



BULLDOG CLUB OF AMERICA

Position Statement

THE RIGHT TO KEEP AND ENJOY DOGS

The human-canine bond predates history. Since the dawn of civilization, people have enjoyed the companionship and assistance of dogs. Dog ownership has existed in all cultures, races, climates and economic situations - by monarchs, monks, nomads, and peasants.

The Bulldog Club of America strongly endorses the right to own, keep and breed dogs in a responsible and humane manner. We believe that responsible dog ownership is compatible with most living arrangements. The BCA opposes laws that limit the number of dogs a responsible owner may own as well as unreasonable limitations on pet ownership, such as the prohibition of dogs for residents of senior citizen and government subsidized housing facilities.

The BCA supports the humane and ethical use of animals in spectator events, shows, exhibitions, rodeos, motion pictures, and television in accord with existing federal, state, and local animal protection laws. The BCA encourages all organizations involved with animals in spectator events, shows, exhibitions, motion pictures, and television to develop, implement, and enforce appropriate guidelines or standards to ensure humane treatment of these animals, including provision of veterinary care.

Further, the BCA supports spectator events involving animals that are conducted in a manner that minimizes injury and where veterinary care is provided or readily available. Examples of

such events include, but are not limited to, animal exhibitions, dog racing, dog sled racing, field trials, horse racing, polo, and rodeo. The BCA condemns the fraudulent use of drugs, non-nutritive agents, or procedures intended to alter performance, conformation, appearance, or other functions of animals in competition and urges its members to report such activities to the appropriate authorities.

The BCA recognizes the special obligation of dog owners, not only to their pets but also to their neighbors. The BCA supports reasonably written laws that govern the relationship of dog owners with their neighbors. “Curbing” and clean-up ordinances, leash laws, nuisance laws, and other reasonable regulations designed to ensure dogs and their owners remain respected members of their communities are useful to help maintain good relations among neighbors.