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| <p><u>NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p><u>PIZZA FEED</u> <u>6:00</u> <u>FEB 6, 2020</u></p> <p><u>RoundTable Pizza</u> <u>3201 West Court</u> <u>Pasco</u></p> | <p>Board of Directors Meeting</p> <p>February 20, 2020 7:30</p> <p>Sterlings off of Queensgate</p> | <p><u>DUES ARE</u></p> <p><u>PAST</u> <u>DUE</u></p> <p><u>FOR 2020</u></p> |
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Need someone to take over Newsletter duties

MOST ARE SENT VIA EMAIL AND WITH ONLY A FEW BY SNAIL MAIL. PLAN ON 1-3 HOURS A MONTH. CHERYL—DRAYMIA@GMAIL.COM

Junior Showmanship Scholarship

Raffle Items

For 2020 Shows!

Poop Bags First Aid Kits

Travel Packs or boxes of Kleenex

Shower Gel Paper Towels Dog Toys

Granola Bars

Hand Sterilizer Lint Rollers

MICROWAVE POPCORN

See something of interest?

See something fun?

Bring them

Handling Class

Wednesdays 7:30

4 Paws Dogworks

Feb 5 – Bonnie & Chuck

Feb 12 – Kim & Bruce

Feb 19 – Skeeter Benton

Feb 26 – Erin Story

2765 Kingsgate Way Richland, WA

Dogs need to be current on their vaccinations and handlers need to sign a waiver if you have not already done so.

Want to suggest a Judge?

Contact Linda Riedel at

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AKC GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

January 22, 2020

<https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/u-s-department-transportation-proposes-new-rules-define-service-dogs-purpose-air-travel/>

New proposed rules from the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) that seek to clarify Air Carrier Access Act (ACAA) regulations regarding the transportation of service animals by air and that are intended to ensure that America's air transportation system is safe for the travelling public and accessible to individuals with disabilities, are expected to be published in the Federal Register by the end of this week.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL:

- Defines a "service animal" as a dog that is individually trained to do work to perform tasks for the benefit of a qualified individual with a **disability**.
- Allows airlines to recognize emotional support animals as pets rather than as service animals.
- Allow airlines to require all passengers with a disability traveling with a service animal to complete forms attesting to the animal's training and behavior, certifying the animal's good health, and confirming that the animal has the ability either not to relieve itself on a long flight or to relieve itself in a sanitary manner; and submit completed forms to the airline.
- Clarifies existing prohibitions on airlines' imposing breed restrictions on service animals.
- Allows airlines to set policies to limit the number of service animals that one passenger can bring onboard an aircraft.
- Requires service animals to be harnessed, leashed, or otherwise tethered.

- Addresses the safe transport of large service animals in aircraft cabins.
- Clarifies when the user of a service animal may be charged for damage caused by a service animal.
- Addresses the responsibilities of airline code-share partners.

[The American Kennel Club \(AKC\)](#) strongly supports public accommodations that allow individuals with disabilities to use service dogs. The AKC also strongly condemns characterizing dogs as service animals when they are not, or attempting to benefit from a dog's service dog status when the individual using the dog is not a person with a disability.

BACKGROUND:

In May 2018, DOT published an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) seeking comment on amending the Department's ACAA regulations on transportation of service animals. This was published in response to concerns expressed by individuals with disabilities, airlines, flight attendants, and other stakeholders about the need for a change in the Department's service animal requirements. THE ANPRM asked for comments on ways to ensure and improve access to air transportation for individuals with disabilities, while also deterring the fraudulent use of animals not qualified as service animals and ensuring that animals that are not trained to behave properly in public are not accepted for transport.

Then, in August of 2019, [DOT issued interim guidance](#) to help travelers understand their rights regarding the use of service animals and emotional support animals. This clarification came after the number of animals traveling with passengers in cabin has significantly increased since 2016 (from 481,000 to 751,000 the following year, according to Airlines for America, an industry trade group) and a significant increase in the number of bite and other safety incidents involving ESAs. [Click here to read AKC's August 2019 post on DOT's interim clarifications.](#)

Read [Misuse of Service Dogs Hurts the Disabled and Responsible Dog Owners.](#)

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

AKC Government Relations Department (AKC GR) encourages all interested parties to review the proposed updates, which are available for consideration [here](#).

Concerned parties are encouraged to provide comment to U.S. Department of Transportation during the update's public comment period, which will run for 60 days after the proposal's official publication in the Federal Register (i.e., through late March).

Individuals may file comments identified by the docket number DOT-OST-2018-0068 by any of the following methods:

- Federal rulemaking Portal: go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- Mail: Docket Management Facility. U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.
- Hand Delivery or Courier: West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SW, between 9AM and 5PM E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.
- FAX: (202) 493-2251.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

AKC's Government Relations Department will provide additional commentary and talking points on the proposal after fully analyzing the proposal.

Did you know that AKC GR recently redesigned and continues to update its Regulatory Resource Center, which provides information on regulatory proposals and requirements from both the federal and state governments? For more information, access the Regulatory Resource Center at

<https://akcgr.org/regcenter?1>, or contact AKC GR at doglaw@akc.org.

[Brittany Shumack, DVM](#)

[July 27](#) ·

Thank you responsible breeders.

There sadly isn't much of a voice for responsible breeders. They often get grouped into the category of backyard breeders or puppy mills, but they are so much more than that. Thank you responsible breeders. Thank you for not being part of the problem, but actually being part of the solution. I can guarantee you that if every breeder followed the guidelines of responsible breeders, "overpopulation" would not be a concern.

It pains me to have clients who come in and are so stressed and concerned about their dogs having one hair out of place. They worry we will judge them because they show and breed dogs and in the past they have been harrassed by the public. I usually just laugh and ensure them that a little dirt means they are loved and having a good time outside. Trust me, I have an English Setter and keeping him show quality groomed everyday would be torture to me and him. They are expected to always be perfect in the eye of the public, because if not a snood comment is likely to be made about their purebred dog. I, and even the clinic I work at, have been harrassed twice this week for supporting responsible breeders. I can't imagine the harrassment some breeders face, I know a few that try to keep the fact that they breed hidden from the public because they are scared of what the public will think.

Don't get me wrong, I love a good mixed breed dog. I work with tons of them everyday and care for each and every one of them the same. Each day I come home and worry about every mixed breed dog I treated that day the same as every purebred dog. I support shelters everyday at work and there are many situations where a rescue dog may be the best fit for you family.

However, there is nothing quite like a dog from a responsible breeder. That dog comes to you from a loving breeder who invested so much time, emotion, funds and research into each puppy that it would shock you. They spend their lives conserving a breed and making it better. That breeder can tell you everything about their personalities, what their traits and quirks will be, and what they were purposefully bred to do. They care about the placement of each puppy, often placing them into the homes themselves based on purpose and personality of each puppy, rather than letting the new owners pick out which one looked cutest online. These puppies go into homes fully vaccinated, with all required health clearances needed. They go into homes already house trained and crate trained to ensure easy transition for the new homes. These responsible breeders keep track of the puppies until they grow old and pass. They want to know about each and every health concern that they have throughout life so that they may alter their breeding program to avoid health concerns in the future. These breeders even make you sign a contract saying that if you can't keep the dog, no matter the age, you will return it to them so that the dog does not end up in a shelter. The list goes on and on.

The next time you meet a RESPONSIBLE breeder, thank them, ask them about their breed, and buy them a drink (trust me they need it).

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USDA RELEASES KEY REPORT ON CANINE IMPORTS

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has released a key report finding that over 1 million dogs are imported into the U.S. each year. And, of those one million, less than one percent are subject to thorough health screenings that ensure they are healthy and free of disease before entering the country.

The 2018 Farm Bill provision, which was strongly supported by the National Animal Interest Alliance, directed USDA to coordinate with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to estimate the number of dogs entering into the U.S. each year. All three agencies share some jurisdiction over canine imports; however, the data released today demonstrates little to no oversight exists for 99% of these imports.

With the increase of unscreened dog imports, the U.S. has seen diseases from rabies, to canine influenza, to leptospirosis brought into the country. The publication of this report represents a critical first step in the process to update the current statutory and regulatory framework for dog imports to ensure animal and public health is protected.

NAIA applauds Secretary Sonny Perdue, Under Secretary Greg Ibach, Administrator Kevin Shea, and others at the Department of Agriculture for releasing this critical data to the House and Senate Agriculture Committees. And we are grateful to Representatives David Rouzer of North Carolina, Jim Costa of California, Kurt Schrader of Oregon, Ted Yoho of Florida, Ralph Abraham of Louisiana and Senators David Perdue of Georgia and Bob Casey of Pennsylvania for their efforts on this important issue.

We look forward to working with Congress and the Department of Agriculture to advance federal policies that enhance our import laws and regulations in order to adequately protect our country from foreign disease introduction.

This email is being sent to all who took **Jan's Dog Show Boost Survey** and includes a link to a presentation of the analysis of the responses.

This approximately 25 minute long presentation is geared towards: club meetings, club committees, groups, and individuals. Use it as you will, feel free to share it.

Dog Show Boost Survey Analysis – Western Edition

Facebook's "Go Show Dogs"

<https://www.facebook.com/GoShowDogs/>



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