

ACTION PLAN TO DEFEAT BAD LEGISLATION

Monitor on a regular basis state level legislation

When a bad bill is found:

- Note bill number, status, sponsors, co-sponsors, committee chairs
- Make copy of the bill including complete text

Compile contact list of all bill sponsors and committee it is now in
Email, phone, fax, and snail mail address

Contact the Bill sponsors

- Why do they think this law is necessary?
- What evidence do they have to support that position?
- Who participated in drafting the bill?
- How can you and/or breeder groups have input into the bill?

Go through bill and compile a list of reasons why it is bad

- Find out the position other organizations take on it
 - Allies: Farm Bureau, breeder groups, veterinary orgs, PIJAC
 - Enemies; A\$PCA, H\$U\$, SPCAs, AC associations

- Write a report showing how it will negatively affect breeders

 - May have to do a survey to collect valid data proving your position

- Is this law in other areas?

 - Can you get statistics on how it has affected those areas?

 - Can you get negative feedback from breeders who are affected by this law?

 - Has any area passed then repealed this law?

 - Make sure you reference everything you can find to further validate your concerns

Draft an information release for breeders to send out

- Include: Bill number, all sponsors, complete contact info-e-mail, phone, fax, snail mail

- Reasons why it is a bad piece of legislation

- Urge breeders to write opposition letters and sign petitions

- Also send release to ARBA, specialty clubs, state and local clubs

- Distribute copies at shows

Notify other affected organizations

- Directly affected; Other species, Farm bureau, PIJAC

- Indirectly: Feed companies, veterinary organizations, equipment suppliers

- Ask for assistance in notifying people, getting an opposition movement going,

- Financial assistance for mailing and reproduction costs, getting petition signatures

- Ask for opposition statements to include in reports sent to legislators

Set-up an Online petition but also do a written petition

Set-up informational website

- Detail negative affect the bill will have on breeders and pet owners

- Provide links to send opposition e-mail directly to sponsors and committee members

- Link to online petition

Urge Breeder groups to spear head opposition

Issue a Press release detailing the negative effects of the bill on hobby breeders