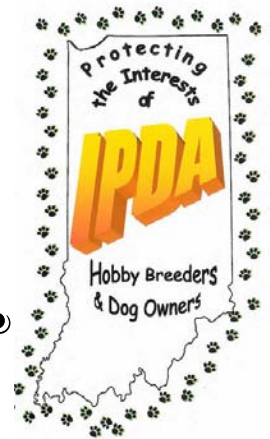


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# INDIANA PUREBRED DOG ALLIANCE, INC.



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## Newsletter - Summer 2012

The Indiana Purebred Dog Alliance (IPDA) was created on February 21, 2009 to protect the interest of hobby breeders and exhibitors in Indiana. We formed for the long term to continue fighting legislation on all levels that could endanger our sport. Because of our efforts, the AKC recognized IPDA as a Federation Club. In partnership with the AKC, our efforts have been very successful. Currently, there are some challenges at the state, federal and local levels that prove again the need for Indiana purebred hobby breeders to band together to fight for our rights to own, breed and show our dogs.

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## 2012 Legislative Challenges

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### On the State Level:

HB 1331 was introduced by Representative Mike Speedy during the 2012 session of the Indiana General Assembly. This bill attempted to establish a fund for free companion animal sterilization for those receiving Medicaid through increased fees for rabies vaccinations and a pet food tax.

IPDA members attended a committee hearing and testified against the bill. Some of our talking points were that there is no need for a free companion animal sterilization fund. There are 35 low cost spay/neuter clinics throughout the state of Indiana and 169 purebred rescue organizations that support the state of Indiana. Additionally, this bill would have increased the veterinary charges for rabies vaccinations for all companion animals and ultimately increase pet food prices to the Indiana consumer. The additional paperwork involved to maintain a database for Medicaid would have placed an undue burden on veterinarians and those who administer the Medicaid program in Indiana. The members of committee hearing the testimony found the bill to be lacking in merit and the bill went no further.

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### On the Federal Level:

**ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION  
SERVICE (APHIS)  
DOCKET NO. APHIS-2011-003 PROPOSED  
RULE**

We are more than halfway through the public comment period on Docket APHIS-2011-0003 -- comments will close on July

16th. Your clear and specific comments about the effect of the proposed new rule are the first defense against that rule going into effect. The more you comment the better chance we have for this rule to not take effect. As of now there are only about 1,800 comments and about half of them are from the ARs praising the new rule.

This new rule would require you to keep four or fewer breeding females and sell only their offspring which are raised only on your premises. Co-ownerships would count for both, so if you and a friend co-own two bitches then he/she can only have two others and you can only have two others. And this is NOT per species: Two intact female cats on your premises would max you out, even though your dogs are usually living with your friend.

You would have the choice of selling all dogs ONLY from your premises. No meeting halfway, no shipping. EVERY buyer would have to come to where the dogs are maintained. Although it isn't now in the rule and APHIS indicates that meeting buyers in your living room would be enough, the ARs are already screaming that buyers should have the right to demand a complete tour of all parts of your home where you keep dogs because the whole purpose of this is to see that you are inspected by your buyers.

You would have to build an Animal Welfare Act compliant kennel and keep all of your breeding stock and puppies there. This would require you to accept no-notice inspections during normal working hours and it would be a discrepancy if you are not on hand when an inspector shows up. Do it

again and fines are imposed -- just as you would get for other repeated discrepancies.

Figure \$50,000-up for a small kennel if you can get zoning approval and your neighbors don't mind, and you are willing to have your locality and state consider you a business. Don't forget that once you are USDA licensed there must always be someone on hand (during normal working hours) who is qualified to let an inspector in, explain your records, your veterinarian relationship, methods of identifying your dogs and keeping them separate in the various situations where the regulations require.

Please go to

<http://inpurebreddogalliance.org>

and click on Legislative Alerts to read the letter sent from IPDA to the USDA/APHIS regarding this proposed rule.

## **PLEASE SEND COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED RULE**

It is **IMPERATIVE** that dog, cat, and small animal breeders submit comments on this over-zealous proposed rule. Hobbies and livelihoods are at stake. APHIS needs to hear from breeders and rescuers on how this impacts your hobby. APHIS needs to hear how this proposed change impacts breeding programs if you cannot ship dogs/puppies/cats between friends and fellow breeders.

**POST A COMMENT ONLINE** via Federal eRulemaking Portal. [GO TO THE PORTAL.](#)



## **On the Local Level:**

### **Porter County, Indiana Animal Control Code Changes**

The Porter County Board of Commissioners has proposed approximately 40 pages of changes to its animal control code, including numerous dangerous dog regulations and harsh hobbyist restrictions.

Among the restrictions is a requirement that anyone who breeds a litter or owns 5 intact “domestic pets” in a single year must comply with the standards and requirements established by the USDA for commercial breeding regulations and be subject to periodic inspections. The proposal states that since it is believed that these regulations are in the best interest of the county, they will supersede all current laws that cities in Porter County have already enacted, unless a city passes an ordinance specifically refusing to implement these policies. While no hearing date has yet been scheduled, the proposal could be considered soon. Responsible dog owners who reside or attend dog events in Porter County are strongly encouraged to [contact the Porter County Commission](#) and express concerns with the proposal as currently written. Members of the Valparaiso Kennel Club are working diligently to defeat this proposal. IPDA members stand ready to support their efforts and will attend any hearings to testify against the proposal.

### Meet the Breeds

IPDA will again host a table at the Meet the Breeds event as part of the Ice Tea Cluster on Saturday, August 18, 2012 at the Delaware County Fairgrounds. Stop by our table and talk with the volunteers. Informative literature will be available to take with you and share with your friends and kennel clubs.

### IPDA Membership Dues

You are invited to join IPDA. If you are a responsible hobby breeder and want to join us in our efforts to protect your rights to continue owning, breeding and exhibiting in

the sport of purebred dogs, please join us. Memberships are on three levels: Individual, Family and Club. A membership application can be found at <http://inpurebreddogalliance.org> under Membership. To renew your IPDA membership, complete the attached form and mail it to the address indicated. If you prefer to use PayPal, go to the above website and click on Membership.

### IPDA Annual Meeting

We hold an annual meeting in the fall of each year. The date and time of the 2012 annual meeting will be forthcoming.

### IPDA Officers & Board Members

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