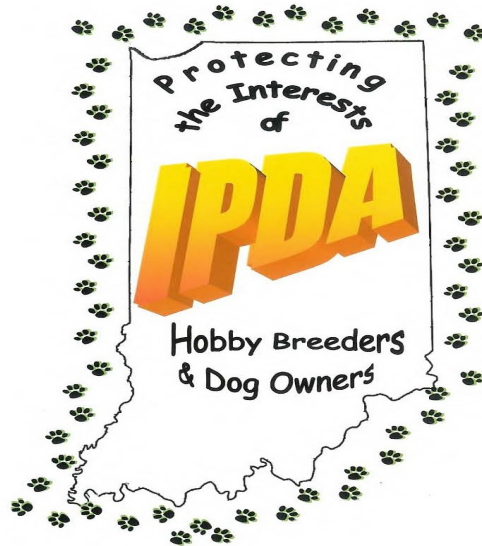


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# INDIANA PUREBRED DOG ALLIANCE



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Summer 2009 Newsletter

President's Message

With the 2009 legislative session behind us, IPDA has more time to prepare for the 2010 session. Reflecting back, our accomplishments in 2009 were quite remarkable. We organized on February 21<sup>st</sup>, hired a lobbyist, filed paperwork to become a 501(c) 6 corporation, testified at hearings held on HB 1468 and SB 238, educated key legislators on responsible breeding practices, and successfully influenced legislators to change HB 1468, which became law on July 1, 2009. A big THANK YOU goes out to all who supported our efforts.

However, our work has just begun. It is critical for purebred dog enthusiasts to unite as one voice against unjust legislation. Breeding dogs is not a crime. With the support of individual hobby breeders, pet owners, and breed clubs in Indiana, we can remain a strong voice and influential in support of reasonable legislation affecting purebred dogs, breeders, and owners.

Education is key to our success. A program for public education is in development. We plan to work with local colleges, public schools, and other interested groups in presenting programs on responsible breeding and dog ownership. Additionally, we will continue to educate our legislators on responsible breeding practices.

There is a big difference between animal rights and animal welfare. IPDA is the Champion of Animal Welfare in Indiana. Animal welfare is defined by the American Veterinary Medical Association as "the ethical responsibility of ensuring animal well-being." The AMVA further states in part that "Animals must be provided water, food, proper handling, health care, and an environment appropriate to their care and use. Animals should be treated with respect and dignity throughout their lives and, when necessary, provided a humane death."

On the other side of the spectrum are the animal rights radicals. These include organizations such as PETA and the HSUS. They advocate pure veganism, object to any form of companion animal, object to the breeding of companion animals, seek to outlaw all forms of medical research using any animals other than humans, and would outlaw the use of animal skin in clothing or other goods.

One goal both animal rights radicals and animal welfare groups share is the end to animal cruelty. However, each group's definition of animal cruelty varies greatly. Animal rights radicals want to end the thousands of years we have shared with dogs as companions, hunters, and herders. They see this as a form of cruelty, rather than a beneficial relationship for both man and dog. In contrast, animal welfare supporters embrace our dogs as beloved companions, hunters, and herders.

If you are a Champion of Animal Welfare, you are invited to join IPDA. Take time to review our website at <http://inpurebreddogalliance.org> and download a membership application. Whether you show your dogs, or they are your beloved companions, you have the right to own, enjoy, and love them. IPDA was established to fight for your rights to do just that. We encourage you to join us in our continued action to protect the future of the purebred dog in Indiana.

Have a safe and happy Summer,  
Carole Creech, President



## 7 Things You Didn't Know About HSUS

1)The Humane Society Of The United States (HSUS) is a “humane society” in name only. It does not operate a single pet shelter or pet adoption facility anywhere in the United States. In reality, HSUS is a wealthy animal-rights lobbying organization that agitates for the same goals as PETA and other radical groups.

2)Beginning on the day of NFL quarterback Michael Vick's 2007 dogfighting indictment, HSUS raised money online with the false promise that it would “care for the dogs seized in the Michael Vick case.” The NY Times later reported that HSUS wasn't caring for Vick's dogs at all, and HSUS President Wayne Pacelle told the Times that his group recommended that government officials “put down” (that is, kill) the dogs rather than adopt them out to suitable homes.

3)HSUS's senior management includes a former spokesman for the Animal Liberation Front (ALF), a criminal group designated as “terrorists” by the FBI.

4)According to a 2008 LA Times investigation, less than 12% of money raised for HSUS by California telemarketers actually ends up in HSUS's bank account. The rest is kept by professional fundraisers. In 2004, HSUS ran a telemarketing campaign in Connecticut with fundraisers who promised to return a minimum of zero percent of the proceeds. The campaign raised over \$1.4 million.

5)Research shows that HSUS's heavily promoted U.S. “boycott” of Canadian seafood-announced in 2005 as a protest against Canada's annual seal hunt-is a phony exercise in media manipulation. A 2006 investigation found that 78% of the restaurants and seafood distributors described by HSUS as “boycotters” were not participating at all.

6)HSUS raised a reported \$34 million in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, supposedly to reunite lost pets with their owners. Public disclosures of the deposition of the \$34 million in donations add up to less than \$7 million.

7) After gathering undercover video footage of improper animal handling at a Chino, CA slaughterhouse during November 2007, HSUS sat on its video for three months, even refusing to share it with the USDA. HSUS testified before congress that the San Bernadino County District Attorney's office asked the group to “hold onto the information while they completed their investigation.” But the District Attorney's office quickly denied that account, even declaring that HSUS refused to make it's spy available to investigators if the USDA were present at those meetings. HSUS chose to release its video footage at a more politically opportune time, as it prepared to launch a livestock-related ballot campaign in California. Meanwhile, meat from the slaughterhouse continued to flow into the US food supply for months.



## 10 Websites To Learn About Your Rights As A Dog Breeder Or Owner

[www.naiaonline.org](http://www.naiaonline.org) National Animal Interest Alliance

[www.Pet-Law.com](http://www.Pet-Law.com) Defending The Freedom To Own Pets

[www.ActivistCash.com](http://www.ActivistCash.com) Find out where anti-consumer groups get their funding

[www.AR-HR.com](http://www.AR-HR.com) Animal Rights or Human Responsibility. Choose what makes you human(e)

[www.consumerfreedom.com](http://www.consumerfreedom.com) The Center For Consumer Freedom, promoting personal responsibility and protecting consumer choice

[www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org) American Kennel Club

[www.savoa.org](http://www.savoa.org) Sportsmen's & Animal Owners' Voting Alliance, a non-partisan volunteer effort to inform the voting public and their representatives in government

[www.mydogmychoice.com](http://www.mydogmychoice.com) dedicated to maintaining our right to own, breed, and raise domestic animals

[www.americanssupportinganimalownership.com](http://www.americanssupportinganimalownership.com) dedicated to preserving the rights of Americans to own and breed animals

<http://inpurebreddogalliance.org> protecting the interests of purebred dog breeders and owners in Indiana



## **7 THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT PETA**

1) According to government documents, PETA employees have killed more than 19,200 dogs, cat, puppies, and kittens since 1998. PETA puts to death over 90% of the animals it accepts from members of the public. PETA holds absolutely no open adoption shelter hours at its Norfolk, VA headquarters, choosing instead to spend part of its \$32 million annual income on a contract with a crematory service to periodically empty hundreds of animal bodies from its large walk-in freezer.

2) PETA president and co-founder Ingrid Newkirk has described her group's overall goal as "total animal liberation." In a 2003 profile of Newkirk in *The New Yorker*, author Michael Specter wrote that Newkirk has had at least one seeing-eye dog taken away from its blind owner. PETA is also against all medical research that requires the use of animals, including research aimed at curing AIDS and cancer.

3) PETA has given tens of thousands of dollars to convicted arsonists and other violent criminals. During the 1990's, PETA paid \$70,200 to Rodney Coronado, and Animal Liberation Front (ALF) serial arsonist convicted of burning down a Michigan State University research laboratory. In his sentencing memorandum, a federal prosecutor implicated Ingrid Newkirk in that crime.

4) PETA activists regularly target children as young as six years old with anti-meat and anti-milk propaganda, even waiting outside their schools to intercept them without notifying their parents. One piece of kid-targeted PETA literature tells small children "Your Mommy Kills Animals!" One PETA vice president told the Fox News Channel's audience: "our campaigns are always geared towards children, and they always will be."

5) PETA's president has said that "even if animal research resulted in a cure for AIDS, we would be against it. PETA has repeatedly attacked research foundations like the March Of Dimes, the Pediatric AIDS Foundation, and the American Cancer Society, solely because they support animal-based research, aimed at curing life-threatening diseases and birth defects.

6) PETA has compared Jewish victims of the Nazi Holocaust to farm animals and Jesus Christ to pigs. PETA's religious campaigns include a website that claims-despite ample evidence to the contrary-that Jesus Christ was a vegetarian. PETA holds protests at houses of worship, even suing one church that tried to protect its members from Sunday morning harassment. Its billboards taunt Christians with the message that hogs "died for their sins."

7) PETA frequently looks the other way when its celebrity spokespersons don't practice what it preaches. Pamela Anderson's Dodge Viper (auctioned to benefit PETA) had a "luxurious leather interior"; the officially "anti-fur" Eva Mendes often wears fur anyway.

## **5 Ways To Make A Difference For Dogs With Your Money**

1) Donate your charity dollars to your local animal shelter, purebred rescue, or volunteer your time. Local shelters and rescues are frequently under-funded by their municipalities and run by volunteers. Donations of bedding and toys are also often appreciated.

2) Join a local alliance of dog owners and stay informed and educated about dog-related issues in your area. Your membership dollars are used 100% to fund the fight against legislation in your local area.

3) Register your purebred dog with the American Kennel Club. AKC is the recognized gold standard for dogs in the United States, and the registration fees help to fund the fight against anti-dog legislation nationwide.

4) Support businesses that are dog-friendly! Tractor Supply now allows dog owners to bring their pets in to shop (on-lead, of course!)

5) Support health research for your chosen breed, through breed club foundations or AKC's Canine Health Foundation. Health research is discovering new ways to help your dog live a healthier life and help breeders to find ways to select the healthiest stock.

