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Bulldog Club of America

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To: L G <lauravechiola@gmail.com>

Fri, Nov 3, 2017 at 1:50 PM

Laura, My stance has always been that breeders should sell directly to the prospective owner/home. The responsible breeder views his puppies as extended members of his family and works to ensure that his puppies (offspring) ends up in a caring environment.

My greater concern is in the proliferation of puppy mills that are only interested in money and raise puppies for the pet shops to peddle. These puppies are only a product of their livestock operation. These operations are not concerned with the long term health of their "produce" and have seriously damaged the more popular breeds.

The intent of the proposed legislation may be honorable. I can't judge the proposal without reading it, and at the same time, I don't know what the motivating factor for the legislation may be. Many large pet chains such as Jack's Aquarium and Pet Stores have voluntarily stopped selling puppies.

John Little

From: L G [mailto:lauravechiola@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, November 03, 2017 9:23 AM
To: jflittle@roadrunner.com
Subject: Bulldog Club of America

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Re: Fwd: [Breeder Referral] American Shih Tzu Club

joawhite@juno.com <joawhite@juno.com>
To: Lauravechiola@gmail.com

Sat, Nov 4, 2017 at 2:38 PM

Responsible breeders do not sell to pet stores and we tell people never to buy there. This is a complicated issue though, as puppies through today's "retail rescue" often come from unscrupulous suppliers even worse than the best of the usda inspected commercial breeders.
Jo Ann

Please note: message attached

From: American Shih Tzu Club <americanshihtzu@gmail.com>
To: Health Related Issues <joawhite@juno.com>
Subject: Fwd: [Breeder Referral] American Shih Tzu Club
Date: Sat, 4 Nov 2017 11:05:44 -0500

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From: American Shih Tzu Club <americanshihtzu@gmail.com>
To: Health Related Issues <joawhite@juno.com>
Cc:
Bcc:
Date: Sat, 4 Nov 2017 11:05:44 -0500
Subject: Fwd: [Breeder Referral] American Shih Tzu Club

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From: <lauravechiola@gmail.com>
Date: Nov 3, 2017 8:33 AM
Subject: [Breeder Referral] American Shih Tzu Club
To: <comments@americanshihtzuclub.org>, <americanshihtzu@gmail.com>
Cc:

Laura (lauravechiola@gmail.com) sent a message using the contact form at <http://shihtzu.org/?q=contact>.

My name is Laura, and I am writing you today to get your stance on breeders selling puppies to pet stores. Currently, in Joliet, IL, an ordinance is trying to get passed to ban the commercial sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits through pet stores. My understanding is that responsible breeders do not engage in this practice. Would you be willing to give your opinion on this? This is a time sensitive matter, so if you could please get back to me as soon as you can, it would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please let me know!!!

Thank you in advance,

Laura



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Golden Retriever Club of America

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Mon, Nov 6, 2017 at 8:26 AM

Concentious breeders I know would never consider selling their puppies to pet stores! We do a large amount of work in researching pedigrees and attempt to produce the very best dogs we can. The dogs considered are to be of breeding quality must meet the Golden Retriever Standard set up by the GRCA and would be required to obtain clearances after under going much testing for health problems such as normal hips, elbows, heart, and an annual eye exam done by certified veterinary experts in those fields. Health concerns can be inherited from both sire and dam. Good temperament is a priority!

Raising a litter properly takes a huge effort to socialize, expose puppies to different situations, and do some basic training such as introducing to crate etc. They also receive beginning inoculations before going to their new homes along with information to ease the transformation from being a part of a group to living on their own with a new individual or family.

Future puppy owners are interviewed ahead of time and later matched with what might be the best dog for their situation whether it is a family pet, or trained for competitive events, hunted in the field and used in service areas for individuals. All these things take much time and expense on the breeders part and owner of the sire. It is a serious job! Marilyn

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Great Dane Club of America

Michelle Conroy <bluedane20@gmail.com>
Reply-To: bluedane20@gmail.com
To: L G <lauravechiola@gmail.com>

Sun, Nov 5, 2017 at 7:44 PM

The Great Dane Club of America's Code of Ethics addresses this issue:

"Not wholesale litters of Great Danes, sell to Brokers or Pet Shops, provide any animal for prize or raffle purposes; nor use a Stud Dog in like manner."

<http://www.gdca.org/codeofethics.html>

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American Pomeranian Club

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To: L G <lauravechiola@gmail.com>

Fri, Nov 3, 2017 at 8:40 AM

Hello Laura,

The American Pomeranian Club Code of Ethics , item #3 states and I quote "I will not sell my puppies to pet shops or commercial pet mill establishments, nor will I donate puppies for raffles or auctions."

Hope this helps,

Fran

From: L G [mailto:lauravechiola@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, November 03, 2017 9:29 AM
To: president@americanpomeranianclub.org
Subject: American Pomeranian Club

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French Bulldog Club of America

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Mon, Nov 13, 2017 at 8:35 AM

thank you Laura,

I have attached the FBDCA Code of Ethics. It is pretty straightforward and easy to understand.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Susan

Susan Simon
Secretary, FBDCA

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French Bull Dog Club of America

Code of Ethics

This Code is established in accordance with the objectives of the French Bull Dog Club of America as set forth in Article I, Section 2 of the Club Constitution. By signing it the applicant agrees to adhere to high standards of behavior in canine matters having to do with buying, breeding, selling, exhibiting and owning French Bulldogs.

As a member of the French Bull Dog Club of America, I will abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the French Bull Dog Club of America and the rules of the American Kennel Club.

As a member of the French Bull Dog Club of America, I will keep accurate breeding records, registration papers and pedigrees.

As a member of the French Bull Dog Club of America, I will furnish accurate records to each buyer of all shots and wormings, pedigree, and AKC registration or transfer documents, unless written agreement is made at time of sale that papers will be withheld.

As a member of the French Bull Dog Club of America, I will have all services and sales agreements, mutually agreed upon, stated in writing, and signed by all parties involved. Contracts covering the sale of intact male dogs should include language prohibiting the sale of the dog's frozen semen at auction by the buyer of the dog.

As a member of the French Bull Dog Club of America, I will maintain the best possible standards of canine health, cleanliness and care.

As a member of the French Bull Dog Club of America, I will conduct all advertising in an honest manner that will not, in any way, misrepresent, defraud, or mislead.

As a member of the French Bull Dog Club of America, I will offer only dogs for stud or bitches for breeding that are in good health and free from communicable diseases and disqualifying genetic faults.

As a member of the French Bull Dog Club of America, I agree that I will not breed any stud dog to any bitch whose owner is directly involved with any puppy broker, puppy mill, litter lot sales or any other commercial enterprise whose business is involved in like activities.

As a member of the French Bull Dog Club of America, I will breed a bitch only with the intent that this particular breeding will improve the breed.

As a member of the French Bull Dog Club of America, I will not sell a French Bulldog to any commercial facility, puppy brokers, pet shop, puppy mill or agent thereof.

As a member of the French Bull Dog Club of America, I will conduct myself at all times in such a way as to reflect credit on the sport of purebred dog showing in general and French Bulldogs in particular.

Signature of Applicant
7/89, rev. 6/93, 6/05, 5/2010

Date

“Dealer” excludes a (1) retail pet store, unless the store sells animals to a research facility, an exhibitor, or a dealer, and (2) person who does not sell or negotiate the purchase or sale of any wild or exotic animal, dog, or cat and derives no more than \$500 in gross income from the sale of animals other than wild or exotic animals, dogs, or cats in any calendar year (9 CFR § 1.1).

Revised Definition of “Retail Pet Store”

On September 10, 2013, USDA announced it is revising its regulatory definition of “retail pet store,” effective November 18, 2013, to bring more animals sold at retail under the protection of the AWA. In its final rule adopting the revision, the agency explains that it is narrowing the definition of “retail pet store” to mean a place of business or residence at which the seller, buyer, and the animal available for sale are physically present so that every buyer may personally observe the animal before purchasing it or taking it into custody (9 CFR Parts 1 and 2, Docket No. APHIS-2011-0003). The previous definition was broader and included nearly all retail outlets selling animals by any means, including “sight unseen” sales conducted over the Internet or by mail. Thus, under the new rule, businesses selling pets sight unseen to buyers must be licensed and inspected by APHIS.

USDA's final rule also increases, from three to four, the number of breeding female animals that a person may maintain on his or her premises and be exempt from the licensing and inspection requirements.

Table 1 provides examples of who the new rule impacts.

Table 1: Impact of the New Retail Pet Store Rule on Dog and Cat Breeders

Scenario	If Yes...	If No...
Do you sell dogs, cats, or exotic pets that are born or raised on your premises where buyers can physically observe the animals before or during purchase?	You do not need a USDA license.	If you do not sell your animals in face-to-face transactions, you may need a USDA license.
Do you have four or fewer breeding female dogs, cats, or exotic pets on your premises and sell only the offspring of those animals?	You are not regulated by this rule and do not need a USDA license.	You may need a USDA license.
If you are a rescue group, do you hold face-to-face adoptions with the public?	You are not regulated by this rule and do not need a USDA license.	If you do not adopt out your animals in face-to-face transactions, you may need a USDA license.
If you are a pound, shelter, humane society, or similar organization, are you state-, county-, or municipal-owned and operated or	You are not regulated by this rule. These agencies and organizations are not regulated under the AWA as long as all of their activities are under the	You may need a USDA license.