



Welcome to this months edition of the DFOW's electronic newsletter

I will summarize a few of the happenings in the state of Wisconsin in the past month.

Menomonee Falls has agreed not to add a pet-limit ordinance. I would like to congratulate Tracey Johnston and Heidi Braun, for their leadership, in organizing the group in Menomonee Falls which resulted in a positive outcome for all citizens of that community.

On April 4<sup>th</sup>, Oprah Winfrey created controversy over her "puppy mill" show. She has once again pitted hobbyists against themselves. When will it end? This show was based on Pennsylvania breeders where every move a commercial breeder makes is already highly regulated. Are they trying to say that strict regulation doesn't work? If that is the case, why should additional states take up the gauntlet for

regulation? According to the State of Wisconsin's State Humane Officer a complaint driven system does not work. If strict regulations don't work either then what is the point of regulation?

Rep. Steve Wieckert announced his retirement from the legislature. While this came as a surprise to most individuals, it leaves in limbo a bill that was created from several meetings in Madison. DFOW was a part of those meetings and at this time it is uncertain whether this bill will make it to the next session. In the meantime, work on the bill will continue in the hopes that another representative or senator will run with it should all parties involved find it acceptable and workable.

Gary Goyke (DFOW's Lobbyist) met with the DFOW Board of Directors to make plans for the balance of 2008. DFOW would like to host a legislative day sometime this summer to allow our members and other interested parties an opportunity to meet legislators and potential legislators and learn about the legislative process. We are hoping that this meeting will be held at a location in central Wisconsin (near Madison), we will post information on the website as plans are developed and confirmed.

Breed specific legislation is still rearing its ugly head here in Wisconsin. The most recent (local) attempt was in the City of Racine, where the mayor created a sensation by writing an email stating that he didn't care what people who didn't live in the City of Racine thought about the proposal. This was not a good public relations move on the part of their mayor.

Search and seizure law is something that most police recruits get drummed into their heads throughout their academy training days. I have been finding it interesting that Humane Officers (that are not also law enforcement officers) in the State of Wisconsin don't seem to know those laws. Humane Officers working outside the scope of their employment and the law, can be held civilly

liable, the same as a law enforcement officer who does not follow the guidelines and policies of their department. Evidence seized illegally is not generally admissible in court, though there are (3) exceptions. Before anyone owning a dog or dogs signs over their pets under fear or threat of legal action, consult an attorney.

An attorney once told me that unconstitutional laws both state and local are passed every day. Until that law is challenged in a court of law that law/ordinance will stand.

*Joy Brand—President*

## CONSIDERING A DONATION?

So you'd like to make a donation to help fight the animal rights extremists but aren't sure where your dollars will do the most good? Within the last year, many new organizations are forming to fight the animal rights agenda. Though their intentions are good, many do not take the time to verify that the information that they are using is current. DFOW advises its members and clubs that wish to give donations to help our cause to send those funds to an organization that has a long track record.



To help at the State Level, please donate to your State Federation. If you'd like to help on a national level, the National Animal Interest Alliance Trust has been one of the longest running and most successful ANTI Animal Rights groups in the United States. The American Kennel Club now has a legislation fund as well.

<http://www.dfow.org>

<http://www.naiatrust.org/>

[https://www.akc.org/canine\\_legislation/donations.cfm](https://www.akc.org/canine_legislation/donations.cfm)

### **Friends don't let friends donate to animal rights/terrorist groups such as:**

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS)  
People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PeTA)  
American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA)  
Animal Liberation Front (ALF)  
In Defense of Animals (IDOA)

Many people are surprised to see us list ALF & PETA along with HSUS. Make no mistake, all of these groups want to end animal ownership and animal use. They want us all to be Vegans. Even ASPCA spreads misinformation in order to build a war chest for their spay/neuter everything propaganda machine.

## 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@dfow.org](mailto:doglaw@dfow.org) if your community is considering an animal ordinance change.

**City of Cudahy Alert:** City officials are considering enacting breed specific legislation. At this time, we have been told that they are mainly targeting “pit bulls”. However, we all know that typically this will include any square jawed muscular dog as there is no such breed as a “pit bull”. This will end up including all Bull Terrier breeds and possibly traditional guardian breeds such as Dobermans, Rottweillers, and GSD’s.

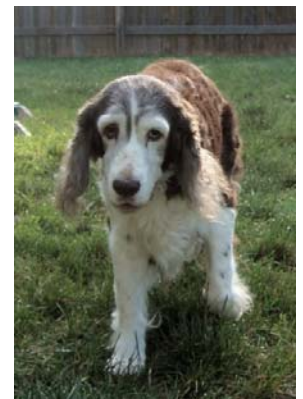
We have been trying to get information regarding the proposed ordinance change, but City Hall states that it hasn’t been written yet (even though articles referred to the changes as having been written). City of Cudahy animal owners need to band together to stop BSL. Always remember that in other communities in the US, there have been proposals that any dog over 30# should automatically be deemed “dangerous” and follow the “dangerous dog” ordinance (typically must have a muzzle if off of owners property etc).

**Town of Grafton—Update:** The Town is in the process of bringing their laws into compliance with State Codification. DFOW member Connie Kieckhefer, with the help of other local residents have been communicating with the Town Board. The initial animal code was intrusive and was copied from another Wisconsin community. Polite objections were raised and the Town Board severely edited the code. At this time, there are no pet limits. However, the final code has not yet been approved. Stay tuned for updates.

**City of Mosinee Alert:** City officials here are also considering BSL. Considering that they have an existing dangerous dog code that is obviously not being enforced, officials should be made aware of this fact.

**Village of Menomonee Falls—Update:** After 8 long months, the Village Board finally came to a decision regarding their animal code. No limits were imposed and more importantly, they do not require hobby breeder permits. However, they did bring barking dog complaints more in line with other nuisance complaints and they did not form an Animal Advisory Board. The only reason that common sense prevailed in this situation is because EVERY TIME this subject was on an agenda, the pet owners in Menomonee Falls attended the meetings. Even though they were not allowed to speak during the actual meetings, their presence was noted. There was a public hearing held and pet owners were polite and well-mannered at all times. This helped our side tremendously and we were complimented on our conduct. ALWAYS REMAIN RESPECTFUL WHEN DEALING WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS.

**Village of Slinger—Update:** The Village of Slinger will not modify their pet limits. On another issue, they still believe that they know more about Rabies vaccines than the State Veterinarian and Dr. Ronald D. Shultz of UW Veterinary School (one of the most respected authority’s on vaccine protocols). As Wisconsin is a “home rule” state, each municipality has the option of enacting their own “laws”, if they believe it will benefit their community. The Village of Slinger will now accept the rabies waiver written by a licensed Veterinarian, but you may only have one dog on a property that may be waived. You must also keep the dog on a 6’ leash at all times and you must “register” the dog with the police and fire departments! We suppose this is better than their initial proposal—that of the dog never leaving your property unless it is to be transported OUT of the VILLAGE.



# 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.?

_____ Article Writing	_____ Lobbying	_____ Legal
_____ Education	_____ Printing	_____ Professional
_____ DFOW Newsletter	_____ Computer	_____ DFOW Booth
_____ Fundraising	_____ Research	_____ 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@dfow.org](mailto:doglaw@dfow.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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

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

## NOTICE:



Dog Federation of Wisconsin  
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West Bend, WI 53095  
Doglaw@dfow.org

*We own dogs and we vote!*

### Dog Federation of Wisconsin Is hosting a Legislative Seminar

**Where:** \*Western Waukesha Dog Training Club, Ixonia, WI

**When:** Friday, June 13, 2008

**Time:** 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

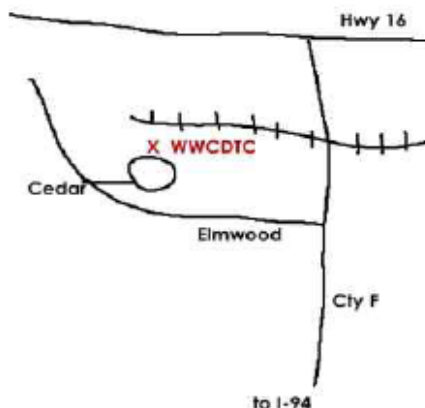
**Cost:** Free, but we ask that you pre-register by Wednesday June 11, 2008

**Why you should attend:** In the climate we are facing today regarding the animals we own, breed and train, fanciers need to come together to learn how our governmental system works and how we can and need to work together.

#### Schedule:

- Discussion: - Gary Goyke (Lobbyist for DFOW, Speaker)
- ⇒ Political Seminar
  - ⇒ Analysis of our Friends and Foes
  - ⇒ Develop a positive plan of action to involve members of the DFOW and its' friends in the 2008 general election.

To make sure we have enough materials, please reserve your spot today by contacting Tracey Johnston at [AldendaleESS@powerpartsinc.com](mailto:AldendaleESS@powerpartsinc.com)



\* Directions to Western Waukesha County Dog Training Club, W1314 Cedar Drive, Ixonia, WI 53036

#### From I-94:

#### Exit 275 County F, Ixonia/ Sullivan exit.

Go North on F about 4.5 miles. Turn West (left) on Elmwood Dr. / County P (just before train tracks). Turn East (right) on Cedar Dr.

## Propaganda –the animal rights groups secret weapon

Each year, the top five or six animal rights groups that target dog breeders receive almost 200 million dollars in contributions from caring individuals who assumed that their money would be spent to benefit dogs. These well-meaning individuals are actually helping to build the best financed propaganda machine in the world. Using the pretense of helping animals that have been treated badly, these organizations are in fact using those donations to pay for lobbyists and finance politicians to push their anti-breeder and anti-animal agenda.

This quotation from Patti Strand of the NAIA sums up the problem we all face:

***“PROPAGANDA fosters the PERCEPTIONS that lead to legislation. By the time we’re battling LEGISLATION, we have already lost the PUBLIC RELATIONS WAR.”***

It seems that the only time that we can get support from animal owners in our State is if legislation that could harm us or our hobby is on the horizon. We **MUST BE PROACTIVE**. Every animal owner must take the time to introduce themselves to their elected officials. You should have enough contact with those officials so that when animal matters come before them, they automatically think “John/Jane Doe should know about this, I’ll ask them for an opinion”.

Fact: The push to end horse slaughter in the United States has caused undue hardship on those individuals with end-of-life horses. Many of these animals are being turned loose as people can no longer afford to have them euthanized. Another fact is that until the last 15 years or so, responsible dog owners fed their dogs horse meat as it is a very good food source. In many countries, horse flesh is a delicacy. Because the animal rights fanatics have done such a good job of “humanizing” animals and most of the population have no clue as to where meat comes from, they have been very successful in their anti-horse slaughter propaganda to politicians. If HSUS and other animal rights organizations truly cared about horses, they would want the slaughter houses open in the US, instead of these horses being sent to Mexico and being slaughtered in possibly inhumane ways.

Fact: HSUS, despite the fact that their irresponsibility led to the largest beef recall in the history of the United States, is pushing for the passage of a Federal Bill regarding “downer cattle” not being allowed in the food chain. HSUS really doesn’t know anything about animal husbandry and they are not qualified to push for legislation to further their VEGAN agenda. Quote from the **Testimony of Congressman Charles W. Stenholm, to the House Committee on Agriculture Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry May 8, 2007:**

*“While the livestock industry has a long history of supporting animal welfare, many activist groups such as PETA, the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), and Farm Sanctuary have used falsehoods and scare tactics to push their hidden agendas of fundraising and systematically abolishing all use of animals, including production agriculture, zoos, circuses, and sporting events. These groups campaign for animal “rights,” which is not synonymous with animal welfare, using half-truths or complete deception. For example, according to the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), Farm Sanctuary charged veal farmers in New Jersey of malnutrition practices because of the absence of fiber in their calves’ diets. However, a coalition of dairy farmers, animal nutrition specialists, and dairy extension specialists at Rutgers University testified that it is typical to not give calves fiber because it is not healthy for a calf’s developing digestive system. “*

**Animal owners are facing multi-million dollar propaganda machines.  
We must all band together to stop the lies!**

## 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@DFOW.ORG**