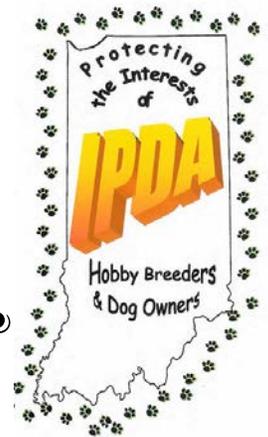


# INDIANA PUREBRED DOG ALLIANCE, INC.



## Newsletter - Summer 2016

The Indiana Purebred Dog Alliance (IPDA) was created on February 21, 2009 to protect the interest of Indiana hobby breeders, pet owners and exhibitors. 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 ban 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.

## 2016 Legislative Update

### On the Federal Level:

#### ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE (APHIS) Proposed Rule Makes Regulations Consistent with Animal Welfare Act

These rules do not represent a change in current USDA policy regarding licensing.

The proposed updates (known as a "proposed rule") reflect changes to the AWA that were enacted in early 2014 as part of the 2013 federal agricultural authorization act. The new regulatory language provides minor adjustments that expand thresholds for exemption from USDA licensing for animal dealer and exhibitor enterprises whose business activities are considered by USDA to be de minimis. De minimis activities include those that are of a sufficiently small size or undertaken infrequently by owners of household pets that reside exclusively with the owner and generate less than a substantial portion of income. The de minimis exemption also applies to any person who maintains four or fewer female dogs and/or other covered animals and who sells, at retail or

wholesale, only those animals' offspring, which were born on the person's premises. Under the AWA, most dog dealer or exhibitor activities considered de minimis are already exempted from licensing based on exemptions for persons who maintain four or fewer breeding female dogs and/or other covered animals and who sell, at retail or wholesale, only those animals' offspring, which were born on the person's premises.

The proposed de minimis exemptions are in line with current regulations that exempt from licensing requirements any person who maintains four or fewer breeding female dogs and/or other covered animals and who sells only the offspring of those animals born and raised on his or her premises, for pets or exhibition. (As defined, "exhibitions" specifically exclude purebred dog and cat shows.) Entities already exempted under current licensing exemptions—including under the "retail pet store" rule that exempts those who sell puppies only in face-to-face transactions—from federal regulations—would also not be affected by the proposed de minimis exemption.



### On the State Level:

Below is a list of bills presented in 2016 to the Indiana General Assembly:

**SB 7 Hunting Wildlife** - no action

**SB 19 Equine Dentistry** - no action

**SB 25 Animal Fighting Contests** - no action

**SB 109 Regulation of Wild Animals and Hunting Preserves** - Signed by Governor on 3/22/16 - Public Law 89.

Digest: Regulation of wild animals and hunting preserves. Excludes the wild animal permit from the law requiring notice and hearing on an application for certain permits. Provides that certain fish and wildlife laws do not apply to

certain legally owned captive bred cervidae and members of the bovidae family that may be hunted as permitted animals on hunting preserves. Provides for the initial licensing by the state board of animal health of hunting preserves on which permitted animals are hunted. Establishes licensing requirements, inspection requirements, and fees. Exempts licensed hunting preserves from the licensing requirements for shooting preserves. Provides that hunters on hunting preserves are required to have a special hunting permit. Specifies the fees for special hunting permits. Provides that hunters on hunting preserves are not subject to bag limits. Requires that a transportation or cull tag be affixed to each animal taken on a hunting preserve. Prohibits computer assisted remote hunting on hunting preserves. Establishes penalties for certain violations. Establishes the captive cervidae programs fund.

**HB 1168 Horse Racing Matters** - no action

**HB 1201 Companion Animal Sterilization** - signed by Governor on 3-24-16 - Public Law 201.

Digest: Companion animal sterilization. Authorizes the board of animal health to establish a registry of animal care facilities. Requires that beginning July 1, 2021, a dog or a cat in an animal care facility must be spayed or neutered before adoption from the facility. Defines "animal care facility" as an animal control center, an animal shelter, a humane society, or another animal impounding facility that has as its purpose the humane treatment of animals and that has dogs or cats that are available for adoption, including governmental and private entities and animal rescues. Exempts certain cats and dogs from the spay companion animal sterilization. Requires that certain forfeited deposit amounts held by an animal care facility be remitted to the bureau of motor vehicles for deposit into a trust fund (established by the treasurer of state for a special group's license plate) for a special group that provides spay-neuter services.

## On the Local Level:

As noted by Laura Hooser in her report from the AKC Legislative Conference in this newsletter, we have noticed an uptick in local cities and towns proposing and passing mandatory spay/neuter ordinances. The animal rights activists are now more focused on the local level rather than at the state and federal levels.

### Anderson:

Mandatory spay/neuter – **Passed by the City Council.** This is an ordinance on mandatory sterilization on a first impoundment unless the owner can prove the dog is a “show dog.” Includes annual breeder permits for anyone who wants to breed.

### Hartford City:

Mandatory spay/neuter  
Two board members of the Blackford County Animal Shelter have proposed mandatory spay/neuter of all dogs and cats living within the city limits of Hartford City.

### Indianapolis: Paul Upton Case

Indianapolis Animal Care and Control unlawfully seized dozens of dogs during a November 5, 2015 raid of the Upton’s Famous Pet Training Center. A lawsuit filed by Upton states that Indianapolis Care and Control officers launched a surprise raid in which they impounded 35 German Shepherds belonging to Paul Upton. A trial date is scheduled for November 2016.

**IPDA is working with the AKC Legislative Department and the NAIA to write a bill that will be introduced to the Indiana General Assembly in 2017. This bill, if passed by both houses, will prevent the unwarranted seizure of animals and insure due process.**



## Report from 2016

### AKC Legislative Conference

It was a rewarding experience to represent the Indiana Purebred Dog Alliance at my second AKC Legislative Conference held July 22-23 near the AKC national headquarters in Raleigh, NC. Eighty AKC Legislative Liaisons, club and federation representatives, and

animal welfare leaders were registered, traveling from states as far away as Hawaii, California and Maine. The AKC Government Relations department stated the conference goals were to help us increase our skills so that we are better prepared to oppose problematic canine legislation, to counter misinformation effectively, and to support positive measures proactively. Various speakers discussed national legislative hot issues, state successes, forming important alliances within the dog community, and effective opinion writing for PR purposes.

The conference started on a positive note outlining successes at the national and state levels, due to the hard work of groups such as AKC, NAIA and state groups such as our IPDA. Reportedly, animal rights activists also recognize that they are losing the fight with national and state legislation and are now moving their focus to the local level. To combat this problem and cover all of the counties and cities in the state, animal advocacy groups like IPDA, need to ensure that we are reaching out and making coalitions with a wide variety of animal organizations. Groups in animal agriculture, sportsmen/hunters, the pet industry, zoos and members of the laboratory research community all have common shared values with purebred dog owners and breeders. Cindy Buckmaster, PhD research scientist at Baylor College gave a presentation on laboratory research. She predicted that in the not so distant future research areas of human and animal medicine could be brought to a halt due to restrictive legislation limiting the use of animals in research and the availability of purebred dogs (a necessity in many research programs).

Across the country at the city and county level limits on animal ownership and mandatory spay and neuter laws continue to be a problem. More zoning legislation is showing up, with unclear language which has conflicting definitions of commercial v. hobby breeders. Also, on the rise, are cases of warrantless inspections and seizures of dogs in cars due to adverse weather conditions. Encouraging new data collected by the Shelter Project, sponsored by NAIA, has shown that in many localities across the country that the dog population in shelters has declined. However, there is a trend to transport dogs from one region to another and also to import dogs from other countries as "rescues." There are of course serious implications for these practices including the spread of disease. The conference ended by reminding us that our groups need to be the positive, rational voices in our communities. We need to be the first people that community leaders go to for answers dealing with animal issues. As said at the conference, "If you're not at the table, you're on the table".

Laura Hooser, West Lafayette, IN

## 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 2016 annual meeting will be forthcoming.

## IPDA Officers & Board Members

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