

Communication from Public

Name: Lisa Ribons

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Comments for Public Posting: The American Kennel Club® strongly supports and actively promotes a wide range of programs to EDUCATE the public about RESPONSIBLE purebred breeding practices and the responsibilities of dog ownership. It appears that the word Responsible is what is misunderstood. The "breeders" that are problematic are not the same as responsible breeders, which for the most part take back their dogs, health test the parents and have a lifelong commitment to the betterment of the breed and the families who adopt/buy from them. Many are also involved and support breed specific rescues. The ones that are contributing to the "overcrowding" are the backyard, puppy mill and criminal "breeders" (ones that see \$\$ with high demand breeds to support drugs, gang and mafia activities)--they take 0 responsibility to the well-being of the animals or support the families. There are many reasons animals end up in shelters, financial (inflation, vet care, loss of job), death, divorces, allergies, health issues, etc. To put to blame on responsible breeders is BIASED and MISINFORMED. This is a societal issue and one that needs to be addressed with EDUCATION and SUPPORT for those families who truly love their animals, but to no fault of their own cannot manage to keep them (there could be food banks and low cost vet care, temporary housing that accepts animal, etc). While I understand the difficulties (I am no stranger to rescue) with the logistics and funding of charity, this myopic view is NOT a solution or even a part of a solution to this complex problem plaguing our society and others around the world. Instead of insulting and belittling a dedicated group of dog enthusiast, why not WORK with the AKC to educate people on dog "ownership" and "responsibilities". They already have many educational programs in place. All cities and counties should strongly suggest/require spay and neuter of family pets. You must remember that "Pure Breeds" are the foundation of service, police, military, seeing eye, mobility, therapy and search and rescue dogs, who are vitally important and indispensable to society. Their consistent temperament, size and personality traits are imperative for these types of needs. Perhaps a discussion with AKC and local dog clubs should be the first step before jumping to erroneous conclusions and "solutions" to a very complex problem. This "adopt not shop" slogan is completely misleading and inaccurate and has corrupt any logical solutions

by supposed well-meaning, but ignorant groups of people.

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: I absolutely sympathize with the unfortunate conditions of the shelter system, suspending the rights of responsible, law-abiding breeders and owners of intact dogs will not help shelter overcrowding. As a participant in AKC events, with intact and legally registered dogs, I have come to witness the ethical treatment and breeding of dogs to preserve the breed. Law abiding preservation breeders believe in health testing of their breeding dogs and strive to ensure that any offspring are healthy and most importantly adhere to the breed standard for the breed. Ethical breeders do not let their dogs go to shelters or to homes without the backup of willing to take a dog back should someone not be capable of caring for it. Participants in AKC events with intact dogs who do not breed are responsible to abide by the law and more importantly are responsible to ensure that their intact dog does not contribute to overcrowding of shelters. It is the irresponsible breeders who breed for profit and not preservation that contribute to the overcrowding of shelters as they may breed dogs that are not healthy, do not take the time to ensure that puppies go to the right owners. Ethical and responsible breeders and owners will never let their dogs go to shelters.

Communication from Public

Name: Susan Carr

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Comments for Public Posting: I do sympathize with the unfortunate conditions of the shelter system, suspending the rights of responsible, law-abiding breeders and owners of intact dogs will not help shelter overcrowding. As with guns, those who never abide by the laws will continue to keep the shelters filled. Perhaps think about offering funding to spay and neuter rather than suspend responsible breeding that occurs to maintain our beautiful companions.

Communication from Public

Name: Jamie Walton

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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose breeding regulations on law abiding Angelenos. I am part of the dog fancy and am a preservation breeder of pure-bred dogs. Our local clubs have a network of volunteers and any pure bred of our breed will be picked up from a shelter and rehomed within our network. This is true of most pure-bred dogs. Our dogs are health tested and proven in competition. We are diligent that not only are we producing healthy animals but of the good temperament. These are not the dogs you will find in a shelter. These proposals are ill placed. Los Angeles should first stop the importation of dogs to fill shelters. Why are we allowing 1.06 million dogs into our country? This needs to stop!