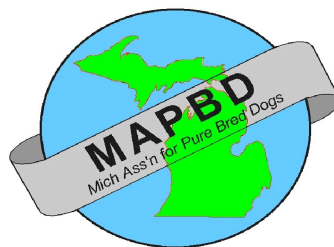


IF YOU OWN A DOG

BE A RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER

Many restrictive dog laws are initiated as a result of irresponsible dog owners who do not respect the rights of their neighbors. ***Here are a few things you should do if you own a dog:***

- **KEEP THE NOISE DOWN**
Barking dogs are a major cause of neighborhood conflict and can lead to restrictive municipal legislation and dog limit laws.
- **TRAIN YOUR DOG**
Michigan has dozens of dog training clubs throughout the state. Many of these clubs are **MAPBD** members and provide expert instruction for you and your dog. Keep your dog at home and always clean up after your dog. Your dog is YOUR responsibility.
- **LICENSE YOUR DOG**
Michigan dog law **REQUIRES** current rabies vaccinations and that dogs be individually licensed on an annual basis. Although DNA, microchip, or tattoos are reliable to identify ownership of your dog, in Michigan, licensing is the only legal proof recognized.



The Michigan Association for

Pure Bred Dogs (MAPBD)

*Promoting Responsible Dog Ownership
Since 1968*

MAPBD volunteer members and member clubs from throughout Michigan promote responsible dog ownership and work to protect the rights of Michigan citizens to own, breed, and participate in sporting events with their dogs.

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MAPBD MONITORS CANINE LEGISLATION

During the 2007-2008 Michigan Legislative Session, numerous bills were introduced that, if passed, would have severely limited ownership rights of dog lovers in Michigan. Too many of these proposed laws:

- attempt to incorporate into law the philosophical opinions held by the radical "animal rights" industry.
- are not based on science or accepted and responsible animal husbandry practices.
- Include breed specific bans that either forbid ownership or place unreasonable financial burdens on an entire class of innocent and responsible dog owners - whether or not their particular pet has been deemed dangerous under current Michigan law.
- incorrectly claim that responsible dog breeders are the source of any perceived "overpopulation" problems.
- attempt to put punitive restrictions on legitimate, law-abiding, quality dog breeders.
- are proposed with little or no input from purebred dog stakeholders.

- are poorly written, in that they cannot achieve their stated purpose – they are either too vague, too broad, or both.
- waste everyone's time and money by not being comprehensive or being redundant - other laws already address the issue or provide relief.

MAPBD WORKS FOR YOU! COME JOIN US!

DURING THE 2009-2010 MICHIGAN LEGISLATIVE SESSION, MAPBD will once again track all canine legislation on its website, prepare position papers, alert concerned dog owners and clubs of pending legislation, and meet with lawmakers and the public.

The MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION for PURE BRED DOGS is a non-profit organization composed entirely of dog clubs and canine enthusiasts throughout the Michigan. ***All members are volunteers with no paid staff.***

MAPBD works for comprehensive, fair canine legislation. Our members are a reliable and rational source of professional opinion on dog ownership in Michigan. We invite all organized dog clubs and interested individuals to join us in protecting your right to enjoy dogs.