



Legislation Committee the Legislation Chairperson is appointed for a one-year term by the Board at the Annual STCA Board Meeting following the annual dinner meeting. The Legislation Committee consists of one or more members of the STCA who follow dog legislation issues and provide a communication link between STCA and the AKC Canine Legislation Department.

DUTIES

1. Monitor local and national news and be aware of issues, which may impact the purebred dog fancy.
2. Assure all communications from the STCA are consistent with and in support of AKC positions. Exceptions to this policy require BOD approval prior to public communication. This helps assure the STCA legislation committee does not take extreme positions that could put the STCA in a position where legal action can be brought against the STCA or membership.
3. The STCA Legislation committee should make an effort to check facts and figures included in public communication to make sure they are accurate and timely. Official communications from the AKC are typically considered accurate; however, communications from other groups may require checking. The committee should guard against propagating information that is presented in an incomplete or misleading way or is out of date. This does not mean the STCA Legislation committee cannot take a position or stance on an issue, only that it must be fact based and consistent with item 2 above.
4. The STCA Legislation committee may make a recommendation to donate to various organizations. Any donations made on behalf of the STCA must be approved by the STCA BOD.
5. Receive, consolidate and evaluate nationwide dog legislation issues as received from the AKC Canine Legislation Department, The Legislative Observer and other sources.
6. Disseminate to regional clubs, information about local and national dog legislation issues and pending legislative bills by means of periodic activity report to the STCA Board of Directors.
7. Initiate specific actions through the STCA offices for or against legislative bills that are of an emergent nature.
8. Present the views and interest of the purebred fancy to lawmakers and the news media. Due to the logistical nature of the STCA, this activity is necessarily most often confined to local and state areas in which the STCA Canine Legislative Committee resides.
9. Motivate STCA and Regional Club members to become active in the legislative process in their respective areas.
10. The Legislative Committee chair should work to build and maintain a cooperative and cohesive working environment even in the face of disagreements.
11. Encourage regional clubs to PROVIDE feedback legislative information from their local areas to the STCA Canine Legislative Committee.
12. Educate public officials about the benefits of the STCA and the opinions of the dog-owning constituents.
13. Report to the AKC Canine Legislative Department (by telephone, fax or e-mail) any legislative activity occurring within the area of the STCA Canine Legislative Committee.
14. The Legislative committee should meet on an as-needed basis.
15. Submit a written activity report to all the STCA Officers and Directors 10 days prior to each scheduled meeting.
16. Provide articles or updates to membership, Bagpiper, of Wrap Up.

INFORMATION SOURCES:

1. AKC Canine Legislative Department, Canine Legislative Coordinator American Kennel Club
5580 Centerview Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606-3390 Telephone: 919/233-3720, Fax: 919/854-0168
2. http://www.akc.org/breeders/gov_relations/index.cfm, E-mail: doglaw@akc.org
3. Local and national news media.
4. NAIA (National Animal Interest Alliance) – www.naiaonline.org
5. SAOVA (Sportsman's and Animal Owner's Voting Alliance) – www.saova.org

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