

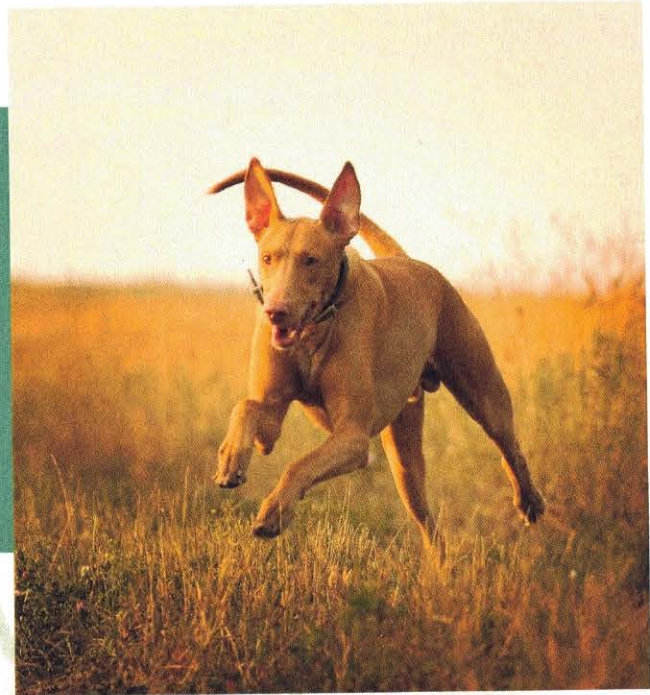


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POSITION STATEMENTS

American Kennel Club Government Relations
Summary of Canine Legislation Positions

www.akcgr.org



RESPONSIBLE DOG CARE

AKC Supports laws that protect the welfare and health of dogs. AKC's Care and Conditions of Dogs policy provides proven performance-based guidelines for responsible care of all dogs. AKC opposes laws that limit the number of dogs a responsible person may own and regulations that impose unreasonable or harmful requirements. Learn more at www.akc.org/inspections-and-compliance/

PUBLIC POLICY

AKC works to ensure that laws governing dog ownership and breeding are fair, enforceable, and non-discriminatory. AKC opposes laws that target dogs based solely on breed or physical appearance. AKC supports strong enforcement of negligence and cruelty laws. AKC professional policy staff are available to assist you with legislative or policy questions. Learn more at www.akcgr.org

DOG BREEDING

AKC supports and actively promotes breeder education programs about responsible breeding practices and public education initiatives that help future pet owners find a responsible breeder and make well-informed decisions when buying a dog. AKC opposes the concept of breeding permits, breeding bans, and mandatory spay/neuter of purebred dogs.

ADVANCING AND PROTECTING WORKING DOGS

The AKC Detection Dog Task Force works to address the shortage of explosives detection dogs needed for U.S. national security and law enforcement and encourages breeding and development of high-quality working dogs that can achieve the rigorous standards necessary. AKC Reunite's Adopt a Canine Cop grant program has provided K-9s to hundreds of law enforcement agencies around the country.

To learn more about the American Kennel Club, please visit www.akc.org

ADVANCING CANINE HEALTH

AKC created and supports the AKC Canine Health Foundation, which has funded more than \$68 million for sound scientific studies to prevent, treat, and cure canine diseases. Learn more at www.akcchf.org

DOG SPORTS, EVENTS, AND COMPETITION

Humans have enjoyed dogs as companions and working partners for thousands of years. AKC encourages and strongly supports the interaction and mutual enjoyment of owners and dogs in sporting, working, hunting, and performance activities and competitions.



THE ADVANTAGES OF A PUREBRED DOG

AKC celebrates and supports breeders who breed purebred puppies with desirable characteristic abilities, and instincts. AKC advocates for responsible pet choice to allow a prospective owner to choose pet dog with predictable size, appearance, coat type and activity level that matches the owner's lifestyle.