

HB

242

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)
 Date Referred: March 19, 1993 FURTHER REFERRALS: Judiciary

Date of Committee Action: 4-1-93

The COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS Committee considered: HB 242

HOUSE BILL NO. 242 VICIOUS DOGS: NO CLASSIFICATIONS BY BREED

"An Act relating to dangerous dogs and to municipal classifications and limitations based on the breed of a dog."

- RECOMMENDATIONS: [] the same title
 be replaced with _____ [] a new title
- [] have attached amendments(s)
 [] do pass
 [] do not pass
 [] no recommendations
 individual recommendations
 [] additional referral to the _____ Committee

ADOPTS: _____ letter of Intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S): (Dept) APPROVES PREVIOUS: (Dept/Date)
 [] fiscal impact _____ [] fiscal note(s) _____
 zero fiscal note C+RA, Pub Safety [] zero fiscal note(s) _____

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		<i>John & David</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		<i>Kid Willie</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		<i>Bill Williams</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
		<i>Bill Taylor</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		<i>Auley Olberg</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

Auley Olberg
 CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE

House of Representatives

Sponsor Statement

HB 242

"An Act Relating to Dangerous Dogs and to Municipal
Classifications and Limitations Based on the Breed of a Dog"

The primary objective is establish statewide non-breed specific legislation which would encourage municipalities to judge all dogs for their actions and not single out particular dogs for their breed. Nine states have adopted non-breed specific legislation as have many municipalities.

The secondary objective is to allow municipalities to require that certain precautions be taken by the owner of a dangerous dog in order to ensure the welfare of the community. This bill allows municipalities to require dogs deemed dangerous to wear identifiable collars and to require owners to post signs citing that a dangerous dog lives on the property.

FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO: HB 242

Revision Date: _____ Dept. Affected: Community & Regional Affairs
 Title: An Act relating to dangerous dogs..... BRU: _____
 Component: _____
 Sponsor: Bunde
 Requestor: _____ COMPONENT SERIAL NO. _____

Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE FUND SOURCE:						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1006 GF/MHTIA						
Other						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current (FY93) impact \$ none

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Prepared by: Remond Henderson Phone: 465-4708
 Division: Administrative Services Date: 3/31/93
 Approved by Commissioner: [Signature] Deputy Commissioner Date: 3/31/93
 Agency: Community & Regional Affairs

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Department of Community & Regional Affairs
Fiscal Note Analysis

Bill No. HB 242

Title: Vicious Dogs:

No Classification by Breed

Per AS 24.08.035, (e), If a bill or resolution, except an appropriation bill, significantly increases costs to a municipality, there shall be attached to the measure a municipal fiscal note containing an estimate for the current fiscal year and five succeeding fiscal years of the cost to municipalities that would result from enactment of the measure. The last committee to which the bill is referred on the day it is introduced in the house of origin shall request the municipal fiscal note. It shall be prepared by the Department of Community and Regional Affairs.

The above referenced bill appears to have a significant cost increase to a municipality. A fiscal note is attached.

The above referenced bill does not appear to have a significant cost increase to a municipality. No fiscal note is attached.

Prepared by: Remond Henderson Phone: 465-4708
Division: Administrative Services Date: 3/31/93
Approved by Deputy Commissioner: Em R. Light Date 3/31/93
Agency: Community & Regional Affairs

STATE OF ALASKA
1993 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO: HB 242

Revision Date: _____ Dept. Affected: Public Safety
 Title: "An act relating to dangerous dogs
and limitations based on the breed of a dog." BRU: Alaska State Troopers
 Component: Detachments
 Sponsor: Representative Bunde
 Requestor: Representative Bunde COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 799

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars) (inflation not included)

OPERATING	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CAPITAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
REVENUE FUND SOURCE:	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
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TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

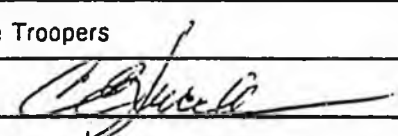
POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

Estimate of current year (FY 93) impact: \$ _____

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

No fiscal impact is anticipated.

Prepared By: Francis C. Allan Phone: 269-5691
 Division: Alaska State Troopers Date: 3/25/93
 Approved by Commissioner:  Date: 3/25/93
 Agency: Richard I. Burton, Dept. of Public Safety

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MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD
P.O. Box 196650
Anchorage, Alaska 99519-6650

March 26, 1993

Representative Con Bundy
Attention Jenny Murray
Alaska House of Representatives
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Representative Bundy:

The Municipality of Anchorage's Animal Control Advisory Board held its regularly scheduled meeting on March 25, 1993. At this meeting the Board reviewed House Bill 242, "An Act relating to vicious dogs and to municipal classifications and limitations based on the breed of a dog". After discussion, the Board voted unanimously to support the passage of House Bill 242 on the premise that a wolf hybrid is not a breed of dog but rather a different species.

Sincerely,



Marshal Johnson, Chair
Municipality of Anchorage
Animal Control Advisory Board

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Martha Fischbach-Groomer/Instructor/Owner

March 29, 1993

The Honorable Con Bunde
Alaska House of Representatives
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: HB 242 - support

Dear Representative Bunde:

I support HB 242, as introduced. It is needed in this state to prevent the inaccurate and/or unfair treatment of canines which can happen simply by virtue of "the color of their skin" if based solely on the breed of dog. It is also a good idea for it to be possible to identify individual dogs properly determined to be a danger to the public.

In my experience with dogs, over the past 17 years, as an owner, dog obedience instructor and now groomer, it has been clear to me that canine behavior is not determined only by the breed of animal. Environment, training and handling, to name a few, play significant parts in the overall picture of how an animal acts.

Thank you for recognizing the need for this legislation and introducing it.

Sincerely,



Martha Fischbach

P.O. Box 222462
Anchorage, AK 99522-2462
March 27, 1993

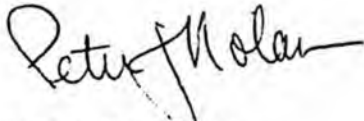
The Honorable Con Bunde
Alaska House of Representatives
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Bunde:

As a retired Anchorage Police Department patrol officer, I know from my experience on the job that vicious dogs come in all breeds, sizes, shapes and colors. Our laws must address the underlying problem, not discriminate against one segment.

Thank you for supporting State Bill 242. This statute will be a safe and equitable solution to the problem.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter J. Nolan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Peter J. Nolan

Jane Cochran Spalding
6445 Imlach Way
Anchorage, Alaska 99502
March 26, 1992

Rep. Con Bunde
Alaska State House of Representatives
State Capitol
Juneau, Ak 99801

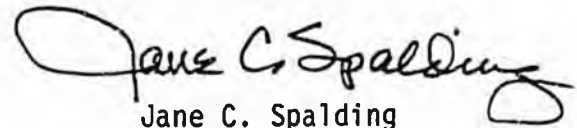
Dear Rep. Bunde:

My husband, John, and I would like to add our support toward the passage of House Bill 242. As long-time Alaska residents and responsible dog owners, we resent having to defend our dogs from those who hysterically promote banning certain breeds. We object to restrictive dog ordinances passed in the heat of passion generated by an incident involving a so-called "dangerous breed."

As instructors of all-breed dog obedience classes, we find it impossible to identify a "dangerous breed." We know that only a toothless dog can be completely guaranteed not to bite, and we firmly believe that ignorant and irresponsible dog owners are the cause of canine problems. Omitting the option of banning certain breeds should help local governments concentrate on ordinances that will help solve the human part of animal control problems.

Our thanks to you and your committee members for considering this legislation. We would like to see it passed.

Yours very truly,


Jane C. Spalding



Sommerfeld & Associates

P.O. BOX 104033
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99510

March 27, 1993

Representative Con Bunde
Alaska House of Representatives
State Capital
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Representative Bunde:

Re: HB242

I am writing to ask for your support for HB242. I am active in the dog community and am very concerned with what may happen if this bill isn't passed. I have trained dogs for obedience competition and have taught others basic obedience training for their dogs. Through this kind of exposure to a variety of breeds and their owners, it is very clear that breed specific legislation is not the answer to our problems. Any breed has the potential to be vicious and HB242 does the best job of addressing the problem regarding vicious dogs.

Thank you very much for your consideration. Again, I urge you to support HB242.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steven R. Sommerfeld".

Steven R. Sommerfeld



CAPITAL KENNEL CLUB



P.O. Box 32513, Juneau, Alaska, 99803

The Community Dog Club

A Non-profit Organization

Representative Con Bunde
Alaska House of Representatives
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801

March 25, 1993

To whom it may concern:

The problem with any breed specific legislation is that it usually comes as a result of some violent and tragic occurrence by an uncontrolled dog. In the passion of the moment this incident is magnified to include all dogs of that particular breed without regard to the responsibility of owners or the temperament of individual dogs.

To prevent ill-considered legislation resulting from emotional responses to individual happenings the Board of Directors and members of Capital Kennel Club declare our unanimous support for HB 242.

Sincerely,

Pat Kalbaugh, Treasurer



4711 South Bragaw
Anchorage, Alaska 99507
(907) 561-3677

March 26, 1993

Honorable Con Bunde
Alaska House of Representatives
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: House Bill 242

Dear Representative Bunde:

Friends of Pets is a non-profit organization established in 1989 to advocate for the animals passing through the Anchorage Animal Control Center.

We are writing to you to express support for House Bill Number No. 242 that addresses the issue of discrimination, which is just. It also addresses a major safety issue for the public, with respect to identification of dangerous animals. Our organization supported non-specific breed legislation when it was at the Municipal level and certainly supports the concept now that it is at the State level.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D Richmond".

Deborah Richmond
Executive Committee
Board of Directors

MARCH 26, 1993

REPRESENTATIVE CON BUNDE
ALASKA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
STATE CAPITAL
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99801

RE: HB-242

DEAR MR. BUNDE:

AS PRESIDENT OF THE ALASKA KENNEL CLUB, AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE DOG COMMUNITY FOR OVER TWENTY-TWO YEARS, AND INVOLVED IN VARIOUS ASPECTS OF BREEDING, EXHIBITING, TRAINING OF DOGS, AS WELL AS A PARTICIPANT IN THE FORMATION OF THE MAYORS ADVISORY BOARD ON ANIMAL CONTROL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE & VARIOUS OTHER DOG LAWS THROUGHOUT THIS COMMUNITY, BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY AS A RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER. I APPLAUD AND WHOLEHEARTLY SUPPORT HB-242, RE: THE PROPOSED NON-BREED SPECIFIC STATE DOG LAW. THE PROBLEM IS IN THE HANDS OF THE IRRESPONSIBLE OWNER NOT A BREED OF DOG. THEREFORE I SUPPORT & ENCOURAGE THIS ASSEMBLY OF REPRESENTATIVES TO PASS & SUPPORT HB-242.

SINCERELY

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Brandt". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

BARBARA BRANDT

03/25/93

Representative Con Bunde

Alaska State House of Representatives
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Rep. Bunde:

I have been a dog fancier and trainer for over 20 years and have owned many breeds of dogs. I am totally in support of non-specific breed house bill HB242. ANY dog can bite. Many dogs may LOOK like a specific breed or may LOOK like they are mixed with a specific breed and may not be that breed of dog at all. Please do not single out specific breeds. Only those people who are familiar with a variety of dogs and breeds of dogs know that there are good dogs and bad dogs in every breed and backyard.

However I am in favor for severe punishment for OWNERS of dogs that do ACTUALLY BITE. Bite means to cut, wound, or tear with teeth (according to The Random House College Dictionary). Again punish the owners, not the animals, and preferably punish them severely in the pocketbook. If the punishment is not severe AND ENFORCED then it doesn't do anybody any good.

Sincerely,



Elaine Brock
P.O.Box 111661
Anchorage, AK 99511

3-25-93

Rep. Con Bunde
AK House of Representatives
State Capital
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Mr Bunde,

I have been in the Anchorage dog community for many years. For the past 5 years I have actively competed with my dog in AKC dog shows and obedience trials. I have also instructed the general public to teach their dogs to be good citizens.

I support HB 242 to prohibit breed specific legislation. The state needs to realize all dogs, in the hands of a ignorant owner, are capable of being vicious. However, no one breed is more vicious than another.

Thank you for your time.

Anita Sommerfeld
333-8764

Dear

March 26, 1991

My name is Ginger Wall and I live in Anchorage. I was recently informed of the House bill #242. Being that I am an owner of a Sharpei/Pitbull mix I felt it my responsibility to make my say in the matter.

Over a year ago I adopted my dog from the Municipality of Anchorage Animal Control Center and she has been nothing but a joy in my life. I do not think that it is fair for a dog to be judged by the breed. If that was the case I would not have found the joy I have with my dog.

I also agree that a dog should pay the penalty if given probable cause. Marking the dog with a collar, if dangerous, is a wonderful idea. Any breed of dog could be dangerous if placed in the wrong hands. It's the people who change the dogs not the fault of the breed.

Dogs should be enjoyed for the pleasure they bring to people's lives and not be judged by what breed they are.

Sincerely,
Ginger M. Wall

Dear Representative Bunde,

My name is Cindy Bail. I have been involved in dog obedience training for over five years and an instructor of obedience classes for four years. For the last 3 1/2 years I have also worked in a boarding kennel here in Anchorage.

It has come to my attention that there is a non-breed specific dog law being brought before the House. Let me state that I am wholeheartedly in favor of non-breed specific dog legislation.

In the course of teaching dog obedience classes, I have been growled at by a variety of breeds, cockers, huskys, rotties, and golden retrievers to name just a few. I have been snapped at and threatened by many others.

While working at the kennel I have received much the same threats from german shepherds, schnauzers,

poodles, and the very popular lab. I bear the scars from an encounter with a thasa appo. In all these cases, I have never associated with the breed, merely the individual dog. You will note I hope, that I have not mentioned ever being threatened by a pit bull.

I believe there can be aggressive dogs in any breed but that these are individual animals and not truly representative of the breed as a whole. A non-breed specific dog law protects everyone from any aggressive dog, regardless of whether it is a pit bull or a great dane, a cocker spaniel or a sheltie.

Thank you,
Cindy Baird
5350 A Windflower St
Anchorage Ak
99507

3-2-93

~~Address to State~~

AK House of Representatives
State Capitol

Juneau, AK 99801

I support State Bill 272
calling for a ban on breed
specific legislation.

I am an Animal Control Officer
in Anchorage and see a multitude
of people/animal related problems,
and the vast majority of them
created by irresponsible pet
owners (dogs and cats)!

I have worked with animals all my life (I am 77 now) in professional settings as well as on a personal level.

I strongly urge the House to pursue prosecutions of irresponsible pet owners. The judicial system must take animal control work seriously by making owners of animals liable for their dogs actions and not persecuting specific dog breeds.

There are well-behaved dogs
& cats out there including
Pitbulls; that is because
the animal owners are well-
behaved.

I strongly urge the House to
pursue legislation that makes
owners of bad animals be
held criminally responsible and
prosecuted accordingly!

Make the people liable not
the specific breeds.

Once again -
I strongly support State Bill
242.

Perhaps interviews should be
done with people who work
with aggressive animals (and
people) on a daily basis
first before passing bad
legislation.

After all, don't unruly children
generally come from unruly
parents?

I can be reached for further
comment if necessary at
562-5672.

Thank you for your time.
Remember, "criminals" exist
that use animals as weapons
and who fail to control any
animal that they own.

Sincerely, Mary Muehl



DONALD R. DANIELS JR
4630 E 101ST AV
ANCHORAGE, AK 99576

March 26, 1993

Honorable Con Bundy,

At the present time I own 15 dogs, German Shepherds and Pomeranians. I am also a retired Police Officer.

I first became involved with dogs in the 50's by training and working with hunting dogs. In the 60's I started working Search and Rescue dogs and Police dogs. From June 1976 to February 1982 I was the trainer for the Anchorage Police Department K-9 Unit. Since early 1984 I have run my own dog training business working with different breeds of dogs in everything from conformation showing, basic obedience and problem dogs to police dogs and drug work.

I fully support Bill #242 in that I feel it addresses the vicious dog problem without discriminating against any specific breeds and it addresses the need for public safety.

Donald R. Daniels Jr

10942 Iditarod Circle
Eagle River, AK 99577
March 26, 1993

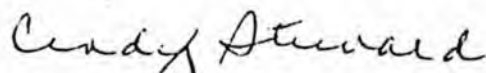
Rep. Con Bunde
Alaska House of Representatives
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Rep. Bunde:

This is in reference to House Bill 242 which you recently introduced regarding non-breed specific dog state law.

I want to lend you my strongest support for this legislation. As a dog trainer, co-instructor of obedience classes, and participant in other dog training classes I have a very keen interest in fair treatment of all dogs REGARDLESS of breed. Again, I support House Bill 242 regarding the proposed non-breed specific dog state law.

Sincerely,



Cindy Steward

Representative Con Bunde,

My name is Susan William.
I have 6 years experience in
working with dogs; both in
obedience and in the breed ring.

I am very much in favor
of House Bill 242. A NON breed
specific law will guarantee that
dogs will be liable for their
deed and not their breed. Any
dog is capable of biting no matter
what the size or breed?

Thank you for your concern and
support of HB 242.

Susan D. William
8140 Pinbrook Circle
Anchorage, Ak. 99507

March 25, 1993

Representative Con Bunde
Ak State House of Representatives
Juneau, AK 99801

Reference: Legislation Bill #242

Dear Mr. Bunde,

This letter is written on behalf of Camai Dog Fanciers, a branch of the States Kennel Club. We want you to know that you have our complete support. We do not believe in breed specific legislation. Camai Dog Fanciers puts on annual dog shows, training classes, and we believe in responsible dog ownership. Education is a great tool, even when we talk about dog ownership. Camai also supports and recognizes the rare dog breeds. We believe many of these, along with German Shepherd dogs, and many more breeds, could be in danger if we have breed specific legislation. England is an excellent example of breed specific legislation getting out of hand. Camai Dog Fanciers thanks you for your hard work, and will be glad to support you in any way we can !

Camai Dog Fanciers, Inc.
Elisabeth F Walker
Elisabeth F Walker, Secretary
CO:
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Anch., AK 99502

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Susan M. Kohli Petersen
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27 March 1993

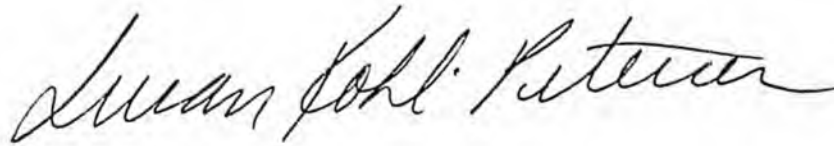
Representative Con Bunde
Alaska House of Representatives
State Capital
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Representative Bunde:

My name is Susan Petersen. I have been very active in the animal world for over 20 years. I have served 6 years on the Mayors Animal Control Advisory Board - one and a half years as the chairman. My husband and I have owned a Dog Obedience Training Center in Anchorage. We have actively worked within our community to promote responsible pet ownership. I have served on the Board of Directors in many of the dog organizations functioning throughout the state.

I am absolutely in favor of HB242. It is an excellent bill that deals in fairness by putting responsibility for a dogs actions on the owner of that dog. It also takes into consideration the public and their safety by potentially identifying problem dogs and taking actions to restrict them from the public.

Thank you for sponsoring this bill.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Kohli Petersen". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed text of the letter.

ROTTWEILER CLUB OF ALASKA, INC
P.O. Box 140242
Anchorage, Alaska 99514



The Honorable Con Bunde
Alaska House Of Representatives
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801

24 Mar 93

Dear Mr. Bunde;

As President of the Rottweiler Club of Alaska, Inc. I wanted to contact you to voice our support for State Bill 242. This is an outstanding piece of legislation that is non-breed specific. This bill is important to every responsible dog owner. This will allow dog owners to own the dog of their choice without the threat of the breed being banned. It is a safe and fair bill for all involved. The Rottweiler Club of Alaska will continue to educate the public in responsible pet care and ownership.

Kimberly A. Pommier

Kimberly A. Pommier
President, Rottweiler Club of Alaska, Inc.

March 25, 1993

Honorable Con Bunde
AK House of Representatives

Dear Sir:

Regarding HB 242, legislation on breed-specific ordinances should not be allowed to pass. Dog breeds as a whole are not vicious, more times than not it is the owners who create a bad dog. I urge you to support any legislation that will not be directed toward any specific breed, rather that any legislation on vicious dogs be based on each individual case of each individual dog charged "with aggression".

I have been actively involved in the dog world for almost 20 years, showing my dogs in conformation, obedience and am currently training dogs for tracking and hunting field work. I have owned Alaskan Malamutes, Rottweilers, Golden Retrievers and English Springer Spaniels. Very very different breeds and I have seen nasty dogs in all of those breeds at different times. ~~Some~~ Some times it was due to either poor breeding stock creating an unstable dog but most times it was because of owners that wanted a "Macho" dog or thought nothing of tying the dog in the yard, giving it food and water and that's all!. No breed should be penalized for irresponsible owners or breeders.

Again, I urge you to support only NON BREED SPECIFIC LEGISLATION!
Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Kristine Waggoner

Kristine Waggoner
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North Pole, AK 99705



Fairbanks North Star Borough

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March 29, 1993

Representative Con Bunde
House of Representatives
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Bunde,

As Manager of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Division of Animal Control I would like to lend support to your bill which will disallow municipalities to create breed specific legislation. Outlawing a certain breed of dog is not the correct approach to protect citizens from animals which show dangerous or threatening behavior.

Like Anchorage animal control officials, I too have a concern about the appropriateness of keeping wolf hybrids as pets. I think it is important for communities to retain the right to make their own decisions regarding the keeping of wolf hybrids within their boundaries.

Sincerely,

Laura Hood Clayton
Animal Control Manager



NATIONAL ANIMAL CONTROL ASSOCIATION .

Mr. Kenneth A. Marden
President
The American Kennel Club
51 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10010

Dear Mr. Marden,

The National Animal Control Association's policy on Vicious animals is as follows:

"The National Animal Control Association believes that a vicious animal shall be so called because of its actions and not because of its breed. That when an animal is deemed vicious, certain precautions shall be taken to insure the welfare of the community.

NACA believes that a vicious animal shall be in an escape proof enclosure. Said enclosure to be secured at all times. Only the owner shall have access to the enclosure. Signs shall be posted at every entry to the property in which the vicious animal is located and the signs shall be visible from the nearest sidewalk or street."

If I can be of service, please do not hesitate to ask.

Mike Burgwin
Executive Secretary



AMERICAN VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

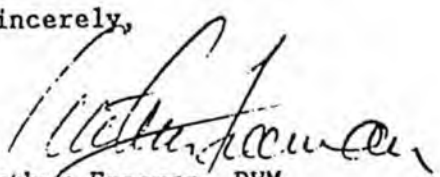
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Mr. Kenneth A. Marden
President
American Kennel Club
51 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10010

Dear Mr. Marden:

The American Veterinary Medical Association Executive Board is pleased to announce that at its March 1988 meeting it adopted the position: "That AVMA support dangerous animal legislation by state, county, or municipal governments provided that legislation does not refer to specific breeds or classes of animals. This legislation should be directed at fostering safety and protection of the general public from animals classified as dangerous and undesirable."

Sincerely,



Arthur Freeman, DVM
Executive Vice President

AF/mw

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To Representative Con Bundy
Attn: Jenny Murray

As president and spokesperson for the South Central Veterinary Medical Association I am writing in support of the non-breed-specific House Bill #242. We veterinarians throughout Anchorage have testified at numerous municipal public hearings against breed-specific legislation because it does not address the problems and concerns of aggressive dogs and their owners. It is our professional opinion that all breeds of dogs, if untrained and unsupervised, can exhibit behavioral problems. Aggressive dogs of any breed are the problem. Focusing on one or two breeds will only change the popularity of a breed rather than eliminate aggressive dogs. Only through non-breed-specific legislation such as Bill #242 are we able to address the main issue of any aggressive dog, and as a professional veterinary association we support Bill #242.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Hollick, D.V.M.
President South Central
Veterinary Medical Association



ALASKA KENNEL CLUB, INC.

P.O. BOX 232151
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
99523



March 24, 1993

Honorable Con Bunde
Alaska House of Representatives
State Capital
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Congressman Bunde:

The members of the Alaska Kennel Club fully support Bill No. 242 as it has been introduced.

We feel that this piece legislation is fair and will assist in ensuring that future legislation passed within the State is not breed specific. Furthermore, we feel that it supports safety within our Communities, whereby setting forth identification requirement for dogs which are vicious.

We encourage the House of Representatives to pass this piece of legislation as it has been introduced.

Sincerely yours,

The Alaska Kennel Club, Inc.

Lorraine Chmela
Corresponding Secretary

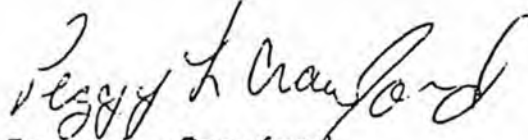
Shetland Sheepdog Club of Anchorage
P.O. Box 141093
Anchorage, Alaska 99514

The Honorable Con Bunde
Attn: Jenny Murray
House of Representatives
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Mr. Bunde,

March 25, 1993

The members of the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Anchorage fully support the passage of House Bill 242, dealing with Breed Specific Legislation. We feel that it is a fair and safe way to deal with the problem of dangerous dog classification.



Peggy L. Crawford
Secretary, SSC of A



**THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB
OF ALASKA, INC.**

P.O. Box 670974 Chugiak, AK 99567-0974

March 26, 1993

Rep. Con Bunde
Alaska State House of Representatives
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Rep. Bunde:

The members of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Alaska wish to add our support to House Bill 242. It seems that nearly every year, a tragic accident involving a dog claims an undue share of media attention. Uninformed people are frightened by the occurrence, and efforts are made to ban certain dog breeds.

Breed-specific animal legislation will simply not work to solve the problem. If a State law prohibiting local enactment of breed-specific ordinances is passed, local governments will be spared countless hours of wrangling over banning breeds and can devote their time to solving the actual problem: irresponsible dog owners.

The GSDC of Alaska has members and affiliate members in Anchorage, Eagle River and Chugiak, the King Salmon area, Kodiak, the Kenai Peninsula and Fairbanks. We want to see fair and effective animal control ordinances passed in our communities, and will appreciate the help of our State legislators in achieving that goal.

Yours very truly,

Crystal C. Swanda
President

Member of the German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc.

KENAI KENNEL CLUB

P.O. BOX 2794 — KENAI, ALASKA 99611



March 26, 1993

Rep. Con Bunde
Alaska House of Representatives
State Capital
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Bunde,

RE: HOUSE BILL 242

We as a club support House Bill 242 regarding the proposed
Non-Breed Specific State Law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "B.E. Nolan", with a horizontal line underneath.

B.E. Nolan
Board Member



Cook Inlet Kennel Club Inc.

P.O. Box 872985

Wasilla, Ak 99687-2985

3/26/93

Dear Rep. Con Bunde:

In reference to House Bill 242.

On behalf of Cook Inlet Kennel Club, please be aware that the Cook Inlet Kennel Club members support House Bill 242 and your continued efforts to enhance the legislation for non-breed specific laws and responsible dog ownership.
Thank-you.

Sincerely yours

Debbie Davis

President

Cook Inlet Kennel Club,
Inc.

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**Susan Wyne
Corresponding Secretary
P.O. Box 102221
Anchorage, AK 99510-2221
696-1217**

Representative Con Bunde
Attn: Jenny Murray
Alaska House of Representatives
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Sirs:

We as a club fully support House Bill 242. We feel that it has dealt with the issues the very best that can possibly be done at this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Wyne".

Susan Wyne
Corresponding Secretary



March 27, 1993

ALPINE VETERINARY CLINIC

Dear Representative Bunde,

I have been a practicing veterinarian in the state of Alaska since 1983. I have encountered many breeds of dogs that have exhibited aggressive behavior. It is my feeling that any breed specific legislation be avoided. I would like to express my support for House Bill 242 and encourage it's passage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Myra Wilson".

Myra Wilson, DVM

3-26-93

KENAI KENNEL CLUB

P.O. BOX 2794 — KENAI, ALASKA 99611



Rep Con Bunde

I am writing you representing
the Kenai Kennel Club.

We, the entire Kennel Club support

House Bill 242 regarding the
proposed Non-Rud Specific State Law.

Thanks

Lisui Batchelder

President Kenai Kennel
Club

Sponsor Statement

HB 242

"An Act Relating to Dangerous Dogs and to Municipal Classifications and Limitations Based on the Breed of a Dog"

The primary objective is establish statewide non-breed specific legislation which would encourage municipalities to judge all dogs for their actions and not single out particular dogs for their breed. Nine states have adopted non-breed specific legislation as have many municipalities.

The secondary objective is to allow municipalities to require that certain precautions be taken by the owner of a dangerous dog in order to ensure the welfare of the community. This bill allows municipalities to require dogs deemed dangerous to wear identifiable collars and to require owners to post signs citing that a dangerous dog lives on the property.

GOOD AFTERNOON, I AM DR. JON BASLER, A VETERINARIAN FROM ANCHORAGE. I AM HERE TO URGE YOUR SUPPORT FOR HOUSE BILL #242.

I HAVE BEEN IN SMALL ANIMAL PRACTICE IN ALASKA FOR 8 1/2 YEARS. THREE OF THOSE YEARS WERE AS A STAFF VETERINARIAN FOR THE NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH. APPROXIMATELY 30% OF MY DUTIES INVOLVED ANIMAL CONTROL GIVING ME A GOOD FEEL FOR THE DIFFICULTIES INHERENT IN ENFORCING ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCES. I HAVE ALSO JUST RETIRED AS PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION. HOUSE BILL 242 HAS BEEN INTRODUCED SINCE OUR LAST MEETING SO A ~~RE~~ VOTE OF THE MEMBERSHIP HAS NOT BEEN DONE. THE THREE TIMES WHICH OUR MEMBERSHIP HAS ADDRESSED BREED-SPECIFIC LAWS THE MEMBERSHIP HAS UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED MOTIONS TO ENCOURAGE FORMULATION OF LAWS TO ALLOW VIGOROUS ENFORCEMENT AGAINST PROBLEM DOGS AND THEIR OWNERS REGARDLESS OF BREED. THE VETERINARY COMMUNITY HAS CONSISTENTLY FELT THAT ANY WORKABLE VICIOUS/DANGEROUS DOG ORDINANCE MUST ADDRESS THE PROBLEM DOGS OF ALL BREEDS AND THEIR IRRESPONSIBLE OWNERS.

HOUSE BILL 242 WILL PROMOTE THE PUBLIC SAFETY OF THE PEOPLE OF ALASKA BY ENCOURAGING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO DEAL WITH ANIMAL CONTROL IN A NON-BREED SPECIFIC FASHION. THIS WILL ALLOW THEM TO AVOID THE PITFALLS OF BREED SPECIFIC LAWS. NON-BREED SPECIFIC LAWS AVOID THE ASSUMPTION THAT ALL

DOGS OF ONE BREED ARE DANGEROUS AND THAT THE MAJORITY OF INCIDENTS ARE CAUSED BY ONE BREED. BREED SPECIFIC LAWS IGNORE THAT DOG BITES OCCUR FROM VIRTUALLY EVERY BREED. JUST LIKE PEOPLE, DOGS ARE INDIVIDUALS, AND IN EVERY BREED THE FULL SPECTRUM OF PERSONALITIES AND BEHAVIORS ARE PRESENT. NON_BREED SPECIFIC LAWS AVOID HAVING TO IDENTIFY A DOGS GENETIC HERITAGE WHICH IS DIFFICULT TO DO ESPECIALLY IN THOSE OF MIXED HERITAGE. FINALLY NON_BREED SPECIFIC LAWS ARE DIRECTED AT THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM, A INDIVIDUAL DANGEROUS DOG AND IT'S OWNER WHILE ONLY MINIMALLY IMPACTING RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS.

THIS ISSUE IS IMPORTANT TO THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE RESIDENTS OF ALASKA. I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT HOUSE BILL 242 AND TO PASS IT ON SO THAT IT MAY BE CONSIDERED THIS SESSION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION.

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