



**American
Kennel Club®**

Canine Legislation Position Statement

PROPER CARE AND HUMANE TREATMENT OF DOGS

Dog owners bear a special responsibility to their canine companions to provide proper care and humane treatment at all times. Proper care and humane treatment include an adequate and nutritious diet, clean water, clean living conditions, regular veterinary care, kind and responsive human companionship, and training in appropriate behavior. The American Kennel Club® believes that dogs should not be kept in circumstances or numbers where these needs can not be adequately fulfilled. Anyone convicted of animal cruelty where charges involved a dog will have all AKC® privileges suspended.