



Dear AKC Club Leader:

*Please share this letter with members of your AKC dog club.*

Re: Purebred Dog Ownership is Under Attack. Help Us Protect Your Rights.

Across the country, anti-breeder groups are pushing legislation that undermines ownership and breeding of purebred dogs.

Together with you, the AKC Government Relations Department (AKC GR) works hard to protect your rights as responsible dog owners, breeders and enthusiasts. We work with dog owners like you and rely on lawmakers who share our concerns to protect our rights and our breeds from attacks generated by misinformation and radical animal rights groups.

We could not do this work without your involvement – or without the courageous lawmakers who are willing to stand up against radical animal rights legislation. We are grateful for lawmaker “friends” who have held back bad legislation, worked with us to introduce positive legislation, and listen to our concerns. Supporting the campaigns of lawmakers who support us is crucial to ensuring legislative access and protecting our future.

Election rules prohibit the AKC from contributing to political candidates, but the AKC Political Action Committee (AKC PAC) can. ***When you support AKC PAC financially you are helping to protect the future of purebred dogs in one of the most efficient and effective ways possible.***

Here is an example of how supportive lawmakers in 2024 helped protect dog owners in your region:

*In Pennsylvania, a 2023 law included both a 14-day quarantine requirement for dogs entering Pennsylvania licensed kennels and a requirement for out-of-state dogs entering boarding kennels to have certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) issued by a USDA Accredited Veterinarian which are costly and only be valid for 30 days. If allowed to remain, the requirements would have had a harmful impact on both breed rescues and boarding kennels. Because of AKC GR's strong relationship with key legislators – thanks in part to your support of the AKC PAC – and the voice of club members who spoke out on the need for change, new legislation was passed this year to provide flexible options for the quarantine and eliminate the CVI requirement for boarding out-of-state dogs for less than 30 days.*

This example happened in Pennsylvania, but there are many more examples of legislators working throughout the region on behalf of responsible dog owners and breeders.

Your financial donation to the AKC PAC helps us support those who value and support our right to own, breed, and exhibit our beloved dogs. AKC PAC can receive individual donations of up to \$5,000. But your recurring or one-time donation of \$100, \$50, or even \$25 can go a long way to protecting our dogs and our rights.

Please share this letter and the attached forms with your club members and encourage them to be generous in protecting our rights. Donations can also be made online at [www.akc.org/pac](http://www.akc.org/pac).

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail La Berge".

Gail La Berge  
Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Sweetwood".

Chris Sweetwood  
Vice Chairman

**Your Dog. Your Rights. Protect Them Both.**





## Six Things You Need to Know About the AKC PAC

- 1. What is the AKC PAC?** The American Kennel Club Political Action Committee (AKC PAC) helps elect dog-friendly candidates. The purpose behind the fund is to protect your rights as a breeder, dog owner and fancier by helping elect leaders who share that commitment.
- 2. What makes the AKC PAC different from other AKC funds such as the Canine Legislative Support Fund (CLSLF)?** CLSF contributions are used to educate officials on a federal, state and local level to ensure that your rights as a responsible owner and breeder are protected. Without dog-friendly officials in office; however, the CLSF cannot do it's job. AKC PAC funds are used to help elect dog-friendly leadership in Congress and state legislatures across the country. PAC funds can only be used as campaign donations and not to lobby or educate an official on a particular position.
- 3. Who can contribute to the AKC PAC?** AKC PAC accepts contributions from United States citizens who are members of AKC-affiliated clubs, AKC employees, and a small number of other groups as limited by federal and state campaign finance laws. Although clubs may not contribute, they may hold fundraisers for the PAC or provide opportunities for their members to contribute. For example, a club may allow members to include a PAC contribution when paying their regular dues. The club may then forward the contribution to the AKC PAC. Clubs may also choose instead to contribute to the CLSF. Contributions other AKC PAC and CLSF are not tax deductible.
- 4. How does the AKC PAC benefit dog owners?** The PAC allows the AKC to support dog-friendly candidates and elected officials. The more dog-friendly officials in office, the more assured you can be that your rights will be protected.
- 5. May I recommend candidates for AKC PAC contributions?** You may advise the PAC about officials who have assisted in either promoting dog-friendly legislation or opposing anti-dog measures. You may also suggest new candidates who you believe will support dog owners. Names of those you feel deserving of PAC funds may be submitted to the AKC PAC Board through the AKC Government Relations Department. Contributions may not be given on behalf of a specific candidate.
- 6. How can I help the AKC PAC acquire donations?** You can make a personal donation or encourage club members to each contribute to the PAC. You may also ask clubs to hold a fundraiser for the AKC PAC or allow members to include a PAC donation in their dues. Remember - without donations to the PAC the AKC cannot support the campaigns of dog-friendly candidates!

*For more information, and to contribute online, visit [www.akc.org/pac](http://www.akc.org/pac)*



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# AKC PAC DONOR IDENTIFICATION FORM FOR CLUBS



Please collect the following information from each club member who makes a donation by cash or check to the AKC PAC. Contributions to this committee are not deductible on federal tax returns. Federal & state laws require the AKC PAC to use best efforts to collect and report the name, mailing address, occupation, and name of employer of individuals who donate. The maximum annual contribution is \$5,000 to the AKC PAC. All contributions are voluntary. Please print clearly. **Send forms and contributions to the AKC PAC, 8051 Arco Corporate Drive, Suite 100, Raleigh, NC 27617.**

## CLUB NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution Amount:  \$50 Bronze  \$100 Silver  \$250 Gold  \$500 Platinum  \$1000+ Diamond  Other: \_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a U.S. citizen or permanent legal resident of the U.S.  Check to opt-out of public recognition of your contribution.

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