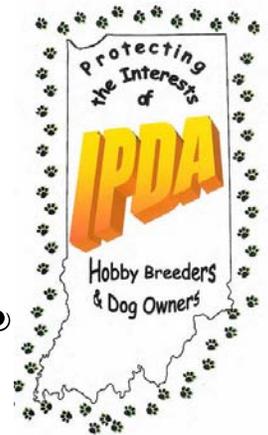


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# INDIANA PUREBRED DOG ALLIANCE, INC.



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## Newsletter - Summer 2013

The Indiana Purebred Dog Alliance (IPDA) was created on February 21, 2009 to protect the interest of hobby breeders, pet owners and exhibitors in Indiana. We formed for the long-term to continue defending our rights against legislation on all levels of government that could endanger our sport and the ownership of purebred dogs. Because of our efforts, the AKC recognized IPDA as a Federation Club. In partnership with the AKC, our efforts have been very successful. There are some challenges at the state, federal and local levels that prove again the need for Indiana purebred hobby breeders, dog owners and exhibitors to band together. We are considered the voice of reason to our Indiana Legislators and stand ready to work hand-in-hand with them in resolving legislative issues that impact the dog fancy.

### **“Protect the Harvest”**

IPDA is very pleased to participate with the AKC at the Indiana State Fair on Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> for “Protect the Harvest” day. Forrest Lucas, owner of Lucas Oil, is sponsoring several booths and invited the

AKC and NAIA, among other groups, to participate. Thank you Mr. Lucas!!!

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## 2013 Legislative Update

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### **On the Federal Level:**

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

Docket APHIS-2011-0003. The comment period closed on this proposed ruling a year ago on July 16th. Throughout the United States, clear and specific comments about the negative effects of the proposed rule were submitted.

In summary, this new rule would require breeders to keep four or fewer breeding females and sell only their offspring which are raised only on their premises. Co-ownerships would count for both, so if a breeder and a friend co-own two bitches then he/she can only have two others and the breeder 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.

Hobby breeders would have to build an Animal Welfare Act compliant kennel and keep all of your breeding stock and puppies there. This would require accepting 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.

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.

### **2013 APHIS Update:**

The AKC Legislative Department had a meeting with Senator Joe Donnelly earlier this summer and asked that IPDA provide our APHIS comments and a cover letter that they could present to Senator Donnelly. Senator Donnelly is a member of the Senate Agricultural Committee. We were thrilled with the opportunity to share our views on the proposed APHIS ruling. Along with our

comments that you can read on our website, the following letter was written to Senator Donnelly:

*Senator Joe Donnelly  
720 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510*

*Dear Senator Donnelly,*

*I am writing to you on behalf of the Indiana Purebred Dog Alliance, Inc. (IPDA). We are a group of purebred hobby dog breeders, exhibitors and owners, and AKC affiliated kennel clubs throughout the state of Indiana. IPDA is a Federation Club of the American Kennel Club (AKC). We work closely with the AKC Government Relations Department to resolve any legislative issues that could detrimentally affect hobby breeders in our state. Attached is a letter written on June 14, 2012 to the USDA/APHIS regarding the proposed regulation changes. We are opposed to these regulation changes for a variety of reasons detailed in the attached letter.*

*In an attempt to regulate commercial breeders, pet stores and internet sales of puppies, the proposed changes will ultimately lead to the demise of purebred hobby breeders as we know them today. The elimination of purebred hobby breeders will have a significant impact on the economy of Indiana. In our state, there are 19 All-Breed Kennel Clubs, 34 Specialty Clubs (breed specific), 12 Agility Trial Clubs, 38 Obedience Trial Clubs, and 3 Tracking Trial Clubs. Each of these clubs host numerous AKC sanctioned events per year that generate revenue for the state of Indiana. The demise of hobby breeders will lead to the demise of AKC sanctioned events.*

*I ask that you join us in our efforts to eliminate the language that is detrimental to the future of hobby breeders from the proposed APHIS regulations. Additionally, please share our concerns regarding the proposed APHIS regulations with the Office of Management and Budget.*

*Sincerely,*

*Carole Creech, President  
Indiana Purebred Dog Alliance, Inc.*

<http://inpurebreddogalliance.org>

Additionally, on August 1<sup>st</sup>, IPDA Board Members were given the opportunity to meet with Brandon Hergot, Regional Director, Office of U.S. Senator Joe Donnelly. We expressed our concerns over the proposed APHIS rule and also about PUPS. Brandon, an owner of 3 purebred

dogs, took notes, and stated that he would share our concerns with Senator Donnelly.

### **PUPS:**

The PUPS bill is in both houses, H.R. 835 and S.B. 707 respectively. The AKC continues to closely monitor both bills. Each of the bills has been assigned to the Agriculture Committees of their respective chambers. To date, no hearings have been scheduled and no formal action has been taken on these bills. PUPS would require anyone who *owns or co-owns* dogs that produce 50 or more puppies offered for sale in a 12-month period to be regulated under existing USDA dog "dealer" regulations. These regulations are designed for high-volume commercial kennels that produce puppies for wholesale, and require a USDA commercial license, maintenance of specified commercial kennel engineering standards and regular inspections. The PUPS bill is misleading because such regulations would hurt responsible small breeders who raise only a few litters of puppies each year in their homes, while also reducing the availability of resources needed to enforce against abusive or negligent operations. Although PUPS is not actively being considered in Congress at this time, we encourage responsible dog owners and breeders in Indiana to share their concerns about this measure with our U.S. Congressional Representatives and Senators.

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### **On the State Level:**

#### **Senate Bill 598: Animal Rescue Operations**

Introduced by Senator John Waterman, (R) District 39, the bill provided that standards of care and certain other requirements

applicable to commercial dog breeders and brokers also apply to private animal rescue operations. It required registration of private animal rescue operations with the board of animal health and payment of an annual registration fee of \$75. It prohibited a unit from enacting or enforcing an ordinance that imposes more stringent requirements on a commercial dog breeder, commercial dog broker, or private animal rescue operation than those established by statute, and created a cause of action against a unit that violates this prohibition.

IPDA watched this bill closely, and did not make it out of Committee.

#### **Senate Bill 600: Regulation of Animals**

Introduced by Senator Pete Miller (R), District 24, the bill provided that a county, city, or town may regulate the ownership, possession, and harboring of animals. Again, IPDA watched this bill closely, and it did not make it out of Committee.

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### **On the Local Level:**

#### **South Bend Common Council:**

Valerie Schey from the South Bend Common Council asked the AKC Legislative Department for input on breed specific discriminatory laws. The AKC asked IPDA to also give input and offer assistance. At a meeting in June, the Common Council discussed the unconstitutionality of South Bend's Dangerous Dog Law as it is written. We are hopeful that the Common Council will take the AKC's and IPDA's suggestions and amend the dangerous dog law language in the near future.

## 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 17, 2013 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 a membership application 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 2013 annual meeting will be forthcoming.



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