



**American
Kennel Club®**

Canine Legislation Position Statement

BREEDING REGULATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

The American Kennel Club® strongly supports and actively promotes a wide range of programs to educate the public about responsible purebred breeding practices and the responsibilities of dog ownership.

The AKC® supports reasonable and enforceable laws that protect the welfare and health of dogs and do not restrict the rights of breeders and owners who meet their responsibilities.

The AKC opposes the concept of breeding permits, breeding bans or mandatory spay/neuter of purebred dogs, specifically those based on the number of dogs owned or maintained.

The AKC expects responsible dog owners and breeders to know, understand and obey laws that apply to them.