



**AMERICAN
KENNEL CLUB™**

Canine Legislation Position Statement

EAR CROPPING, TAIL DOCKING AND DEWCLAW REMOVAL

The American Kennel Club® recognizes that ear cropping, tail docking, and dewclaw removal, as described in certain breed standards, are acceptable practices integral to defining and preserving breed character and/or enhancing good health. Appropriate veterinary care should be provided.