



BULLDOG CLUB OF AMERICA

Position Statement

PROPER CARE AND HUMANE TREATMENT OF DOGS

Dog owners bear a special responsibility to their canine companions to provide proper care and humane treatment at all times. Care and treatment standards must be based on laws or regulations that adequately define requirements and are based on sound animal husbandry principles and practices. Arbitrary standards that are not directly related to the welfare of the dogs should not be used as the basis for defining humane treatment or criminal responsibility. Proper care and humane treatment include an adequate and nutritious diet to maintain weight and muscle mass, clean water to prevent dehydration, clean living conditions to reduce disease transmission, veterinary care to maintain health and prevent disease, kind and responsive human companionship to ensure proper socialization, and training in appropriate behavior to foster being a good neighbor and to reduce abandonment.

Anyone convicted of animal cruelty based on laws that are clear, unambiguous and related to animal welfare where the charges involve a dog will be subject to disciplinary action by the BCA and, if suspended by the American Kennel Club, will be suspended from BCA membership for the same period of time.