

BHCA LEGISLATIVE CHAIRPERSON

The importance of this position cannot be overstated given the attacks nationwide on hobby breeders and companion animal owners.

The BHCA Corresponding Secretary shall submit to the AKC Government Affairs Department the name of the chairperson appointed as the BHCA legislative liaison in order to receive an information packet and to be placed on the club contact list for updated legislative information.

The chairperson should obtain from the BHCA corresponding secretary a current list of local club secretaries, who will be asked to provide the names, addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of the current legislative contact within each club. The chairperson, when called on by a member of the club, may write a letter to the legislators of the member's state stating opposition any negative legislation on behalf of the BHCA.

The BHCA Board of Directors and the appropriate local club, where applicable, should be notified of any pending legislation affecting dogs and hobby breeders. Local clubs should be encouraged/urged to participate in legislative actions taking place in their states and/or local areas. This information is distributed to legislative liaisons by the AKC and also is available on the AKC web site. The web site should be monitored at least weekly for legislative news.

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