



Next general membership meeting:

**Wednesday July 16, 2008—*7:00 PM
Gander Mountain Germantown**

***The board will meet at 6:30 PM**

Welcome to the July edition of the Dog Federation of Wisconsin electronic Newsletter.

These months seem to be flying. With less than 6 months before the next legislative session starts, there is so much to be done.

Local municipalities seem to be working overtime to introduce limit laws and breed specific bans. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those that have been keeping us updated on developments in the different municipalities. It is this network of groups and individuals that will help "get the word out" when situations develop.

The latest developments Cudahy – Breed Specific Bans
 Brown County – Tethering
 Brookfield – Limit Laws

Just as a reminder, local municipalities want to hear from their (voting) constituents. It is very important that DFOW develop and encourage these networks and search out individuals from different areas of the state to become members. This will allow DFOW to grow and expand.

DFOW is currently involved in planning for a legislative forum between incumbent Senator Alberta Darling and Sheldon Wasserman for the 8th Senate District. This forum will allow those interested to learn more about these two candidates before the upcoming fall election.

This particular forum is of special interest to dog fanciers because of legislation introduced in the past legislative session.

DFOW does not support or condone breeding practices that cause suffering and maltreatment of dogs owned by breeders. Bills SB-308 and AB-567 which required the regulation of commercial breeders (selling more than 60 dogs per year) contained a lemon law that would affect every person selling a dog.

The Forum which will be discussion based was designed to encourage dog fanciers to learn about the candidates that are representing them in public office. Dog fanciers need to be involved to make sure that they are being fairly represented at both the local and state levels.

With the animal rights groups monopolizing the media with false and misleading information, it is time for dog fanciers to get down to the business of electing those officials that will listen to both sides of the story. The one-sided emotion based stories that inundate us constantly in the media and on the airwaves with a request for funds are in most cases, HSUS and PETA. These organizations are looking to solicit money and use that money to take away your right to own the dog or pet of your choice. It is time that Wisconsin residents see them for who they are and elect representatives that understand the animal rights agenda and can see through the smoke-screen.

I would encourage dog fanciers (especially those in Senate District 8 and Assembly Districts 22, 23 and 24) to put the date of July 28th on their calendars. Check the WWW.DFOW.ORG website for additional information on this forum and plan on attending.

*Joy Brand
President*

What DFOW can do for your club and members:

Provide a speaker to address your club to explain the animal rights agenda and how it effects all pet owners.

Provide materials that could be used to educate politicians.

Provide support, testimony and materials to help in local community matters.

Arrange seminars on how to correctly deal with public officials.

Provide details on how to make your community “pet friendly”.

**Membership
Renewals were due January 1, 2008**

If you or your club have not renewed your membership in DFOW for this year, please do so by June 30, 2008. Many DFOW individual members are also their club delegates. If you are not renewing your individual membership because of your delegate status within your club, please let Toni Raden, DFOW membership Chair know this. You may contact Toni at: HICHAPARAL@aol.com

On page 4 of this newsletter there is a “new member application”. If you are renewing, just write renewal across the top of the application and send it to Wendy Biewer who’s contact information is shown on the bottom of the application.

Local Communities within the State.....

It is vitally important that you check your local community government agendas on a weekly basis to determine if local authorities are trying to take away the possibility of owning the pets of your choice. *Please notify doglaw "at" dfow "dot" org if your community is considering an animal ordinance change.**

URGENT MESSAGE TO CITY OF BROOKFIELD PET OWNERS

Wednesday July 16, 2008—7:00 PM

City Hall (2000 N. Calhoun Rd.) in Council Chambers

The Legislative & Licensing Committee will be discussing **Pet Limits**

Though out the United States, communities are enacting intrusive legislation due to **irresponsible journalism**. Rather than enforcement of existing laws, officials are responding to the public outcry to do something about **** by creating laws without listening to the experts.

In the majority of cases in Wisconsin where intrusive legislation regarding animals has been made law, it was due to the fact that animal owners were not aware of what their elected officials were considering. Lets face facts—who among you actually read your community agendas on a regular basis? Because these laws were enacted without animal owners being aware, community officials can now state “such and such community has this law so why don’t we?”

Remember that the majority of your elected officials do not understand what it is that a hobbyist does. They do not understand why some families elect to provide a dog with foster care until it is evaluated for placement with a loving home. It is up to YOU to provide them with those details. YOU must explain why you don’t want a hobbyist permit and lose your constitutional fourth amendment rights.

There are no statistics to warrant having pet limits in the City of Brookfield. Existing laws are working, but due to a single instance that was taken care of using that law, they now want to enact pet limits in the City.

City of Brookfield Legislative and Licensing Committee—Alderman Steven Ponto, Chairman				
District 4, Wards 11-13: Steven V. Ponto 19755 Kilkee Court Brookfield, WI 53045 (262) 789-9877	District 5, Wards 14-17: Gary D. Mahkorn 18670 Le Chateau Dr. Brookfield, WI 53045 (262) 784-0605	District 2, Wards 4-6: Rick Owen 17700 Lisa Ln. Brookfield, WI 53045 (262) 790-9888	District 3, Wards 7-10: Ron Balzer 16425 Luella Dr. Brookfield, WI 53005 (262) 782-1177	District 1, Wards 1-3: Bill Carnell 3360 Cardinal Dr. Brookfield, WI 53005 (262) 781-1058

Always remember that code changes happen quickly, often with just a few days notice. By the time you hear about an issue it may be too late. The City of Brookfield elected officials need to know that their decisions regarding animal laws directly effect you and you will help them by offering your expertise before they make any final decisions.

PLEASE ATTEND THE MEETING TO SHOW YOUR CONCERN!

***Due to automatic spam programs, we are forced to delete actual email addresses on our website. To contact us, please delete the spaces and change the word “at” to a “@” and change the word “dot” to a “.”

Doglaw “at” dfow “dot” org

Dog Federation of Wisconsin, Inc.

Application for Individual Membership

1) Name: _____
Last First M.I.

2) Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

3) Telephone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

Do you belong to any All-Breed, Specialty, or Obedience Clubs, or Humane or other dog organizations?
 YES _____ NO _____ If YES, please explain: _____

Are you an appointed delegate to the DOG FEDERATION OF WISCONSIN, INC., by any club?
 YES _____ NO _____ If YES, which club(s)? _____

6) Do you currently own a dog or dogs? YES _____ NO _____ If YES, which breed(s)?

7) Do you have any interests that could be helpful to the DOG FEDERATION OF WISCONSIN, INC.?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Article Writing | <input type="checkbox"/> Lobbying | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Printing | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DFOW Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Computer | <input type="checkbox"/> DFOW Booth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Research | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Speaking |

Statement: I agree to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the DOG FEDERATION OF WISCONSIN, INC. and accept email communications from DFOW for the purpose of conducting DFOW business.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For Voting Memberships Only (\$25.00): Please have two members in good standing become acquainted with you OR have the secretary of the All-Breed, Specialty, or Obedience Clubs you belong to sign as a sponsor. You may email doglaw "at" dfow "dot" org if you do not personally know any DFOW members, or belong to any dog clubs.

Sponsor Statement: It is my belief that the above named person would be an asset to the DFOW; working to preserve our right to own dogs.

Name (Please print): _____ Organization: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name (Please print): _____ Organization: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

This application must be submitted to the Board of Directors of the DOG FEDERATION OF WISCONSIN, INC. with individual dues of \$25.00 for a Voting Membership, OR \$15 for Non-voting Membership. This membership fee is due annually by January 1st. If you join in the last two months of a year, you will not be subject to the next year's dues.

Make check payable to **DFOW** and mail to: Wendy Biewer, Treasurer, W825 Froelich Road, Sullivan, WI 53178

MEET THE CANDIDATES

At a Legislative Forum Senate District 8 Assembly Districts 22, 23 and 24

Sponsored by DFOW (Dog Federation of Wisconsin)

Senator Alberta Darling (Inc.) – INVITED 6:00 p.m.

Individuals filing to run in the fall election in Assembly Districts 22, 23 and 24 have been invited to come and introduce themselves – Between 7:00 and 8:00 p.m. Candidates are invited to bring campaign literature for those DFOW members in attendance. The DFOW will notify all of its members and related business associates in the entire 8th state senate district of this meeting. This is not designed in anyway to be a candidate debate, but rather a candidate conversation. We are offering you an opportunity to meet us and share your thoughts on important legislative issues and why you are running for office.

District	Republican	Democrat
22	Yash P. Wadhwa	Andy Feldman Guy Johnson Dan Kohl Sandra Pasch
23	Jim Ott (Inc.)	Rene Settle-Robinson
24	Dan Knodl Jason LaSage Randall Ryan Melchert Michael Moscicke	Charlene S. Brady Torrey Lauer

Representative Sheldon A. Wasserman – CONFIRMED 8:00 p.m.

**Where: K-9 Obedience Training Club
N56 W20326 Silver Spring Rd
Menomonee Falls, WI 53051**

*Located on the Northeast corner of Silver Spring (Cty VV)
and Lannon Rd (Cty Y) about 5.5 miles west of Hwy 45.*

**Date: Monday July 28th, 2008
Time: 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

Tracey Johnston - Vice President - DFOW (Discussion Moderator and 8th District Resident)
Joy Brand – President-DFOW

Gary Goyke – Legislative Representative (608) 237-8108 for Questions
Visit WWW.DFOW.ORG for additional information

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Wild Pigs

There was a Chemistry professor in a large college that had some exchange students in the class. One day while the class was in the lab the Prof noticed one young man (exchange student) who kept rubbing his back, and stretching as if his back hurt.

The professor asked the young man what was the matter. The student told him he had a bullet lodged in his back. He had been shot while fighting communists in his native country who were trying to overthrow his country's government and install a new communist government.

In the midst of his story he looked at the professor and asked a strange question. He asked, 'Do you know how to catch wild pigs?'

The professor thought it was a joke and asked for the punch line. The young man said this was no joke. 'You catch wild pigs by finding a suitable place in the woods and putting corn on the ground. The pigs find it and begin to come everyday to eat the free corn. When they are used to coming every day, you put a fence down one side of the place where they are used to coming. When they get used to the fence, they begin to eat the corn again and you put up another side of the fence. They get used to that and start to eat again. You continue until you have all four sides of the fence up with a gate in the last side. The pigs, which are used to the free corn, start to come through the gate to eat; you slam the gate on them and catch the whole herd.

Suddenly the wild pigs have lost their freedom. They run around and around inside the fence, but they are caught. Soon they go back to eating the free corn . They are so used to it that they have forgotten how to forage in the woods for themselves, so they accept their captivity.

The young man then told the professor that is exactly what he sees happening to America . The government keeps pushing us toward socialism and keeps spreading the free corn out in the form of programs such as supplemental income, tax credit for unearned income, tobacco subsidies, dairy subsidies, payments not to plant crops (CRP), welfare, medicine, drugs, etc. while we continually lose our freedoms - just a little at a time.

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And this is how we will lose our right to breed dogs and control our ownership of pets, a little at a time. Denver and

Dallas here, California there, Pennsylvania next. When it becomes impossible for anyone to breed dogs except (possibly) commercial breeders who have business licenses, inspections, and USDA approved concrete runs and water-impermeable surfaces, we will wonder how it happened. The answer will be "one piece of fence at a time." One compromise at a time. One reasonable negotiation" at a time.

If you've ever said the following, you're guilty of providing a fence post:

*If you have nothing to hide, you shouldn't be afraid of inspections.

*No one should have more than _ dogs.

*No one should breed more than _ litters a year,

*Breeding pets is wrong.

*No one should breed except to Improve the Breed.

*You should have a license to own a (fill in the breed.)

*Breeders with more than _dogs should be inspected.

If no one breeds except show breeders,

a) Do you really believe the animal rightists will stop there?

b) Where will the pets come from?

When people can no longer buy a good pet, perhaps we will wake up. Until then, we continue to bash each other, criticize our fellow breeders, and support spay/neuter laws for "everyone but me."

When animal control comes to remove your dogs because you are one dog over the limit or because your dogs are in crates or because your neighbor says you didn't have water for them one day last week, perhaps then you will realize that fighting bad legislation is not just for the activists and fanatics. When you have compromised away your right to breed at all perhaps you will realize that there IS no compromise with the animal rights movement.

"First they came for the commercial breeders, and I did not speak out~~

because I was not a commercial breeder. Then they came for the backyard breeders, and I did not speak out because

I was not a backyard breeder.

Then they came for the one-time breeders, and I did not speak out~~

because I was not a one-time breeder.

And they came for me~~

And there was no one left to speak out for me."

Time to wake up, AKC breeders. They're coming for us.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- We are in need of volunteers for:
- Fund Raising
- Community Education
- Article Writing
- Public Speaking at Dog Clubs

If you can devote a few hours of your time to help, please contact
DOGLAW "at" DFOW "dot" ORG