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STATES - IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER

ALABAMA

Colbert County - County's animal control director is asking the county's larger municipalities to consider an ordinance that would outlaw chaining dogs.

Dothan - City has put aside the proposed ordinance that gives AC officers right of entry, defines regulations for "dangerous", "vicious" and nuisance .and has agreed to the formation of a ten member panel of community experts to construct a new ordinance that meets the needs of all interested parties.

Fultondale - City Council discussing a proposed ordinance regarding owning and keeping dangerous animals in the city. The proposed ordinance would be breed specific and includes sections on notification of people currently owning animals, and insurance requirements for those who continue to keep dogs. The only breed to be banned under the proposed ordinance would be pit bulls, although current owners would be able to keep their dogs. However, officials are considering revisions to the proposal.

http://www.alabamacaninecoalition.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=68&Itemid=2

ARKANSAS

Rector - City Council continued its discussion on how best to approach the implementation of a new vicious dog ordinance during Monday (01/04/08) night's monthly meeting. In the city's current ordinance,

a dog deemed "vicious" is required to be kept by its owner in a pen and hat constitutes a vicious dog? On the topic of vicious dogs, one breed was constantly mentioned: Pit Bulls. Mayor Ron Kemp suggested the council members meet with people in the city over the next month to gain a better understanding of what the residents of Rector would like to see included in the ordinance and whether or not specific dog breeds should be named

ARIZONA Home Page: <http://www.azleg.gov/>

HB2011 - AN ACT amending section 13-1208, Arizona Revised Statutes; relating to vicious animals.
<http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/48leg/2r/bills/hb2011p.htm>

HB2153 - AN ACT amending sections 13-1802, 13-2910.01 and 13-2910.02, Arizona Revised Statutes; relating to offenses against public order. Relating to dog fighting
<http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/48leg/2r/bills/hb2153p.htm>

HB2485 - AN ACT to be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona: Section 1. Title 13, chapter 29, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding section 13-2914, to read: START_STATUTE13-2914. Unlawful public sale of animals; classification; definitions
<http://www.azleg.gov/FormatDocument.asp?inDoc=/legtext/48leg/2r/bills/hb2485p.htm>

HB2516 - proposed law will prohibit persons from owning or keeping a dog or cat that is more than six months old if the animal has not been spayed or neutered, unless the person has acquired an intact permit for the animal. Will require breeders to pay an undetermined annual fee for every intact dog they possess.
<http://www.azleg.gov/FormatDocument.asp?inDoc=/legtext/48leg/2r/bills/hb2516p.htm>

HB2553 - AN ACT Amending title 3, Arizona Revised Statutes; relating to veterinarians.
<http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/48leg/2r/bills/hb2553p.htm>

EI Mirage - City Council will consider an intergovernmental agreement with the county for full-time animal control services. Law-enforcement officials hope the city's long-standing problem of strays and vicious dogs will be tamed. City Council will review a measure tying the city to an agreement with the Maricopa County Animal Care & Control. Under such an agreement, the county would respond to every animal-control call. Such calls would include dog bites and stray animals. The cost for the fiscal year is \$58,500.

CALIFORNIA Home Page: <http://www.legislature.ca.gov/>

AB0667 (2007) - An act to amend Section 600 of the Penal Code, relating to crimes. Law enforcement animals. Existing law makes it a crime to willfully and maliciously injure any horse or dog used by a peace officer in his or her duties, as specified
http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/asm/ab_0651-0700/ab_667_bill_20080107_amended_asm_v98.html

SB0685 (2007) - An act to repeal and add Section 15212 of the Probate Code, relating to pet trusts.
http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/sen/sb_0651-0700/sb_685_bill_20080123_a

SB0902 (2007) - An act to add Section 13159.85 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to firefighters. Requiring the State Fire Marshall to update regulations for accelerant canines and their handlers.
http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/sen/sb_0901-0950/sb_902_bill_20080128_amended_sen_v97.html

SB0986 (2007) - An act to amend Section 122350 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to pet stores.
http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/sen/sb_0951-1000/sb_986_bill_20080107_amended_sen_v98.html

Huntington Beach - City Council opted out of any programs requiring pet owners to sterilize or microchip their pets - whether mandatory or incentive-based - or to license cats. The council also voted to make it mandatory for anyone advertising dogs or cats for adoption to display a business license number in the ad, which was the only original language added to a city law concerning pet licensing. **PASSED**
01/04/08

Kern County - County Animal Control Commission answered questions and debunked myths about proposals affecting dog owners and breeders. There are no mandatory spaying and neutering laws in the proposals. Proposals, which have not yet been set, cover issues such as increasing annual license fees for unaltered dogs and animal facility permits.

Long Beach - City Council's Public Safety Committee is expected to meet Feb. 19 or 26 to discuss a proposed "dangerous dog ordinance" that could tighten laws and increase penalties for owners with potentially dangerous dogs. Councilwoman Gerrie Schipske believes the proposed model should include elements from policies advocated by The Coalition for Living Safely with Dogs in the state of Colorado, according to the newspaper. Some of the elements include: .. well-defined procedure for determining if a dog is potentially dangerous, increased penalties and a spay or neuter requirement for dogs found running loose more than once, an option for first-time animal ordinance offenders to choose an education program over costly fines and mandatory pet micro-chipping.
http://www.pressetelegram.com/ci_8180925?source=rss

Los Angeles - Most dogs and cats in the city of Los Angeles would have to be spayed or neutered by four months of age under a proposal approved Monday by a City Council committee. The proposed ordinance is intended to reduce the number of animals in the city's shelters and decrease the rate of euthanasia, which costs the city about \$2 million a year. The proposed law would require pet owners to spay or neuter their dogs and cats by four months of age. The proposal includes exemptions for animals who show and have competed in at least one legitimate show or sporting competition; dogs that are in the process of earning an agility, carting, herding, protection, rally, hunting, working or other title; guide, signal or service dogs; dogs that are actively used by law enforcement agencies; and animals with valid breeding permits. **Update 2/1/08 - passed first reading 10-1 UPDATE: PASSED**

Modesto - City Council proposal regarding dangerous dogs could send their owners to jail and ratchet up penalties for canine attacks.

Napa - City Council adopted new regulations Tuesday (01/22/08) for dealing with dangerous and vicious animals. The new rules should speed up enforcement of animal control laws, with greater fines for owners and reduced animal stays at the county shelter for pets. Officers now have more authority to find that a dog is potentially dangerous or vicious and impose corrective actions to protect the public. Owners can appeal to a hearing board. A "potentially dangerous" dog is one that has engaged in unprovoked, aggressive conduct. A "vicious" dog has caused unprovoked injury or death to a human or domestic animal. If a dog is found to be dangerous, the owner will have to agree to having an identifying microchip inserted in the animal, obtain professional training for the animal, reimburse medical expenses and property damage and install graphic warning signs where the animal lives. The additional requirements for vicious animals include expert behavioral testing, construction of an approved safety enclosure, required use of an approved leash, collar and muzzle, spaying or neutering, proof of liability insurance and a prohibition of the dog living with minor children.

Santa Barbara County - County Animal Services will be hosting two community forums to invite public comment regarding a proposed Pet Population Awareness Law (PetPAL). The proposed ordinance to reduce dog and cat overpopulation aims to reduce the number of unwanted dogs and cats in the county by targeting specific populations without imposing additional burdens on responsible pet owners, and seeks to provide assistance to pet owners seeking to alter their pets but unable to afford the service

Santa Barbara County - Ordinance recognizes the responsibility of cat and dog owners to provide proper and humane care for their animals; and the need for mandatory sterilization of designated dogs

and cats as a necessary means of addressing the problem of pet overpopulation UPDATE: County of Santa Barbara discussion regarding mandatory spay neuter have been postponed. Originally scheduled for February 27 (Santa Barbara) and February 28 (Santa Maria), the County Board of Supervisors has advised "POSTPONED TO APRIL (POSSIBLY MAY)."

West Hollywood - City Council has voted to ban the sale of dogs from puppy mills

COLORADO Home Page: <http://www.leg.state.co.us/>

HB1129 - A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning a prohibition on any requirements for participation in a Animal Identification System when exhibiting an animal at the Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exhibitions
http://www.leg.state.co.us/CLICS/CLICS2008A/csl.nsf/fsbillcont3/94E78B8FE197437D872573C900542527?Open&file=1129_01.pdf

HB1185 - AN ACT concerning the mandatory sterilization of specified pet animals released to prospective owners from certain Pet Animal Facilities
http://www.leg.state.co.us/clics/clics2008a/csl.nsf/fsbillcont3/F5A4B65B123E8997872573B8005A8E5F?Open&file=1185_01.pdf

Aurora - city council will have a review of their breed ban which began in February 2006 to determine its effectiveness. **UPDATE:** A spike in dog bites has some city council members wondering if a ban on "fighting dogs" is having the desired effect. Since city council banned pit bulls and other dangerous dogs in 2005, the number of reported dog bites from the restricted animals is down. But overall, the number of reported bites in Aurora is up, from 110 in 2005 to 157 last year. Council directed city staff to take a closer look at the statistics to try to determine how severe each bite has been and present the findings to council in the coming months.

FLORIDA Home Page: <http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/default.aspx>

HB101 - An Act relating to dangerous dogs; amending s 767.14, F.S.; Eliminates prohibition of breed-specific local government regulation of dangerous dogs; providing an effective date
Use homepage to Search: <http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/default.aspx>

HB219/SB1994 - Gertrude Maxwell Save a Pet Creates a direct-support organization for the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Provides for the organization, operation, and purpose of the direct-support organization, etc.
Use homepage to Search: <http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/default.aspx>

SB444 - Sale of Dogs and Cats/DOACS [RPCC]: Redefines the term "pet dealer" for purposes of provisions authorizing a purchaser to return an animal to the pet dealer and receive a refund, exchange the animal, or receive a reimbursement of expenses. Authorizes the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to enforce statutory provisions related to the sale of dogs and cats, etc.
Use homepage to search: <http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/default.aspx>

Broward County - Commissioners are studying the Palm Beach County ordinance for possible passage in Broward County.

Keystone Heights - At last Thursday's Keystone Heights City Council meeting, Mayor Mary Lou Hildreth and three councilmen said the town's pet ordinances are vague, out of date, and don't get enough enforcement. Bradley said the ordinances could stand some tweaking. After discussion, the council passed a motion which charges City Manager Ken Venables and Bradley to review the measures related to pets in the city.
http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=19252125&BRD=2150&PAG=461&dept_id=416089&rfi=6

Palm Beach County - West Palm Beach - commissioners gave initial approval to a controversial plan that will require all pet owners to spay and neuter their animals unless they pay for a more expensive license tag and sign an affidavit agreeing not to breed their pets. The rules would also prevent breeders from breeding more than two litters of puppies and kittens a year. Breeders would be required to obtain a breeding permit and would be forced to hand over the names, addresses and phone numbers of the people who buy their pets. A final hearing on the rules will be held Feb. 5. **UPDATE: PASSED 2/5/08**

Volusia County - commissioner notes indicate they have asked county attorneys to review the various MSN laws currently on the books to include California's and Palm Beach County's. The Volusia County Council likely will decide Thursday (2/7/08) whether to consider requiring pet owners to spay and neuter their animals. **UPDATE:** By a 4-3 vote, the County Council directed its attorneys to draft an ordinance requiring pet owners to spay or neuter their dogs and cats.
<http://www.beacononlinenews.com/dailyitem.php?itemnum=579>

GEORGIA Home Page: <http://www.legis.state.ga.us/>

HB301 - To amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to gambling offenses, so as to change certain provisions relating to dogfighting; to prohibit dogfighting and related conduct; to provide for punishments; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.
http://www.legis.state.ga.us/legis/2007_08/fulltext/hb301.htm

Colquitt County - Moultrie - County Board of Commissioners, by general consensus, have agreed to simply enforce state law rather than significantly alter the county's dangerous dog ordinance. State law addresses dangerous and vicious dogs and doesn't apply to nuisance animals. That falls under the county ordinance. Up until now, Colquitt County hasn't given authority to any entity to enforce the state law. State law also requires rabies inoculations and tags for all pets dogs and cats. The pets are required to wear those tags. **Passed 01/14/08**

Macon - City Council committee proposed an ordinance that would make it illegal to leave a dog or cat tethered outdoors for eight continuous hours or for a total of 12 hours in a 24 hour period. The tether must be at least 15 feet long and cannot restrict the animal's access to food, water, shelter and a separate area to relieve itself. Ordinance still requires approval from the council

Sugar Hill - City Council is considering banning pit bulls from public property. The ordinance would prohibit the dogs, including mixed breeds, from going to public parks or government property within the city limits. Violators would be fined anywhere from \$200 to \$1,000.

IDAHO Home Page: <http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/>

H0391 - AN ACT RELATING TO DOGS; AMENDING CHAPTER 28, TITLE 25, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 25-2809, IDAHO CODE, Adds to existing law relating to dogs to provide that the breeding, raising, boarding, producing or marketing of dogs of the herding, working and sporting breeds by the producer shall be deemed an agricultural pursuit and such animals shall be deemed livestock
<http://www3.idaho.gov/oasis/H0391.html>

Boise - A bill that would make dogfighting a felony and attending a dog fight a misdemeanor has won initial approval on Friday 01/18/08. The bill reaches out and grabs all those affiliated with the dog fighting, including spectators, given this is a for-profit venture in many cases. Working livestock dogs are exempt

ILLINOIS Home Page: <http://www.ilga.gov/>

HB0203 - Creates the Retail Sale of Dogs and Cats Act. Imposes various requirements on pet dealers who sell dogs or cats. Provides that an animal must be examined by a licensed veterinarian before being

placed with other animals by a pet dealer. Provides that a pet dealer must give the purchaser of a dog or cat a written statement containing certain information about the animal purchased and maintain a record of that information. Requires certain standards of care for animals. Imposes civil monetary penalties on a pet dealer for violations. Provides remedies for a purchaser if an animal becomes ill or dies as a result of an illness that existed in the animal at the time of purchase. Sets out a notice of an animal purchaser's rights, and requires that notice to be given to each purchaser of an animal from a pet dealer. Provides penalties for pet dealers who sell diseased or ill animals. Effective January 1, 2008.

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=&SessionId=51&GA=95&DocTypeId=HB&DocNum=203&GAID=9&LegID=26874&SpecSess=&Session=>

HB4844 - Amends the Humane Care for Animals Act to prohibit destruction of an animal by decompression chamber and lowering the oxygen pressure or by using nitrous oxide, halothane, carbon monoxide, or carbon dioxide. Imposes criminal penalties for violation. Amends the Humane Euthanasia in Animal Shelters Act. Changes the short title to the Humane Animal Euthanasia Act. Contains provisions concerning renewal of a euthanasia technician certificate and continuing education; restrictions on issuing certificates because of felony convictions; euthanasia methods; refusal to renew and revocation of euthanasia technician and euthanasia agency certification; exemptions from certification; and criminal penalties. Amends other Acts to make conforming changes

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=09500HB4844&GA=95&SessionId=51&DocTypeId=HB&LegID=35649&DocNum=4844&GAID=9&Session=>

Burnham - village has decided it will not seek to ban pit bulls from the community because similar attempts to ban the dogs have been ruled unlawful. In Burnham, all dogs must be leashed and 'vicious dogs' must be muzzled.

Maryville - village must amend its ordinance that prohibits vicious dogs in the village and steer away from breed-specific ordinance. The state law says it cannot be breed specific, The current ordinance lists pit bulls. The only exceptions are police dogs and assistance dogs.

INDIANA Home Page: <http://www.in.gov/legislative/>

HB1254 - A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure. Animal cruelty. Provides that a person who knowingly or intentionally kills a vertebrate animal commits animal cruelty, a Class D felony.

<http://www.in.gov/legislative/bills/2008/IN/IN1254.1.html>

HB1294 - A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation; County option dog tax on kennels. Provides, for purposes of the county option dog tax, that a major kennel in which more than 15 taxable dogs are kept for breeding, boarding, training, or sale and that a minor kennel is one in which 15 or fewer taxable dogs are kept for breeding, boarding, training, or for sale.

<http://www.in.gov/legislative/bills/2008/IN/IN1294.1.html>

SB190 - A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning agriculture and animals, setting minimum age requirements on the sale of dogs, birds and rabbits and proposing dog bite liability laws.

<http://www.in.gov/legislative/bills/2008/IN/IN0190.1.html>

SB193 - A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning agriculture and animals.

Impoundment of animals. Provides that, unless a bond sufficient to cover the care and keeping of an impounded animal is tendered, a court may not issue an order prohibiting an animal shelter from disposing of the impounded animal. Requires the owner of an impounded animal to reimburse the animal shelter for its expenses in keeping the animal if there was probable cause sufficient to charge the owner with a specified offense related to the animal, even if the owner is acquitted of the charges. Requires a probable cause for impoundment hearing to be held not later than ten days after the impoundment.

<http://www.in.gov/legislative/bills/2008/IN/IN0193.1.html>

SB316 - Practice of veterinary medicine. Transfers the licensure of veterinarians and the registration of veterinary technicians to the article governing professions and occupations. Adds definitions of the terms "client", "consultation", "direct supervision", "indirect supervision", "registered veterinary technician", "supervisor", "veterinary assistant", and "veterinarian-client relationship". Amends the definition of "practice of veterinary medicine" to include the following acts done for compensation
<http://www.in.gov/legislative/bills/2008/IN/IN0316.1.html>

IOWA Home Page: <http://www.legis.state.ia.us/>

HF2005 - An Act relating to contest events where an animal is injured, tormented, or killed, by providing a penalty for spectators
<http://www.legis.state.ia.us/asp/Cool-ICE/Perl.htm>

Fremont - City Council decided to kick out all pit bulls this month in response to dogs running loose in the city. An amendment to Fremont City Ordinance 4-1-7 defines dangerous animals to include Staffordshire terriers, American pit bull terriers and any dog which has the appearance and characteristics of being predominantly of those breeds. **Passed 02/04/08**

Waterloo - Mayor Tim Hurley said changes are in store for the city's animal control ordinance following several well publicized dog attacks. Hurley said City Attorney Jim Walsh is preparing changes to the ordinance as it pertains to dangerous dogs. Proposed ordinance outlining a list of potentially dangerous dog breeds --- pit bull terriers, Rottweilers, wolf hybrids, chows, Doberman pinschers and others --- which would have to be registered as such to stay in the city limits. Owners would need to detail their ability to confine their pets and prove they had insurance to cover damage or injury the dogs may cause. The proposed ordinance would not allow the owner of a dog to keep the animal during the appeal process for a dangerous dog citation, and the owner would be required to post a bond to cover the boarding costs for the animal pending that appeal. Owners choosing to remove a dangerous dog from the city --- rather than destroying it

--- would need to post a plan of where it would be taken; dogs returning to the city would be destroyed immediately without appeal. The City Council will discuss the proposed changes in the near future.

UPDATE: City Council's ordinance committee is expected to consider a new proposal to protect the public from "potentially dangerous" dogs defining what makes a dog potentially dangerous and requiring owners of such animals to pay higher animal registration fees and carry liability insurance. Under the proposed ordinance, a dog is "potentially dangerous" if it causes injury to a person or domestic animal or is found running at large if its owner has been cited by Black Hawk Animal Control three or more times within a 12-month period. The ordinance excludes dogs used by law enforcement or incidents where the injured person was trespassing; where the victim was committing or attempting to commit a crime on the dog owner's property; where the victim was abusing, torturing or assaulting the animal without justification; or when a domestic animal that was at large entered the area where the dog was confined. If a dog is deemed dangerous under the proposed ordinance, its owner would have to register it with the city, pay a \$50 registration fee, provide proof of at least \$300,000 in liability insurance to cover injuries caused by the dog and be affixed with a permanent registration number. The ordinance would also make it easier to declare a potentially dangerous dog as dangerous if it commits future offenses.

KANSAS

Edwardsville - City Council modernized the community's animal control ordinance updating definitions and strengthening penalties. The new ordinance includes definitions of 33 terms, from "abandon" to "work dog" and abandons proscription of breeds such as pit bulls that are generally regarded as dangerous in favor of a prohibition of animals that are found to be dangerous or vicious. **Passed 02/11/08**

LOUISIANA

Beauregard Parish - Parish Police Jury will discuss the possibility of implementing new vicious dog regulations in the parish at the Tuesday, February 12 regular meeting of the jury. The decision to explore

options for regulating ownership of breeds classified as vicious. Some suggestions by committee members included a policy in which all dogs classified as vicious breeds would be required to be registered with the city or parish by their owners, and requiring owners to hold liability insurance on those dogs. New yard fencing requirements and rules for walking the dogs were also among possibilities considered

Oberlin - Allen Parish - considering pit bull ban

Sulphur City- Council is now looking at limiting tethering time for dogs to lessen potential aggression

MAINE Home Page: <http://janus.state.me.us/legis/>

LD 2010 (2007) - "An Act To Ensure Ethical and Humane Dog Breeding in the State" - bill seeks to enact measures designed to address the inhumane breeding standards of so-called "puppy mills" in the State. This bill would outlaw the most egregious dog breeding practices and would establish a Maine humane dog breeding standard.

<http://janus.state.me.us/legis/LawMakerWeb/externalsiteframe.asp?ID=280027515&LD=2010&Type=1&SessionID=7>

LD 2171 - An Act To Amend the Animal Welfare Laws

<http://janus.state.me.us/legis/LawMakerWeb/externalsiteframe.asp?ID=280027865&LD=2171&Type=1&SessionID=7>

MARYLAND Home Page: <http://mlis.state.md.us/>

HB378 - Increasing the penalties for abuse or neglect of animals and aggravated cruelty to animals; requiring a court to order a person convicted of abuse or neglect of animals or aggravated cruelty to animals to participate in and pay for psychological counseling; and prohibiting a court from suspending any part of a 1-year mandatory minimum sentence for aggravated cruelty to animals

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2008RS/bills/hb/hb0378f.pdf>

HB662 - Increasing the maximum term of imprisonment and fine that may be imposed for attending a dogfight or a cockfight; and increasing the maximum term of imprisonment that may be imposed for specified activities relating to dogfighting or cockfighting.

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2008RS/bills/hb/hb0662f.pdf>

MASSACHUSETTS Home Page:

<http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=mq2homepage&L=1&L0=Home&sid=massgov2>

SB512 - AN ACT updating the animal control laws of Massachusetts, Section 39E. All dogs or cats brought or shipped into the commonwealth shall be accompanied by an official health certificate issued by an accredited veterinarian and a copy sent to the commissioner of agricultural resources.

<http://www.mass.gov/legis/bills/senate/185/st00/st00512.htm>

Lynn - In the wake of another dog attack in the city, Council President Tim Phelan said he and city officials are currently examining an increase in fines for unleashed dogs and whether a "Pit Bull ban" is a feasible option to protect residents from unruly animals. Phelan said the council also plans to reach out to city postal carriers to identify any unleashed or unruly dogs while they are on their rounds in local neighborhoods.

MINNESOTA Home Page: <http://www.leg.state.mn.us/leg/legis.asp>

HF2906 - Dangerous dogs regulating provisions changed

<https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/bin/bldbill.php?bill=H2906.0.html&session=ls85>

HF2469/SF2292 - Dog and Cat Breeders Act adopted providing standards of care for dog and cat breeders, authorizing rulemaking, and appropriating money.

<https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/bin/bldbill.php?bill=H2469.0.html&session=ls85>

<https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/bin/bldbill.php?bill=S2292.0.html&session=ls85>

UPDATE: Both the dangerous dog bill (HF2906) and the breeder bill (HF2469/SF2292) bills have hearings set for Tuesday Feb 19th, Room #10 at 12:30pm. They will be heard concurrently.

Minneapolis - City Council voted unanimously for the changes after a sharp debate over whether dogs that threaten people on their owners' property ought to be declared potentially dangerous. The proposal sets a \$75 annual license fee for dangerous or potentially dangerous dogs, There's also an annual registration fee of \$200 for dangerous dogs and \$100 for potentially dangerous dogs. The revised law declares dangerous a dog that attacks a human without provocation, kills another animal off the owner's property, or repeatedly attacks or tries to attack a person or animal. A late compromise also labels as dangerous a dog whose owner has the training devices or drugs used to prepare a dog to fight. Potentially dangerous dogs are those that bite unprovoked and cause minor injury, or bite or injure another domestic animal off the owner's property. A dog could also be declared potentially dangerous for a "known propensity, tendency or disposition" to attack unprovoked, causing injury to humans or animals, but only if documented by police or animal officers. **Passed 01/18/08**

MISSISSIPPI Home Page: <http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/>

HB1364 - AN ACT making it a crime to have the custody or possession of certain vicious animals or dogs, unless certain requirements designed to protect the public are met; to revise certain crimes related to animal cruelty; to exempt from the provisions of this act certain activities involving animals; to allow for the seizure of certain animals that are in immediate danger because of a natural disaster or emergency; to amend sections 41-53-11 AND 97-41-1, 97-41-2, 97-41-3, 97-41-5, 97-41-7, 97-41-9, 97-41-11, 97-41-13, 97-41-17, 97-41-19, 97-41-21 AND 97-41-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, in conformity thereto, to amend section 97-41-18, Mississippi Code of 1972, to remove the July 1, 2008, repealer on the law creating the crime of conducting a fight between a canine and a hog, and for related purposes.

<http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2008/html/HB/1300-1399/HB1364IN.htm>

MISSOURI Home Page: <http://www.house.mo.gov/>

SB886 - This act allows any city, town, or village to adopt ordinances, orders, or regulations to control dangerous dogs, provided that no such ordinances, orders, or regulations are specific to breed.

Ordinances, orders, or regulations addressing specific breeds of dogs adopted prior to August 28, 2008, shall be deemed invalid. RDOWS helped with this

Bill <http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills081/bills/sb886.htm>

SB914 - This act creates the Healthy Pet Act. Pet dealers are required to have their dogs and cats examined by a licensed veterinarian no greater than 30 days prior to sale. The act requires that pet dealers provide a written statement to the purchaser of any dog or cat containing certain facts about the animal's birth, breeding, physical traits, and medical history. The written statement shall also include a statement signed by both the pet dealer and the purchaser that the animal has no known disease, illness, or adverse health condition or the statement shall alternatively disclose any known disease, illness or adverse health condition <http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills081/bills/sb914.htm>

NEBRASKA Home Page: <http://www.unicam.state.ne.us/web/public/home>

LB1055 - AN ACT relating to dogs; to amend sections 54-608,54-610, 54-611. 54-613, 54-614, 54-616, 54-617, 54-618, 54-619, 54-620, 54-623, and 54-624, reissue Revised States of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to dog running at large and dangerous dogs; to provide penalties; to provide powers and duties to counties; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 54-607 and 64-609, reissue Revised States of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

<http://uniweb.legislature.ne.gov/FloorDocs/Current/PDF/Intro/LB1055.pdf>

South Sioux City - city council voted to approve the dangerous dogs and potentially dangerous dogs ordinance. It will go into affect this June. The new ordinance will require owners of dangerous dogs to muzzle their pets in public. The owners will also have to pay a \$65 registration fee and put up warning signs on their property. The "Dangerous Dogs" classification isn't separated by breed, but by action. Owners of vicious dogs will also have to take out \$250,000 in liability insurance.

NEW HAMPSHIRE Home Page: <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/ie/>

HB0504 An Act restricting the number of puppies to be sold by commercial kennels.
<http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/legislation/2008/sb0504.html>

HB0581 An Act relative to the penalty for purposely mistreating service animals
<http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/legislation/2008/hb0581.html>

HB0585 An Act requiring all animal shelter facilities, pet shops and commercial kennels to collect a neutering deposit when placing a cat or dog that has not been neutered.
<http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/legislation/2008/hb0585.html>

HB0666 An Act establishing a license fee for the sale of animal vaccines
<http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/legislation/2008/hb0666.html>

HB1143 An Act relative to penalties for failure to provide outdoor dogs with necessary shelter.
<http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/legislation/2008/hb1143.html>

HB1293 An Act relative to eligibility requirements for the state animal population control program
<http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/legislation/2008/hb1293.html>

HB1301 An Act relative to the definition of service dogs.
<http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/legislation/2008/hb1301.html>

HB1314 An Act relative to animal cruelty. This bill removes "worrying" from the list of legal reasons allowing the killing of a dog.
<http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/legislation/2008/hb1314.html>

HB1609 An Act relative to misrepresentation as an owner of a service dog
<http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/legislation/2008/hb1609.html>

SB0375 An Act allowing veterinarians to inform town and city clerks about dogs that have been euthanized <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/legislation/2008/sb0375.html>

SB0513 - This bill allows the state to confiscate animals used in illegal fights. This bill also allows the state to prohibit a person convicted of conducting illegal exhibitions of fighting animals from having custody or control over certain animals.
<http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/legislation/2008/SB0513.html>

NEW JERSEY Home page: <http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/>

A204 Establishes 25-cent municipal court surcharge for all violations; creates grant program for animal shelters funded by surcharge
http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2008/Bills/A0500/204_U1.HTM

A449 Permits the rabies inoculation of dogs at pounds or shelters under the direction of certain veterinarians

http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2008/Bills/A0500/449_11.HTM

A820/S1045 Requires court to issue animal protective orders against persons found guilty of abusing animals

http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2008/Bills/A1000/820_11.HTM

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp>

A899/S358 Recodifies offenses against animals under State criminal code, increases degree of crime for certain offenses.

http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2008/Bills/A1000/899_11.HTM

http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2008/Bills/S0500/358_11.HTM

A902 Establishes animal cruelty offenses pertaining to chaining or other restraint of animals.

http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2008/Bills/A1000/902_11.HTM

A1173 Requires dogs licensed out of state that are brought into NJ to be licensed in NJ within 60 days, and raises penalties for violations of law requiring licensing of dogs and of kennels, pet shops, shelters and pounds.

http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2008/Bills/A1500/1173_11.HTM

A1381 Establishes notification system for operation of petting zoos and certain animal or agricultural exhibitions; establishes sanitation requirement for human contact with animals.

http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2008/Bills/A1500/1381_11.HTM

A1403 Permits court to include animals in domestic violence restraining orders.

http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2008/Bills/A1500/1403_11.HTM

A1414 Requires public schools to include instruction on humane treatment of animals as part of the Core Curriculum Content Standards in Comprehensive Health and Physical Education.

http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2008/Bills/A1500/1414_11.HTM

A1418 Prohibits use of certain underwriting guidelines by insurers pertaining to guide dogs, service dogs, or hearing assistance dogs harbored on the insured property.

2nd Reading in the Assembly

http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2008/Bills/A1500/1418_11.HTM

A1419 Authorizes courts to include animals in domestic violence restraining orders.

http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2008/Bills/A1500/1419_11.HTM

A1568 Requires all cats and dogs released from shelters and pounds be sterilized with certain exceptions; increases certain dog-related fees; dedicates increases to Animal Population Control Fund; establishes new eligibility criteria for State spaying and neutering program.

http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2008/Bills/A2000/1568_11.HTM

A1591 Prohibits certain breeding and sales practices; requires persons selling cats or dogs to provide certain information; and provides penalties.

http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2008/Bills/A2000/1591_11.HTM

A1593 Prohibits purchase and resale of certain animals for experimentation.

http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2008/Bills/A2000/1593_11.HTM

A1603 Revises vicious and potentially dangerous dog law; designated Congo's Law.
http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2008/Bills/A2000/1603_11.HTM

A1606 Establishes \$1 municipal court surcharge for all violations; creates grant program for animal shelters and pounds funded by surcharge.
http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2008/Bills/A2000/1606_11.HTM

A1828 Prohibits sale of any dog by kennel, pet shop or other retail establishment without name, address and phone number of person providing dog thereto; establishes \$500 fine for each violation.
http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2008/Bills/A2000/1828_11.HTM

A1965 Authorizes civil action for certain damages when a pet animal becomes ill, is injured, or dies from consuming or coming into contact with adulterated pet food.
http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2008/Bills/A2000/1965_11.HTM

A2047 Provides immunity from civil liability for persons performing animal rescue and authorizes formation of emergency animal rescue response units.
<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp>

S363 Prohibits sale of any dog by kennel, pet shop or other retail establishment without name, address and phone number of person providing dog thereto; establishes \$500 fine for each violation.
http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2008/Bills/S0500/363_11.HTM

S364 Directs DHSS to adopt regulations prohibiting overcrowding of animals in kennels, pet shops and other retail establishments; establishes penalties.
http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2008/Bills/S0500/364_11.HTM

S815 Authorizes civil action for certain economic damages against owner or keeper of pet animal that injures or kills another person's pet animal.
http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2008/Bills/S1000/815_11.HTM

S835 Establishes animal cruelty offenses pertaining to chaining or other restraint of animals.
http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2008/Bills/S1000/835_11.HTM

S971 Increases sterilization and animal control programs; establishes dog license surcharge.
http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2008/Bills/S1000/971_11.HTM

NEW MEXICO Home Page: <http://legis.state.nm.us/lcs/default.asp>

HB71 - An Act making an appropriation for animal shelter services in the city of Espanola in Rio Arriba County
<http://legis.state.nm.us/Sessions/08%20Regular/bills/house/HB0071.html>

SB221 - An Act making an appropriation for animal shelter services in the city of Espanola in Rio Arriba County
<http://legis.state.nm.us/Sessions/08%20Regular/bills/senate/SB0221.html>

SB309 - An Act making an appropriation to the Attorney General for an animal cruelty task force
<http://legis.state.nm.us/Sessions/08%20Regular/bills/senate/SB0309.html>

NEW YORK Home Page: <http://assembly.state.ny.us/>

A00519 Allows the release of any dog or cat to another pound, shelter, society for the prevention of cruelty to animals or duly incorporated humane society in certain cases

<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=A00519>

A01677 Requires the micro-chipping of all dogs and cats excluding feral cats and temporarily kept dogs; and creates a state registry to maintain contact information
<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=A01677>

A01691/A09345/S06427 Relates to companion animal hoarding
<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=A01691>
<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?by=n&qs=A09345>
<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=S06427>

A01741/S00865 Authorizes district attorney to petition for posting of security when animal is impounded as result of abuse
<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=A01741>
<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=S00865>

A01990/S01282 Prohibits the confinement of companion animals in vehicles in extreme temperatures
<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=A01990>
<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=S01282>

A02260 Relates to regulating boarding kennels for dogs and cats
<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=A02260>

A02509 Allows veterinarians to adopt out abandoned animals as long as proper notice is provided to the owner of the animal
<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=A02509>

A02517 Relates to attacks on service dogs
<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=A02517>

A02610/S03526 Establishes a tort cause of action for the wrongful injury or death of a companion animal
<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=A02610>
<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=S03526>

A02611/S01330 Excludes certain animals from the definition of "wildlife"
<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=A02611>
<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=S01330>

A02657/S01439 Imposes civil liability of owners for persons bitten by the dog of another while in a public place or while lawfully in a private place
<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=A02657>
<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=S01439>

A04455/S03856 Prohibits insurers from cancelling a homeowner's liability insurance based on the ownership of a specific breed of dog
<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=A04455>
<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=S03856>

A05751 Increases the penalties for attacks by dangerous dogs, raising fines and terms of imprisonment and defining felonies
<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=A05751>

A06276 Bans dangerous dogs from dwellings where children under 12 years reside; provides penalties including fines/jail time for multiple violations within 5 years
<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=A06276>

A06553/S02052 Provides that no dog shall be restrained by a tethering device attached to a fixed point or to a running cable trolley system for more than six hours per day
<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=A06553>
<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=S02052>

A07355 Clarifies that guide dogs, hearing dogs, and service dogs are allowed in public places during their training and socialization process
<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=A07355>

A07766 Makes it unlawful to conduct excessive breeding of dogs in an uncontrolled manner and location so as to be in a cruel and inhuman manner
<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=A07766>

A07869/S05377 Adds the raccoon dog to domesticated dogs and cats in banning the use or sale of such animal's fur or flesh
<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=A07869>
<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=S05377>

A08032 Relates to animal control and licensing of animals; makes various amendments to dog licensing laws in N.Y. city; repealer
<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=A08032>

A08502/S05608 Provides that pet dealers or other persons shall not sell dogs purchased or received from a puppy farm
<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=A08502>
<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=S05608>

A09439 Makes various provisions relating to cruelty to animals
<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=A09439>

A09612 Relates to sale of dogs and cats by animal facilities under inhumane conditions
<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=A09612>

S00723 Provides strict liability for medical costs resulting from a dog bite or bites; exemptions allowed for police work dogs, hearing dogs and service dogs
<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=S00723>

S05510 Relates to the rights of persons qualified to train dogs to aid and guide persons with a disability
<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=S05510>

Wheatfield - Niagara County - a mounting campaign to address recent attacks by dogs have raised concerns that tougher restrictions are needed to keep the animals on a tighter leash or even on a leash at all. Dogs that have the reputation of being used as urban fight dogs or tools in the illegal drug trade are the ones that worry parents and dog owners the most. Pit bulls and Rottweilers were the breeds most residents mentioned when interviewed about dog control. No proposals as of yet but some residents are pushing for changes in the animal control ordinance. The Town Board has scheduled a public hearing at 7 p.m. Feb. 11 at the community center, where residents can provide input on whether there should be a limit on the number of dogs a resident may own, among other aspects of the town ordinance.

NORTH CAROLINA

Raleigh - New rules approved by the North Carolina Board of Agriculture allow animal shelters to continue using gas chambers for euthanasia, but with some guidelines. The board said Wednesday that the shelters that euthanize with gas must use commercial carbon monoxide and commercially made chambers. Shelters must stop using practices such as connecting a hose to an automobile exhaust pipe. The shelters may continue using lethal injection. The board declined to approve a proposal to outlaw gas chambers at all shelters by Jan. 1, 2012 **Approved 01/13/08**

Henderson County - Mandatory spay/neuter has been laid to rest! The Commissioners passed the Ordinance and s/n is written only in terms of education, outreach, and assistance. **Passed 01/05/08**

Orange County - Chapel Hill - Orange County Animal Tethering Committee will be making a recommendation to local leaders in support of the anti-chaining ordinance.

NORTH DAKOTA

Minot - city is working on a new animal ordinance, and it's likely to include a long list of animals that officials don't think belong in the city. The current ordinance bans wolves, wolf hybrids and pit bulls or any dog that "displays the characteristics of the pit bull dog." Dobermans, Rottweilers and blue heelers are not specifically defined as vicious animals.

OHIO Home Page: <http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/>

HB22 - Makes a second offense of animal cruelty a felony and require children younger than 15 who commit cruelty to undergo psychological counseling
http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=127_HB_22

HB418 - Revises the penalties for animal cruelty and allows for the pets of victims of domestic violence and stalking to be included on protection orders.
http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=127_HB_418

HB415 - A bill to amend section 959.99 of the Revised Code to increase the penalty for animal fighting, including cockfighting and dogfighting.
http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=127_HB_415

HB446 - A bill to amend sections 951.01, 951.10, 951.11, 951.12, 951.13, 951.99, 955.01, 955.011, 955.02, 955.04, 955.05, 955.06, 955.08, 955.10, 955.11, 955.12, 955.14, 955.15, 955.16, 955.17, 955.18, 955.19, 955.20, 955.201, 955.21, 955.22, 955.23, 955.26, 955.261, 955.27, 955.28, 955.29, 955.32, 955.34, 955.35, 955.37, 955.38, 955.42, 955.44, 955.50, 955.51, 955.52, 955.53, 955.99, 957.16, 959.131, 959.99, 1717.02, 1717.05, 1717.06, 1717.08, 1717.09, 1717.14, 3719.01, 4501.21, 4729.01, and 4736.01; to amend, for the purpose of adopting new section numbers as indicated in parentheses, sections 955.26 (955.40), 955.261 (955.41), 955.34 (955.351), 955.41 (955.43), 955.43 (955.45), 955.44 (955.46), and 957.16 (901.36); to enact new section 955.39 and sections 109.804, 951.20, 951.21, 951.22, 955.014, 955.13, 955.161, 957.01, 957.02, 957.03, 957.04, 957.05, 957.06, and 957.99; and to repeal sections 951.02, 955.202, 955.31, 955.33, 955.39, 955.40, 1717.03, and 1717.04 of the Revised Code to revise the statutes governing animal control. Registration of dogs & kennels, increase minimum annual dog registration, identification of cats and care of feral cats, ferrets, rabies vaccine and quarantine, transfer of dogs, disposition of dogs in shelter http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=127_HB_446

SB173 - A BILL To amend sections 955.02, 955.10, 955.12, 955.20, 955.26, and 1901.183 and to enact sections 956.01 to 956.19, 956.98, and 956.99 of the Revised Code to establish licensing requirements and standards of care for certain dog breeding kennels and dog intermediaries.
http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=127_SB_173

City of Columbus - The City of Columbus prohibits businesses in residential zones and is now investigating those who breed dogs in those areas. People wanting to raise/sell dogs must then be in compliance with not only the county laws, but the city laws, as well, if they choose to undertake a "kennel type business". The story is at
<http://www.10tv.com/?story=sites/10tv/content/pool/200801/275797544.html>

Clayton - City Council approved an amendment to the ordinance, which requires the owner of a vicious dog to have a licensed veterinarian implant or inject a microchip into the dog instead of having it tattooed. Vicious dogs are described in the Clayton Codified Ordinances (505.14 subsection (a)(4) C, D & E.) as follows: "Pit bull terrier" as used herein includes, but is not limited to, any American Pit Bull Terrier, any

Bull Terrier, any Staffordshire Bull Terrier or American Staffordshire Terrier breed of dog, or any mixed breed of dog which contains as an element of its breeding the breed American Pit Bull Terrier, Bull Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier as to be identifiable as practically the breed of American Pit Bull Terrier, Bull Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier or American Staffordshire Terrier. "American Bulldog" as used herein includes, but is not limited to, any American bulldog or old country bulldog, or any mixed breed of dog which contains, as an element of its breeding, the breed of American bulldog or old country bulldog as to be identifiable as partially of breed of American Bulldog or old country bulldog.

"Canary Dog" as used herein includes, but is not limited to, any canary dog or Perro de Presa Canario, or mixed breed of dog which contains, as an element of its breeding, the breed of canary dog Perro de Presa Canario as to be identifiable as partially of the breed canary dog or Perro de Presa Canario.

Passed 1/24/08

New Richmond - anti-tethering ordinance, passed a couple of months ago, that bans owners from tethering dogs outside "as a means of confinement to property" is being sent to a committee for possible amendment and a clarification amendment permitting electronic fences

Warren - New legislation deigned to get pit bulls off the streets of Warren may not be needed, several city officials said Wednesday (01/16). City ordinances already define pit bulls as vicious dogs and require owners to have insurance and register the animals. But not one pit bull has been registered since the law was passed in 2006.

OKLAHOMA Home Page: <http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/>

HB1082 - An Act relating to animals; creating Cody's Law; amending 4 O.S. 2001, Section 46, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 262, O.S.L. 2006 (4 O.S. Supp. 2006, Section 46), which relates to dangerous dogs; modifying regulation provision; directing entity to adopt rules for collection of certain information;

specifying information to be collected; stating entities that data shall be collected from; providing for codification; providing for noncodification; and providing an effective date

http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2007-08hb/hb1082_int.r

HB1728 - An Act relating to game and fish; which relates to hunting licenses; modifying exception for persons engaged in training dogs; and declaring an emergency

http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2007-08hb/hb1728_hflr.rtf

HB2545 - Animals; requiring releasing agencies to establish certain adoption standards; making certain actions regarding free-roaming abandoned or feral cats unlawful; codification; effective date.

<http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/WebBillStatus/main.html>

HB2550 - Animals; clarifying use of unclaimed animals for scientific investigation and education; emergency

<http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/WebBillStatus/main.html>

HB2598 - "Cody's Law" - An Act relating to animals, which relate to dangerous dogs; modifying certain penalties; adding definition; providing for noncodification; and providing an effective date

http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2007-08hb/hb2598_int.rtf

HB2791 - An Act relating to game and fish; which relates to commercial hunting area licenses; deleting certain licensing requirement; making entering a farmed cervidae facility or commercial hunting area without permission of the owner a trespass; setting penalty; making entering and taking cervidae or wildlife from

a farmed cervidae facility or commercial hunting area without permission of the owner a misdemeanor; setting penalty; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency

http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2007-08hb/hb2791_int.rtf

HB3036 - Schools; clarifying statutory language relating to schools regulating dogs running at large; effective date
<http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/WebBillStatus/main.html>

HB3192 Animals; creating Oklahoma Pet Quality Assurance and Protection Act; codification; effective date. <http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/WebBillStatus/main.html>

HB3279 Animals; regulation and control of dogs running at large; eliminating certain population restriction; effective date
<http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/WebBillStatus/main.html>

SB867 - An Act relating to animals; which relates to dangerous dogs; modifying certain language; and providing an effective date.
http://www2.lsb.state.ok.us/2007-08sb/sb867_int.rtf

OREGON

Milton-Freewater - City Council re-examine changes to the animal control code. Biggest proposed change would be adding a provision for dealing with potentially dangerous dogs, typically meaning the dog would have to exhibit an unprovoked threat to bodily harm. Such cases would be judged on a case-by-case basis. If the dog was considered potentially dangerous the new code would allow a method by which owners would be given a second chance to safely harbor the animal. The owner would be required to pay registration fees, microchip the dog, spay or neuter the dog, create photo identification of the dog and owner. The owner also must then enclose the animal with signs and obtain proof of liability insurance for an amount no less than \$100,000. Other proposed code changes include new language banning wolf hybrid dogs from city limits and increasing regular dog license fees

SOUTH CAROLINA Home Page: <http://www.scstatehouse.net/index.html>

S0234 - A BILL to amend the code of laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding section 38-75-795 so as to prohibit the denial, cancellation, or nonrenewal of homeowners insurance based solely on the presence of one or more domesticated dogs on the homeowners' premises, unless a specific dog on the premises has a documented history of causing significant damage to real or personal property or serious bodily injury to a person.
http://www.scstatehouse.net/sess117_2007-2008/bills/234.htm

S0833 - A BILL to amend the code of laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding section 47-1-45 so as to prohibit the tethering, fastening, chaining, tying, or restraining a dog to a stationary object.
http://www.scstatehouse.net/cgi-bin/query.exe?first=DOC&querytext=tethering&category=Legislation&session=117&conid=3509488&result_pos=0&keyval=1170833

Florence County - County Council is considering an amended animal control ordinance that would raise fines and add animal cruelty regulations. Other proposed changes include time at large animals are held at shelter, dangerous dog regulations, nuisance animals, agencies would be required to provide written proof that a sexually mature animal has been spayed or neutered and received a rabies vaccination before being adopted by an individual and all animals also must have an identifying microchip implanted before an individual adopts them.

TENNESSEE Home Page: <http://www.legislature.state.tn.us/>

HB0173 - Animals and Animal Cruelty - Prohibits compensation for any animal seized due to a criminal charge of animal cruelty. - Amends TCA Section 39-14-202
<http://www.legislature.state.tn.us/bills/currentga/BILL/HB0173.pdf>

HB0422 - Animals and Animal Cruelty - Establishes as element of cruelty to animals offense knowingly tying, tethering, or restraining dog in manner that results in the dog's suffering bodily injury. - Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 14, Part 2.

<http://www.legislature.state.tn.us/bills/currentga/BILL/HB0422.pdf>

HB0914 - Animals and Animal Cruelty - Provides that in animal cruelty prosecutions, if the defendant does not post court-ordered security to pay for expense of caring for the animal within 15 days, animal is forfeited and defendant loses all ownership rights; establishes provisions governing situations where person from whom animal was seized is not the owner and for situations where the owner is indigent. - Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 14, Part 2.

<http://www.legislature.state.tn.us/bills/currentga/BILL/HB0914.pdf>

HB2803 - AN ACT to amend Tennessee Annotated Title 40 Chapter 39 to create the "Tennessee Animal Abuser Registration, Tracking and Verification Act of 2008"

<http://www.legislature.state.tn.us/bills/currentga/BILL/HB2803.pdf>

HB2914 - AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated Title 44, Chapter 17, relative to dogs and cats (commercial breeder)

<http://www.legislature.state.tn.us/bills/currentga/BILL/HB2914.pdf>

HB3984 - AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated Title 39 and Title 44 relating to dogs

<http://www.legislature.state.tn.us/bills/currentga/BILL/HB3984.pdf>

SB0637 - Animals and Animal Cruelty - Establishes as element of cruelty to animals offense knowingly tying, tethering, or restraining dog in manner that results in the dog's suffering bodily injury. - Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 14, Part 2.

<http://www.legislature.state.tn.us/bills/currentga/BILL/SB0637.pdf>

SB1190 - Animals and Animal Cruelty - Provides that in animal cruelty prosecutions, if the defendant does not post court-ordered security to pay for expense of caring for the animal within 15 days, animal is forfeited and defendant loses all ownership rights; establishes provisions governing situations where person from whom animal was seized is not the owner and for situations where the owner is indigent. - Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 14, Part 2.

<http://www.legislature.state.tn.us/bills/currentga/BILL/SB1190.pdf>

SB2676 - AN ACT to amend Tennessee Annotated Title 40 Chapter 39 to create the "Tennessee Animal Abuser Registration, Tracking and Verification Act of 2008"

<http://www.legislature.state.tn.us/bills/currentga/BILL/SB2676.pdf>

SB2738 - Prohibits the ownership of American Staffordshire Terriers, American Pit Bull Terriers, American Bulldogs, Staffordshire Bull Terriers, any mixed breed dog being identifiable as being 50% the above named breeds

<http://www.legislature.state.tn.us/bills/currentga/BILL/SB2738.pdf>

SB3147 - AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated Title 44, Chapter 17, relative to dogs and cats (commercial breeder)

<http://www.legislature.state.tn.us/bills/currentga/BILL/SB3147.pdf>

SB3827 - AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated Title 39 and Title 44 relating to dogs

<http://www.legislature.state.tn.us/bills/currentga/BILL/SB3827.pdf>

Knox County - under a proposed ordinance, if an animal control officer or law enforcement officer finds that a dog poses an immediate threat to public safety, the officers may "immediately seize and impound the dog" pending a court hearing. In some cases, the owner of a dangerous dog would be required to carry \$100,000 in liability insurance. Under the proposed ordinance, a dog may not be declared dangerous if at the time of injury or damage the person was willfully trespassing upon the dog owner's

premises, was teasing, tormenting, abusing or assaulting the dog or was committing a crime, defines dogs as being "level one" dangerous or "level two" dangerous, which is the more serious and sets regulation for confinement, neutering or spaying of the dog with implantation of an identification microchip.

Knoxville - County Commission meeting will consider pets (not just those deemed "dangerous") need to be spayed and neutered unless you can produce papers as a breeder or as an owner of a dog that you plan to breed, and even in that case you are only allowed so many years to breed

Nashville - State lawmakers could decide this year just how far they want to go in punishing dog owners with pets that cause serious injury to others and consider whether to create an on-line registry for animal abusers, much like the sex offender registry maintained by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation. No bill has been presented at this time.

Rockwood - city council held second strategy meeting for the proposed pit bull ban. Good progress - strengthened positions and arguments. Next city council meeting on Monday, January 21.

TEXAS

Arlington - has a new Website that lists where dangerous dogs live in the city. The Website shows the dog's picture and what it did to make the list. Dog owners can appeal if their dog is considered to be dangerous. But if they lose that appeal, the dogs will be on the dangerous list for the rest of their lives.

Dallas - Pet number limits. Mandatory spaying and neutering of most dogs and cats. A partial ban on chaining animals to trees or posts. These are among the recommendations Dallas' Animal Shelter Commission unanimously approved Thursday night (01/17/08), agreeing that the city's stray animal population is out of control and too many pets are being neglected by owners. **UPDATE:** According to the newspaper reporter who attended the January meeting, the proposal:

- * Mandates Pet Limits of 6 dogs, cats or combination in a single family home;
- * Requires all dogs and cats over 4 months of age to be spayed/neutered;
- * Requires \$500 Breeder Permits (unobtainable for residentially zoned property);
- * Requires Rescuer and Foster Home Permits to be able to keep more than pet limits.

Fort Worth - Health Department is expected to make a proposal to city council members, asking them to ban the tethering of dogs that will make the law on chaining dogs less confusing and easier to enforce. **UPDATE:** City Council approved an ordinance that generally prohibits pet owners from leaving unattended dogs tied up in yards. There would be a few exceptions such as during veterinary treatment, grooming or similar activities and when a person has "direct physical control" of the dog. Those exceptions are valid only if the dog has a "reasonable and unobstructed" range of motion and access to shelter and clean water. **Passed 01/22/08**

Galveston - City Council decided to postpone enacting an ordinance banning the chaining of dogs, so it could review the language of the law. Council would likely discuss the matter during a work session as soon as late February or March

Lubbock - Mayor David Miller announced a zero tolerance policy Wednesday in enforcing the city's leash laws.

http://lubbockonline.com/stories/021408/loc_246809406.shtml

Madisonville - Pit bulls are no longer welcomed, or legal, in Madisonville. The city council passed an ordinance Monday effectively banning pit bulls within the city limits. Those who already have the breed can keep them, but there are some rules to follow. You have to have at least \$100,000 of liability protection and a \$30 annual permit.

The dog must be kept in a locked pen or muzzled and leashed when taken out of the pen. A "Beware of Dog" sign must be posted and you have to provide a photo of the pit bull to the city. Also, you can't sell or transfer a dog within the city limits. And if your dog has puppies, you have 10 weeks to get them out of Madisonville. Failure to comply with the ordinance could result in a fine of \$50 a day.

Vote at: <http://www.kbtx.com/home/headlines/15652522.html> **UPDATE:** The Texas Health and Safety code does not allow a local government (that includes cities or counties) to enact restrictions based on breed. § 822.047.

LOCAL REGULATION OF DANGEROUS DOGS. A county or municipality may place additional requirements or restrictions on dangerous dogs if the requirements or restrictions: (1) *are not specific to one breed or several breeds of dogs*; and (2) are more stringent than restrictions provided by this subchapter. Added by Acts 1991, 72nd Leg., ch. 916, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1991. § 822.047. LOCAL REGULATION OF DANGEROUS DOGS. A county or municipality may place additional requirements or restrictions on dangerous dogs if the requirements or restrictions: (1) *are not specific to one breed or several breeds of dogs*; and (2) are more stringent than restrictions provided by this subchapter.

The code is here: <http://tlo2.tlc.state.tx.us/statutes/hs.toc.htm>

Plano - City of Plano council is proposing an ordinance regarding tethering.

Waco - City Council is discussing mandatory microchipping of all dogs and cats. Waco Humane Society will maintain the local database

UTAH Home Page: <http://le.utah.gov/>

HB470 - Bill amends provisions of the Utah Criminal Code relating to animal cruelty
<http://le.utah.gov/~2008/bills/hbillint/hb0470.htm>

SB102 - This bill modifies the Criminal Code regarding animal cruelty by providing that torture of any animal is a felony. This bill amends references to criminal intent and amends certain definitions.
http://se10.utahsenate.org/perl/bb/bb_docdisplay.pl?SB0102_text

SB117 - This bill amends provisions in the Utah Criminal Code relating to animal cruelty
http://se10.utahsenate.org/perl/bb/bb_docdisplay.pl?SB0117_text

Logan - city leaders could vote later this month to allow dogs off leash at the fairgrounds

VERMONT Home Page: <http://www.leg.state.vt.us/>

H769 - AN ACT relating to regulation of commercial dog breeders in Vermont
<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2008/bills/intro/H-769.HTM>

VIRGINIA - Home page: <http://www.virginia.gov/cmsportal2/index.html>

VIRGINIA HUNTING & HUNTING DOG ENTHUSIASTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO VISIT
<http://vhdoa.uplandbirddog.com/staterk.html>
for bills affecting your sport !!

Virginians should also visit <http://vhdoa.uplandbirddog.com/stater.html> for further information and updates on the following:

HB114 - A bill to amend and reenact § 29.1-521 of the Code of Virginia, relating to trapping Hunting; trap identification. Permits hunters to attach an identification number issued by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to traps. Currently, hunters may not set traps without attaching their name and address to the trap.

<http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?ses=081&typ=bil&val=hb114>

(HB217) Tethering of animals; makes certain acts associated therewith Class 3 misdemeanor
Makes certain acts associated with the tethering of animals a Class 3 misdemeanor. The bill prohibits such actions as (i) tethering an animal that is less than six months old, except in an emergency, (ii) tethering an animal that has not been spayed or neutered, except in an emergency, and (iii) using a tether weighing more than the animal can reasonably bear. Local governments are authorized to adopt an animal tethering ordinance that can be more restrictive than the proposed statute
<http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?ses=081&typ=bil&val=HB217> (Update: Bill stricken by patron)

(HB538) - Commercial dog breeding operations; definition, penalty. (Bobby Orrock) - Defines commercial breeders as persons who maintain 20 or more unsterilized adult females for commercial breeding purposes. Commercial breeders will be required to: (i) apply for a business license from their respective locality; (ii) cooperate with inspections by animal control officers to ensure compliance with state and federal animal care laws; (iii) create a fire emergency plan and install fire safety measures; (iv) maintain records of animal sales, purchases, breeding history, and veterinary care; (v) dispose of dead dogs and confined waste in accordance with law; and (vi) maintain no more than 50 adult dogs at one time. Commercial breeders that violate any of these provisions are guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. Pet shops must ensure that their dogs are purchased from dealers that are properly registered and licensed with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

<http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?ses=081&typ=bil&val=HB538> (UPDATE: PASSED 2/8/08)

HB673 Animal welfare standards. Clarifies several standards of animal welfare. The amount of time an animal must be deserted to be considered "abandoned" is shortened from five consecutive days to 24 consecutive hours. "Adequate shelter" for tethered animals will require an enclosure large enough to provide separate eating and sleeping areas, both of which shall be at least 10 feet from a toilet area. "Adequate space" for tether animals will require that the tether is no more than 1/8th the weight of the animal and at least 20 times the length of the animal. "Adequate water" will require refreshment at least once every 12 hours and a container that cannot be overturned. The definition of "adoption" is broadened to include transfers of ownership from dealers (anyone).
<http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?ses=081&typ=bil&val=HB673>

(HB690) Commercial breeding of companion animals; penalty. Requires state licensure of any person who breeds companion animals and is also required to be licensed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services will issue licenses and collect an annual fee of \$150, which will be remitted to the localities where animal breeding facilities are located. Animal control officers are granted the authority to investigate any commercial breeding operation to ensure compliance with animal care laws
<http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?ses=081&typ=bil&val=HB690> (UPDATE: Bill Stricken by patron)

(HB691) Animal control officers; inspection of breeding facilities. Requires an animal control officer to make quarterly inspections of any premises in his jurisdiction where dealers breed companion animals. The animal control officer will ensure that dealers comply with state and federal standards for sanitation, licensure, and adequate care. (Update: Bill stricken by patron)
<http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?ses=081&typ=bil&val=HB691>

HB886 - A bill to amend and reenact § 29.1-520 of the Code of Virginia, relating to bear hunting. Bears may be hunted without capturing or taking by day or night during bear hound training season.
<http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?ses=081&typ=bil&val=HB886>

HB1465 - A bill to amend and reenact §§ 3.1-796.113, 3.1-796.124, 3.1-796.125, and 18.2-403.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to dogfighting. Dogfighting; violations include attending a dog fight and possession of 'any device or substance intended to train a dog for fighting or enhance a dog's ability to fight' to the list of felony offenses. There are numerous other

changes.
<http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?ses=081&typ=bil&val=hb1465>

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(HB1486)- A bill to amend and reenact § 3.1-796.84 of the Code of Virginia, relating to dealer permits. Dealer permits; local ordinances pertaining to real estate taxes for euthanizing companion animals.
<http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?ses=081&typ=bil&val=hb1486> (Update: tabled 1/29/08)

(HB1570) - A bill to amend and reenact §§ 3.1-796.66, 3.1-796.126:1, 3.1-796.126:2, 3.1-796.126:3, 3.1-796.126:4, and 3.1-796.126:5 of the Code of Virginia, relating to companion animals, spay/neuter.
<http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?ses=081&typ=bil&val=HB1570> (Update: tabled 1/29/08)

SB263 - A bill to amend and reenact § 18.2-136 of the Code of Virginia, relating to retrieving dogs from the property of others; penalty. Requires the revocation of the hunting license for the current and the next hunting seasons as well as the forfeiture of the firearm or bow and arrow of any person who is convicted of carrying such weapons on another person's property while he is retrieving his hunting dogs.
<http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?ses=081&typ=bil&val=sb263>

(SB438) - Adds that humane education, including compassion and responsibility in the treatment of companion animals, may be covered in character education programs
<http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?081+ful+SB438> (UPDATE: Bill stricken by patron)

SB637 - A bill to amend and reenact § 63.2-1509 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the reporting of child abuse. Adds animal control officers to the list of persons required to report that a child is abused or neglected to authorities.
<http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?ses=081&typ=bil&val=SB637>

SB663 - A bill to amend and reenact §§ 3.1-796.87, 3.1-796.96, and 18.2-510 of the Code of Virginia, relating to companion animal fees. Local fees for companion animals.
<http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?ses=081&typ=bil&val=SB663>

(SJ69) - That the General Assembly designate the first full week in February, in 2008 and in each succeeding year, as Humane Education Week in Virginia and encourage the Department of Education to require that all public schools in Virginia participate. The Department of Education shall advise all public school divisions that they are currently permitted to provide appropriate instruction regarding the humane treatment of animals and animal safety utilizing volunteers and external materials. The Department of Education is requested to ascertain the best educational practices and programs currently employed by school divisions in the Commonwealth to improve animal safety and the humane treatment of animals.
<http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?ses=081&typ=bil&val=SJ69>
(UPDATE: Stricken at request of Patron in Rules by voice vote on /8/20/08)

Richmond, City of - city is making an extra effort to get every dog and cat in the city licensed. Licensing program, helps to make sure that pets are getting their proper vaccinations & gives officials an idea of what type of resources they need to keep up with the animal population.

WASHINGTON Home page: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/legislature>

HB1310 - AN ACT Relating to the enforcement of animal health laws; amending RCW 16.36.050, 16.36.010, 20.01.610, and 20.01.380; adding new sections to chapter 16.36 RCW; recodifying RCW 16.36.092; and prescribing penalties
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/documents/billdocs/2007-08/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1310.pdf>

HB2511 - AN ACT pertaining to pet dealers; adding new chapter to TILE 18 RCW (."Pet dealer" means any person, business, or other entity, including pet breeder, that sells more than twenty animals or three litters, whichever is greater, in a twelve-month period) (Companion bill

SB6408)

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2511&year=2008>

HB2547 - AN ACT Preventing cruelty to canines, changes definitions of care and addresses dog fighting.
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/documents/billdocs/2007-08/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/2547.pdf>

HB2836 - AN ACT Relating to protecting animals from perpetrators of domestic violence; and amending RCW 26.50.060.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/documents/billdocs/2007-08/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/2836.pdf>

HB2861 □ AN ACT regarding Dangerous Dogs

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2861&year=2008>

HB2945 - AN ACT Relating to the wrongful injury or death of a companion animal; amending RCW 4.24.320; and adding a new section to chapter 4.24 RCW.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/documents/billdocs/2007-08/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/2945.pdf>

SB6315 - AN ACT Relating to wolf-hybrids; and amending RCW 16.30.010.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=6315&year=2008>

SB6408 - AN ACT pertaining to pet dealers; adding new chapter to TILE 18 RCW.(Companion bill HB2511) <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=6408&year=2008>

SB6735 - AN ACT Relating to dog purchaser protection; and adding a new section to chapter 19.86 RCW.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/documents/billdocs/2007-08/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/6735.pdf>

Pierce County - Tacoma - County officials want to impose tougher rules on vicious pets, proposing a \$500 annual fee for owning a dangerous animal, higher insurance requirements and tougher penalties for violations. The proposal would make failing to comply with some violations punishable by up to a year in jail and a \$5,000 fine

Walla-Walla - proposed changes to the city's animal code put more teeth into the city's ability to deal with animal complaints, particularly with aggressive dogs at large. Proposed changes prohibit wolf hybrid dogs in town, adding some for potentially dangerous dogs gives the new code enforcement officer greater discretion in deciding whether a dog's behaviors were aggressive or not, based on a case-by-case basis, raising the annual license fee for all unneutered and unspayed dogs from \$20 to \$35. Impound fees would go up and owners would start paying a \$20 a day boarding fee. Under the proposed new codes, owners of potentially dangerous dogs would have to register them. Within 30 days, they would have to pay an initial registration fee of \$125, microchip the dog, spay or neuter it (if it's not already spayed or neutered), submit two photos of the dog with its owner, get a secure enclosure with a sign warning the dog is potentially dangerous and show proof of liability insurance for personal injury in an amount not less than \$100,000. Every year, the owner would have to pay a \$75 license fee for such dogs.

WEST VIRGINIA Home Page: <http://www.legis.state.wv.us/index.cfm>

HB2096 - A BILL to amend and reenact §19-20-13 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §19-20-8b, all relating to authorizing county commissions to enact ordinances prohibiting cats from running at large and authorizing county dog wardens or others to seize and impound cats under authority of the ordinance; requiring notice to owners of impounded cats; and providing that the owners of cats causing damage while running loose are liable for the damage.

http://www.legis.state.wv.us/Bill_Text_HTML/2008_SESSIONS/RS/Bills/hb2096%20intr.htm

HB2143 - A BILL to amend and reenact §20-2-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to unlawful hunting and fishing; and exempting retrieval of a dog after five o'clock antemeridian from offense of hunting on Sunday

http://www.legis.state.wv.us/Bill_Text_HTML/2008_SESSIONS/RS/Bills/hb2143%20intr.htm

HB2532 - A BILL to amend and reenact §19-23-3, §19-23-4, §19-23-5, §19-23-6 and §19-23-13b of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to the Racing Commission; defining authority of the Racing Commission; providing for five members of the Racing Commission; providing qualifications for members of the Racing Commission; abolishing certain positions within the Racing Commission; creating the position of Director of Racing; and providing authority for the Director of Racing.

http://www.legis.state.wv.us/Bill_Text_HTML/2008_SESSIONS/RS/Bills/hb2532%20intr.htm

HB 2737 - A BILL to amend and reenact §61-8-19a and §61-8-19b of the code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to providing the same protection from animal fighting to all animals and extending the application of criminal penalties.

http://www.legis.state.wv.us/Bill_Text_HTML/2008_SESSIONS/RS/BILLS/hb2737%20intr.htm

HB2869 - A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §19-20C-1, §19-20C-2, §19-20C-3, §19-20C-4, §19-20C-5, §19-20C-6, §19-20C-7 and §19-20C-8, all relating to protecting consumers against the sale or adoption of sick or underage pets ; providing for penalties for violations of this article.

http://www.legis.state.wv.us/Bill_Text_HTML/2008_SESSIONS/RS/Bills/hb2869%20intr.htm

HB3046 - A BILL to amend and reenact §17A-3-14 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §30-10-4a, all relating to the providing for issuance of special license plates for pet owners or pet enthusiasts; collecting a fee to be deposited in a special fund; providing the West Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine administer the fund to pay for spaying and neutering of pet dogs and cats or to promote public awareness about the benefits of spaying and neutering of pet dogs and cats; and, requiring the board to propose rules designed to guide the use of funds in accordance with the intent of the legislation.

http://www.legis.state.wv.us/Bill_Text_HTML/2008_SESSIONS/RS/Bills/hb3046%20intr.htm

HB3112 - A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §19-20C-1, §19-20C-2, §19-20C-3, §19-20C-4, §19-20C-5, §19-20C-6, §19-20C-7 and §19-20C-8, all relating to providing for the Dangerous Dog Act; defining terms; providing for the determination of a potentially dangerous dog; providing for the determination of a dangerous dog; providing exceptions; providing consequences of a dangerous or potentially dangerous dog determination; providing registration and handling requirements for dangerous and potentially dangerous dogs; setting forth responsibilities of owners of dangerous and potentially dangerous dogs; and providing criminal and civil penalties.

http://www.legis.state.wv.us/Bill_Text_HTML/2008_SESSIONS/RS/Bills/hb3112%20intr.htm

HB4307 - A BILL to amend and reenact §19-23-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to bona fide residents wholly or solely owning greyhounds; the training of track facilities; increasing the amount from the breeder development fund that can be used for construction and maintenance of two training track facilities; not requiring anyone to be a member of an association in order to participate in the breeder development fund.

http://www.legis.state.wv.us/Bill_Text_HTML/2008_SESSIONS/RS/Bills/hb4307%20intr.htm

HB4335 - A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §19-23-6a, relating to requiring greyhound race dogs to be kept in the state for six months before they may engage in greyhound racing training.

http://www.legis.state.wv.us/Bill_Text_HTML/2008_SESSIONS/RS/Bills/hb4335%20intr.htm

HB4372 - A BILL to amend and reenact §19-23-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the creation of a special revenue account in the State Treasury called the "West Virginia Racing Commission-Special Account-West Virginia Greyhound Breeding Development Fund."

http://www.legis.state.wv.us/Bill_Text_HTML/2008_SESSIONS/RS/Bills/hb4372%20intr.htm

SB319 - A BILL to repeal §20-2-19a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend and reenact §20-2-5, §20-2-6a and §20-2-46e of said code; to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §20-2-40b; and to amend and reenact §20-7-9 of said code, all relating to the regulation of carrying firearms; clarifying that hunting statutes generally do not prohibit the otherwise lawful carrying of pistols and revolvers for self-defense purposes; clarifying that persons who are licensed or otherwise authorized to lawfully carry concealed pistols or revolvers are not subject to the prohibition on carrying both a bow and a firearm or the limitations on how firearms may be carried or transported in wooded areas or in vehicles; and consolidating and clarifying certain criminal penalty provisions.
http://www.legis.state.wv.us/Bill_Text_HTML/2008_SESSIONS/RS/Bills/sb319%20intr.htm

WISCONSIN Home Page: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>

AB567 - An act to amend 20.115 (2) (j) and 93.20 (1); and to create 173.35 and 173.37 of the statutes; relating to: the sale of dogs, regulation of certain dog breeders, granting rule-making authority, making an appropriation, and providing a penalty. (Companion bill SB308)
<http://nxt.legis.state.wi.us/nxt/gateway.dll?f=templates&fn=default.htm&vid=WI:Default&d=billhist&jd=top>

SB308 - An Act to amend 20.115 (2) (j) and 93.20 (1); and to create 173.35 and 173.37 of the statutes; relating to: the sale of dogs, regulation of certain dog breeders, granting rule-making authority, making an appropriation, and providing a penalty (Companion bill AB567)
<http://nxt.legis.state.wi.us/nxt/gateway.dll?f=templates&fn=default.htm&vid=WI:Default&d=billhist&jd=top>

Madison - Felons wouldn't be allowed to own vicious dogs under a bill the state Senate passed Tuesday (01/15/08). Felons caught with a vicious dog would face up to \$10,000 in fines and nine months behind bars. If the dog hurts or kills someone, the felon would face up to \$10,000 in fines and 3-and-a-half years in prison. If the dog hurts or kills someone and the felon knowingly allowed it to run loose, the prison sentence could increase to up to 6 years. Bill moves to State Assembly

OTHER COUNTRIES OF INTEREST

Guam

Residents who are breeding dogs specifically for sale or profit without a business license is committing a misdemeanor, according to administrators at the Department of Revenue and Taxation and Department of Agriculture's Animal Control Division.

Canada

Quebec - Montreal - Ville Marie - Dog owners downtown are soon going to find themselves on a much shorter leash - probably facing stiff new rules by April or May. Owners will be limited to two dogs outdoors at a time, whether walking on sidewalks, playing in parks or elsewhere. Police will be specifically empowered to shoot on sight dogs considered very dangerous. The far-reaching crackdown - aimed at controlling an increasing number of problem pooches in the city's core - has been under quiet study by borough mayor Benoît Labonté, council members and other officials since last September

Saskatchewan - Delisle - reviewing its policy on dangerous pets. Mark Dubkowski, administrator for the town, thinks banning dangerous pets, pitbills, Rottweilers and mixes should be province wide

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