

Barks and Tails

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MEETING NOTICE

The next General Membership Meeting is *Wednesday, April 5, 2017, at Kay's Bar-B-Cue, 1552 King St. (SR 520), Cocoa, Florida, at 7:00 pm.* Members wanting dinner please arrive at 6:00. Directions: From I95, take Exit201 (SR 520 toward Cocoa Beach. Travel to Clearlake Road and make a U-turn. Kay's is on the north side of 520. Website: <http://www.kaysbarbque.com>.

2016-2017 CLUB OFFICERS

President	Edna Corney
Vice-President	Leslie Glaze Kovacs
Secretary	Maureen Finch
Treasurer	Betty Page
Directors	Catherine Crampton
	Marsha Busch Dyal
	Donna Lee

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This month we will have, as a program, the AKC canine Ambassador program, given by our very own Canine Ambassador Diane Whitney. She will give a short presentation complete with photos.

Maureen, remember you are bringing the projector.

We have a couple of illness's this month with Norm Crampton having broken his arm or shoulder and Brenda with more back fractures. Please get well, both of you.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Rip, Marsha, and Rachel Dyal on the death of Rip's mother.

This will be a busy meeting as it is nominations from the floor, information on the match (Oct 8th), and information from the board concerning CAT and Fast CAT as well as news from AKC. If you are interested in the club continuing with CAT tests and Fast CATs, please attend.

Edna



BKC Remembers Mary Jo Czary

The last time I talked to Mary Jo was several months back while shopping at Winne Dixie in Cocoa. We talked for more than 40 minutes talking most, of course, dogs and dogs clubs, and she did admit her health was tricky at the time. But I never guess it would be cancer that would take her life.

I will remember her as very funny person and the love of her dogs was deep. I shall miss her.

Mary Thrasher

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

March 1, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Brevard Kennel Club President, Edna Corney at 7:03 p.m.

Minutes

The February meeting minutes were not available. They will be read at the April membership meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Betty Page—approved as presented.

Show Report

Catherine Crampton—nothing going on. Catherine is currently waiting on the redline version of the premium for the June show to come back.

Handling Class

Pam and Cassie Hinton—we need one more person to be in the permanent rotation for classes. Leslie Kovacs and Edna both agreed they would be happy to be in the rotation.

Legislation

Betty Page—Pinellas County Florida is entertaining the idea of restricting the sale of dogs as a business. The Animal Rights Advocates are making inroads, county by county, to have legislation changed in their favor. As responsible dog owners and/or breeders, we need to get out in force and let our elected officials know we are not going to sit back and let this happen. The Animal Rights Advocates are the squeaky wheel that gets their way. It's our turn to be that squeaky wheel.

Nominating Committee

Donna Lee—the current slate of officers and directors agreed to run for another term. The floor will be open to nominations during the April membership meeting.

Match

Edna Corney— we are looking for a date for the October match. Leslie Kovacs and Edna will run the match. We do need to have other members of the club learn how to run the match. If you are interested, please contact either Edna or Leslie. Betty Page is going to work on securing a date and renting Fox Lake Park for the match.

Patch Program

Carol Pincheck will work to get the AKC Patch Program to be in conjunction with our match in October.

Fast CAT

Tammy Young—things are going well. We always need volunteers for set-up, day of the event, and break down. Please consider volunteering!

Old Business

None.

New Business

The following applications for membership were read and voted on: Linda Pincheck, Carol Pincheck and Julia Young. All three have been accepted as Brevard Kennel Club members.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Guest in attendance

James June; Julia Young; Carolyn Pincheck; Linda Pincheck; Mary Miceli; Polly Gardner; Deb Fields; Karen Locke; Chris Hataway; Judy Denney and Tracy Eberhardt.

2017 DUES NOTICE

BKC dues are to be paid yearly on or before April 1. They are \$2.50 for a junior member (under age 18), \$5 for an adult member and \$8 for a domestic partnership.

If dues are not paid by April 1, the membership falls into poor standing and the member(s) cannot vote or hold office. Until July 1, membership can be returned to good standing simply by paying the dues.

After July 1 and until October 1, the board of directors may, in meritorious cases, approve acceptance of late dues payment.

After October 1, the former member must reapply for membership.

Dues may be paid at the General Membership Meeting or mailed to: Betty Page, PO Box 802, Mims, FL 32754.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2017

The slate of officer candidates for 2017 is:

President	Edna Corney
Vice-president	Leslie Kovacs
Secretary	Maureen Finch
Treasurer	Betty Page
Directors	Catherine Crampton Marsha Dyal Donna Lee.

Nominations from the floor will be taken at the April meeting. 2017 dues must be paid to make or accept a nomination. Persons nominated from the floor must be present and accept the nomination or the nominator must present a written acceptance document signed by the nominee.

Officers for 2017 will be elected at the May meeting and will take office immediately.



Presents

Paws and Pals

June 5th – 9th 9:00am to Noon

Sponsored by Brevard Kennel Club



(Registration form is attached to newsletter.)



As bragged about in the meeting in March, SinJin is now:

CH Sunset's Kickstart My Heart

She earned her CH in style, with 3 majors, taking BOW over a nice class dog in Lakeland in February. Now to mature some more, and on to her GCH!

SinJin also earned the 2016 Dual Dog of the Year from the Mid Florida Brittany Club for her 2016 show and field trial placements.

Valerie Davies

Maui was named the Space Coast Therapy Dogs 2016 Rookie Dog of the year!

Last week Calypso passed her Alliance of Therapy Dogs test; 2 more observations and she'll be official!

Diane Whitney

Carter and Murphy earned their BCAT titles in February.

Johann Goines



CH Jazzies Sunshine On a Leash Carter BCAT CGCA



Lakewoods Murphy Brown Bama Clown CD BN RA CAX THDN DN BCAT CGC

FLORIDA LEGISLATION

Florida House Bill 1067 and Florida Senate Bill 2017

Betty Page

WE NEED TO MOVE ON THIS. THESE TWO BILLS ARE VERY SERIOUS. MAKE YOUR PHONE CALLS NOW. WE NEED THEM TO KNOW THAT WE ARE OPPOSING THIS. TALKING POINTS BELOW.

The bills that would give awards of up to \$5,000 for non-economic damages for gross negligence are HB 1067 and SB 1270. The link to the bill is <https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/1067/BiIIText/Filed/PDF> [Editor's Note: Both HB 1067 and SB 2017 are attached to this newsletter.]. The only difference from House and Senate bills is that the Senate bill exempts veterinarians and the House

bill does not. Both bills exempt rescues and shelters.

This is for Gross Negligence which the attorney members of the House and Senate say will not really cause a problem as it is hard to prove; however, we know this is just the camel's nose under the tent.

You can change the flyer anyway you want. I would suggest you have really calm smart people reach out to the members of these two committees this week letting them know you oppose the bill.

If you want to do other talking points you can after you read the bill.

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF KENNEL CLUBS Talking Points Oppose HB 1067 by Representative Moskowitz Relating to Law Suits for Pain and Suffering for Pet Owners

Current Florida Law Already Protects Pets & Owners

Florida Law Protects Pets and Keeps Ownership Affordable

- Animal Owners can already sue for compensatory damages such as the value of the pet and the cost for any care associated with an injury or death of the pet.
- Chapter 828 Florida Statute protects animals from abuse and cruelty.
- Owners Ability to sue for Pain and Suffering due to Gross Negligence of the Owner of a Pet Above a Fiancée's Rights in the Florida Courts:

Law Suits for Pain and Suffering by an Animals Owner will Raise Cost of Ownership.

As Owners Sue for Emotional Damages in the Florida Court Systems. These Suits could lead to Increased Cost For:

- Home Owners Insurance
- Automobile Insurance
- Veterinary Care
- Pharmaceuticals
- Boarding of Animals
- Grooming cost for our Animals

Businesses that are Currently Pet Friendly Will No Longer Welcome our Pets for Fear of Law Suits:

- Airlines
- Pet Smart
- Petco
- Home Depot
- Restaurants

No other state in the country allows what is authorized in this bill.

Chair of First Committee for HB 1067 by Moskowitz

Heather Fitzenhagen (Republican)



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Chair of Agriculture Committee in the Senate (Young's bill SB 2017 goes here next!!!!)

Keith Perry (Republican)



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Florida: Hearing 3/14 on Troublesome Bill Allowing Damages for Loss of Pet Companionship (Senate Bill 2017)

*By: AKC Government Relations Department
Submitted and Edited by Valentina Schuler*

March 13, 2017

An emotionally-driven, but problematic bill in Florida seeks to provide for compensatory damages for the injury or death of a pet. The bill will be heard by Senate Committee on Judiciary tomorrow, March 14, 2017.

Dogs are a beloved part of our lives and many owners consider dogs part of the family. These emotional ties have led some individuals and groups to propose fundamental changes to laws dealing

with pets, such as allowing large financial awards in lawsuits involving injury to pets. On the surface, this may sound like a good idea that reflects the value people place on their pets. However, there's a catch-allowing these types of awards in cases involving injury to pets will likely have many unintended consequences, and in the long run may actually harm pets.

Senate Bill 1270 seeks to establish that in any action for the recovery of damages arising out the injury or death of a cat or dog, the defendant is liable for monetary losses that include veterinary care for the pet and monetary losses for the fair market value of the pet. AKC supports such damages.

However, SB 1270 also seeks to establish compensatory damages of up to \$5,000 for the loss of non-economic damages such as companionship, love and affection in cases involving the death or injury of a pet that results from the gross negligence of the defendant.

The unintended consequences of HB 1270 will affect many pet owners. The risk of increased legal liability will very likely result in higher costs to cover that liability for all parties in the animal care chain. These costs will ultimately be passed on to pet owners. Further, pet-friendly businesses would

also face increased liability if a pet is injured while on the premises.

While a few individual owners might momentarily benefit from monetary awards for non-economic damages, the pets themselves do not. All other pet owners will see costs of pet ownership increase and access to pet-friendly public places reduced.

Non-profit and governmental entities and their employees that negligently cause the death of a pet while "acting on behalf of public health or animal welfare" would be exempted from all liability. Veterinarians licensed by the state would also be exempted, but their staff members would not.

The American Kennel Club and other respected animal organizations oppose emotional/non-economic damages for injuries to or loss of animals. Both the American Veterinary Medical Association and the Animal Health Institute oppose laws permitting such recovery.

<https://www.avma.org/Advocacy/StateAndLocal/Pages/non-econo-damages.aspx>
<http://www.ahi.org/issues-advocacy/pet-litigation/>

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Dog owners in Florida who are concerned with the far-reaching consequences of this bill are strongly encouraged to contact the members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary to respectfully express their

opposition and request that they vote "no" on SB 1270. Click on the links below for contact information and to access an email form for each committee member.

Florida Senate Committee on Judiciary

Senator Greg Steube, Chair, Sarasota ([\(850\) 487-5023](tel:8504875023))

Senator Lizbeth Benacquisto, Vice Chair, Lee County ([\(850-487-5027\)](tel:8504875027))

Senator Randolph Bracy, Orange County ([\(850\) 487-5011](tel:8504875011))

Senator Anitere Flores, Monroe County and Miami Dade ([\(850\) 487-5039](tel:8504875039))

Senator Rene Garcia, Miami-Dade ([\(850-487-5036\)](tel:8504875036))

Senator Audrey Gibson, Duval County ([\(850-487-5006\)](tel:8504875006))

Senator Debbie Mayfield, Indian River and Brevard County ([\(850-487-5017\)](tel:8504875017))

Senator Bobby Powell, Palm Beach County ([\(850-487-5030\)](tel:8504875030))

Senator Perry E. Thurston, Jr., Broward County ([\(850-487-5033\)](tel:8504875033))

For more information on the issue of non-economic damages, please read AKC's issue analysis, Non-Economic Damages, and the Legal Status of Animals.

For additional information, please contact AKC Government Relations at doglaw@akc.org or [919-816-3720](tel:9198163720).

Hillsborough County, Florida, Ordinance to Regulate Dog Trainers

Submitted by: Valentina Schuler and Mary Benell

Hillsborough County wants to be the first in the Nation to regulate dog trainers. There are no standards, the requirements and text was copied from an ordinance pertaining to locksmiths. While licensure may not be a bad thing, putting into an ordinance how you must practice dog training is out of their realm of knowledge.

Anyone that trains dogs in Hillsborough county needs to review the proposed new ordinance ASAP! Tomorrow night [March 23] it will be discussed at the AAC meeting and April 5th it will be voted on by the BOCC. If you want the full version, contact Tina Schuler. Following is a quick overview of the ordinance.

- Requires any trainers to have a "dog training certification"
- Requires any trainers to be licensed with PRC as a dog trainer and renewed yearly
- Requires a Hillsborough County business license to be maintained & Florida Department of Revenue Sales Tax Certificate as well as sufficient general liability insurance coverage of at least \$100,000 per incident.
- Requires minimum of 300 documented hours of dog training experience.
- Requires the use of techniques based ONLY on positive reinforcement based training techniques.
- Must allow the dog to have:
 - Freedom from hunger and thirst
 - Freedom from discomfort
 - Freedom from pain, injury or disease
 - Freedom to express normal behavior
 - Freedom from fear & distress
- Requires records of animals trained be kept for 4 years
 - Information on animal's owner
 - Tag & microchip of the animal
 - Copy of training plan signed by the owner
 - List of any medications given to the animal while at the trainer's facility (date/time & dosage amounts)
 - Any death of a dog under the care of the trainer must be reported to the department within 6 hours.
 - A veterinary medical plan must be provided in writing.

Contact Hillsborough County Commissioner Higginbotham & any other Commissioner to oppose an Ordinance for Licensure of Dog Trainers until more research can be done. Animal Advisory Committee Meetings are the 4th Wednesday of the month @ 6:30PM County Building, 26th Floor, 601 E. Kennedy Blvd, Tampa, FL.

NEW JERSEY LEGISLATION

NJ Senate Bill 3041 Anti-Breeder

Valentina Schuler

While this does not directly affect us today, it could very soon. We are all for rescuing pets but the choice should be yours to make! Please call, it only takes a second and it is so very important.

Anyone can call, please don't think this doesn't pertain to you because you don't live in NJ....first

it's NJ then the next State and next. Piece by piece the AR groups and HSUS just chip away and march forward slowly taking away all dog ownership rights. Great example; the Killer Whales at Sea World, they got their foot in the door...it's just a matter of time.

New Jersey Breeders Take Action

Something horrible is going on in the State of NJ. Bills S3041 passed both the senate and the assembly. Guess what this means NJ. You can't choose the type of dog you want. You can have a rescue, but forget getting a pure bred from a good breeder. Sorry if you want that type, but the State of NJ has decided for you, nope, no breeders here. What's next. Like red wine. Sorry you're only allowed to have white.

So what's really behind all this? Sen Lesniak decided to run for Governor and he's backed by the Lobbyist Group HSUS (Humane Society of the

United States). In case you thought they helped shelter dogs, you would be wrong. They are a lobbyist group with an agenda to end breeding purebred dogs among other radical ideas. So if you want to have a purebred dog some day and live in the State of NJ call the Governor's office and ask him to please veto the bill. BTW, they aren't taking names so anyone from anywhere can call. The number is [609-777-2500](tel:609-777-2500) and politely ask that he veto S3041. Please call during normal office hours; no voicemails are taken.

And finally, please, please don't vote for Lesniak for Governor. I don't care if you vote democrat or republican but please vote pro dog choice.



SENATE BILL 3041 WILL IMPACT HOBBY BREEDERS – URGE GOV. CHRISTIE TO VETO!

- The current version of the bill, passed by both houses of the legislature, **considers anyone – including breeders – who sells more than 10 cats or dogs in a year to be a “pet dealer.”**
- It is common for some breeds such as Labrador Retrievers and Great Danes to regularly have litters larger than 10 puppies. **A person whose dog has a large litter just once and sells/finds new homes for the puppies will be defined as a “pet dealer”.**
- The arbitrary threshold and vague language in the “pet dealer” definition could regulate many fanciers and enthusiasts. **Because most municipalities do not allow commercial enterprises such as animal “dealers” in residential zones, hobby breeders may find themselves in violation of state and local zoning laws, and forced to choose between their home and their hobby.**
- Throughout the bills’ consideration, the AKC has respectfully recommended better language to reflect the sponsors’ stated intent that small, hobby breeders would be exempt from the definition of “pet dealer”. Because one litter could qualify a person as a “pet dealer”, those concerns have not been considered.
- The definition of pet dealer seeks to impact breeders located in other states who may sell dogs in New Jersey. Because it impacts interstate commerce and creates conflicts between New Jersey laws and the laws of other states, **the definition of pet dealer is constitutionally suspect.**
- Over previous versions, **S.3041 actually increases the number of allowable health and welfare violations by pet dealers** selling pets to pet stores.
- Like its predecessors, **S.3041 contains more than two pages of “findings” that assail the reputations of dog breeders with broadly-discredited conjecture, questionable statistics, and out-of-date USDA information.**

**CALL GOV. CHRISTIE’S OFFICE – (609) 777-2500.
ASK HIM TO VETO SENATE BILL 3041.**



To view AKC's action alert on S.3041, go to <http://www.akc.org/govcomment-conditions/legislative-alerts/ria-s3041-veto-action-alert-march-20-2017/>