care of a victim’s pet that was harmed as the result of an offense. It creates an Emergency and Transitional Pet Shelter and Housing Assistance Grant Program to award grants to eligible entities to carry out programs to aid victims of crimes related to stalking and domestic violence. The AKC supports this measure and has been working with members of Congress to advance it.

- The Puppies Assisting Wounded Service members (PAWS) Act of 2017 establishes a pilot program to provide grants to eligible organizations to provide specially-trained service dogs for veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and traumatic brain injury (TBI). Companion bills H.R. 2327 and S. 1014 have been assigned to their respective Veteran’s Affairs Committees. AKC supports this measure, which also recognizes the value of AKC CGC programs in preliminary training for service dogs.
**On the State Level:**

**SB 293:** Animals. Provides that a military animal rather than a service animal may be buried with a deceased owner. Urges the legislative council to assign to the interim study committee on agriculture and natural resources or another appropriate interim study committee the topics of: (1) federal and state law concerning service and assistance animals; and (2) the permissible uses of service and assistance animals, including emotional support animals and therapy animals, in public accommodations.

**Action:** Signed by Governor on 4/21/17. Effective 7/1/17.

**SB 306:** Attending an animal fighting contest. Makes attending an animal fighting contest a Level 6 felony regardless of whether the person attending the animal fighting contest has an animal in the person’s possession. repeals the law that makes attending a fighting contest involving animals a Class A misdemeanor.

**Action:** Referred to Committee on Corrections and Criminal Law.

**SB 314:** Protective orders concerning animals. Allows a court to grant an order of protection to: (1) grant possession and care of an animal to a petitioner; (2) prohibit a respondent from taking action against the animal; and (3) direct a law enforcement officer to accompany the petitioner to retrieve the animal.

**Action:** Referred to Committee on Judiciary

**SB 323 and HB 1085:** Animal protective orders and wireless service providers. Allows a court to grant an order of protection to: (1) grant possession and care of an animal to a petitioner; (2) prohibit a respondent from taking action against the animal; and (3) direct a law enforcement officer to accompany the petitioner to retrieve the animal. Allows a court to include the transfer of wireless telephone numbers and accounts as part of an order for protection.

**Action:** Signed by Governor on 4/21/17. Effective 7/1/17. **Note:** This law allows the removal of domestic animals from hot vehicles.

**HB 1029:** Veterinarian tax credit. Provides a tax credit against adjusted gross income tax liability of a veterinary services provider that performs a spay-neuter procedure on a companion animal at no cost to the owner of the companion animal. Defines a "companion animal" as a dog or a cat. Defines "veterinary services provider" as a: (1) veterinarian, if the veterinarian provides veterinary services as a sole proprietor; or (2) professional services corporation or other business entity, if a veterinarian provides veterinary services through the veterinarian’s affiliation with the professional services corporation or other business entity. Specifies that the amount of the credit is the lesser of: (1) an amount equal to the total number of spay-neuter procedures performed by the veterinary services provider at no cost during the taxable year, multiplied by the average cost of a spay-neuter procedure otherwise charged by the veterinary services provider during the taxable year, multiplied by 5%; or (2) $3,700.

**Action:** Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

**HB 1185:** Limited liability for aiding a companion animal. Provides that a certified advanced emergency medical technician, certified emergency medical technician, or paramedic who provides certain emergency medical services to a companion animal is not liable for an act or omission related to the services provided unless the act or omission constitutes negligence or willful misconduct. Defines "companion animal" as a pet or service animal. Grants civil immunity to a person who forcibly enters a locked car for the purpose of rescuing a companion animal. Does not extend civil immunity to acts of entry involving gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct. Limited liability for aiding a companion animal. Provides that a certified advanced emergency medical technician, certified emergency medical technician, or paramedic who provides certain emergency medical services to a companion animal is not liable for an act or omission related to the services provided unless the act or omission constitutes negligence or willful misconduct. Defines "companion animal" as a pet or service animal. Grants civil immunity to a person who forcibly enters a locked car for the purpose of rescuing a companion animal. Does not extend civil immunity to acts of entry involving gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct. Defines additional terms.

**Action:** Referred to Committee on Judiciary

**HB 1332:** Dangerous wild animals. Prohibits a person from possessing, selling, transferring, or breeding a dangerous wild animal. Prohibits a person who owns a dangerous wild animal from allowing a member of the public to come into direct contact with the animal. Establishes requirements that a: (1) zoological park or circus; or (2) person who possesses a dangerous wild animal before July 1, 2017; must meet to continue to possess a dangerous wild animal. Establishes procedures to seize, impound, and forfeit dangerous wild animals. Provides criminal penalties for violations. Allows a city, town, or county to adopt an ordinance or a township Dangerous wild animals. Prohibits a person from possessing, selling, transferring, or breeding a dangerous wild animal. Prohibits a person who owns a dangerous wild animal from allowing a member of the
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**Action:** Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

**HB 1550:** Exotic animals and endangered species.

Defines "domestically bred species and subspecies" as any member of a species or subspecies of fish and wildlife appearing on the United States list of endangered foreign fish and wildlife (50 CFR 17, Appendix A) that is bred in the United States or any territory of the United States from parents or stock held in captivity at the time the breeding of the specimen takes place. Specifies that certain domestically bred species and subspecies of fish and wildlife are excluded from certain prohibitions spelled out in fish and wildlife laws.

**Action:** Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

**Animal-Related Laws in Indiana**

The most frequently asked questions and responses regarding animal-related laws are available at: www.in.gov/boah/2362.htm.

The following is a compilation of Indiana state animal-related laws. The Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH) created the list, but is not charged with enforcing many of the laws listed. While BOAH attempted to make the list comprehensive, it may not be complete. BOAH cannot provide legal advice. Individuals and organizations should consult an attorney for legal advice and for answers to questions about specific situations.

The list contains only Indiana state laws. The list does not contain city or county ordinances that regulate animals within a city or county. The list contains some links to federal laws. BOAH did not attempt to include all federal animal-related laws.

Please contact BOAH with your suggestions for making this list more helpful, accurate and complete. **Contact here.**
II. Animal Control

a. Liability for Dog Bites. IC 15-20-1
   Sec. 1. Limitations on agencies and political subdivisions
   Sec. 2. Owner defined
   Sec. 3. Liability of dog owner for damages
      Sec. 4. Failure to restrain dog
      Sec. 5. Wolf hybrids and coydogs
      Sec. 6. Dog bite liability, exceptions
      Sec. 7. Applicability of IC 35-46-3-6 to Sec. 4
b. Dogs that Injure or Kill Livestock. IC 15-20-2.
   Sec. 1. Liability of dog owner or harborer
   Sec. 2. Authority to kill a dog injuring livestock

c. County option dog tax IC 6-9-39


e. Limited Controlled Substances Permits for Animal Control Agencies. 856 IAC 2-7. Indiana State Board of Pharmacy

III. Commercial Dog Breeder Statute IC 15-21

a. Commercial Dog Breeder rule 345 IAC 13
   b. Click here for the Indiana Commercial Dog Breeder program home page.


   Chapter 1. Purpose
   Chapter 2. Definitions
   Chapter 3. Board of Animal Health
   Chapter 4. Personnel
   Chapter 7. Bovine Tuberculosis
   Chapter 8. Bovine Brucellosis
   Chapter 9. Swine Brucellosis
   Chapter 10. Dangerous and Diseased Animals
   Chapter 11. Disposal of Dead Animals
   Chapter 12. Biological Products
   Chapter 13. Feeder Pigs
   Chapter 14. Livestock Dealers
   Chapter 15. Sales, Shipments, and Exhibitions
   Chapter 16. Licenses
   Chapter 17. Administrative Hearings
   Chapter 18. Crimes and Infractions
   Chapter 19. Enforcement

Indiana State Board of Animal Health rules governing animal health programs (345 IAC)
b. Rabies
   1. Rabies Program - State Board of Animal Health IC 15-17-6
      Sec. 1. Rabies vaccination records.
      Sec. 2. Quarantine Declaration
      Sec. 3. Vaccination Order
      Sec. 4. Distribution of Quarantine Order
      Sec. 5. Impounding Area
      Sec. 6. Local Health Officers
      Sec. 7. Impoundment, Release, and Disposition of Animals
      Sec. 8. Expenses of Impoundment
      Sec. 9. Animals in Quarantine Area
      Sec. 10. Animals loose in violation of Quarantine Order
      Sec. 11. Authority of State Veterinarian and Local Health Officer
      Sec. 12. Duration of Emergency Order
      Sec. 13. Duty of State and Local Health Departments to Cooperate with the State Veterinarian
      Sec. 14. Local Ordinances
   2. Rabies Vaccination Required for Dogs, Cats, and Ferrets. 345 IAC 1-5.

On the Local Level:

Carmel, IN
On February 7, 2017, the Carmel City Council passed the Breeder's Permit ordinance.

This ordinance requires animal owners to get their dogs and cats spayed or neutered within six months unless
they obtain a breeder's permit from the Carmel Police Department.

Upon submission of a pending application, the applicant will be contacted by the Community Services Officer for further review. Upon completion of any additional information as requested by the Community Services Officer, the application is forwarded to the Records Division and is ready for payment and issuance. Please complete 1 application per animal.

Breeder Permits are $10 per animal and are valid for 12 months from issued date.

IPDA Membership Dues
You are invited to join IPDA. If you are a responsible hobby breeder and want to join us in our efforts to protect your rights to continue owning, breeding and exhibiting in the sport of purebred dogs, please join us. Memberships are on three levels: Individual, Family and Club. A membership application can be found at http://inpurebreddogalliance.org under Membership.

To renew your IPDA membership, complete a membership application form and mail it to the address indicated. If you prefer to use PayPal, go to the above website and click on Membership.

IPDA Annual Meeting
We hold an annual meeting in the fall of each year. The date and time of the 2017 annual meeting will be forthcoming.

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