



**No General Membership Meeting this month.  
Have a Happy & Safe Holiday Season.**

The holidays are normally a time to be thankful for all of our blessings. In keeping with that tradition, I would like to thank all of you.

You have come through to help educate the legislators about dogs and their appropriate needs when asked. You have stepped up to the plate, to be heard at public hearings in Madison and at the local level. You have helped spread the facts about what the animal rights agenda is all about. For that, and much more, I am truly thankful for you.

DFOW isn't just about an organization, it's about people. People that truly relish being with their companion dogs. It's about people that want to work and train with their breed of choice for many years to come. It's about our right to live and work in whatever section of the state we wish to call home and keep our companion dogs with us, no matter how many of them that may be.

I have been asked to lead DFOV for a 3rd year and like I have said since the 1<sup>st</sup> year, I can't do this alone. I have met a number of you at dog shows and it was wonderful to hear that you have been in contact with your legislators. I am very pleased to be able to guide DFOV through another year.

While there are many challenges ahead of us, I believe the members of DFOV are up to the task. We have come a long way in the last 2 years.

In the next 2009/2010 session we are looking forward to getting our members more involved. We have scheduled a legislative day in Madison for Wednesday May 13, 2009. More information on this activity will be forthcoming. Keep this day open and plan on joining us in Madison for an informational and educational day. For those members representing their clubs, please invite all of your club members to participate and learn about the legislative process. Let us show our senators and representatives that we care about our dogs and want to be heard. Let us show them how serious we are by having a huge turnout for this legislative day.

January 5<sup>th</sup> will be the start of the next legislative session. We look forward to working with our legislators to give them the best and most accurate facts, as it relates to dogs. DFOV and its members and member clubs are the best resource in which to help educate legislators when questions arise.

Many of our members work full-time careers in addition to their passion for dogs. Literally our pursuit of happiness includes the time and activities we can share with our dogs. Let us look forward to the day that "Life, liberty, and the *pursuit of happiness*" as stated in the Declaration of Independence. **...are not just words in history.**

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President-elect Barack Obama reads and studies the words of President Abraham Lincoln. A quote of President Lincoln goes "Public sentiment is everything. With public sentiment, nothing can fail; without it nothing can succeed." *The Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln* edited by Roy P. Basler, Volume III, "Lincoln-Douglas Debate at Ottawa" (August 21, 1858), p. 27. Currently public sentiment is being guided by the animal rights groups, because the general public has not been confronted by the facts. Some of the media outlets, except the outlets on the internet, have succeeded in silencing the truth from the general public.

Another quote by Lincoln states:

"We all declare for liberty; but in using the same word we do not all mean the same thing. With some the word liberty may mean for each man to do as he pleases with himself, and the product of his labor; while with others, the same word may mean for some men to do as they please with other men, and the product of other men's labor. Here are two, not only different, but incompatible things, called by the same name - liberty. And it follows that each of the things is, by the respective parties, called by two different and incompatible names - liberty and tyranny."

*The Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln* edited by Roy P. Basler, Volume VII, "Address at Sanitary Fair, Baltimore, Maryland" (April 18, 1864), p. 301-302.

"There are no accidents in my philosophy. Every effect must have its cause. The past is the cause of the present, and the present will be the cause of the future. All these are links in the endless chain stretching from the finite to the infinite." *Herndon's Life of Lincoln* by William H. Herndon and Jesse W. Weik (New York, Da Capo Press, 1983), p. 354.

While I am not a follower of quotations by famous individuals I found these quotes quite intuitive. Stay tuned to see how our new representatives come out of the gate.

From the DFOW Board of Directors and myself, have a safe and happy holiday season.

Joy



**AVMA policy—Released November 15, 2008**

([http://www.avma.org:80/issues/policy/animal\\_welfare/tail\\_docking.asp](http://www.avma.org:80/issues/policy/animal_welfare/tail_docking.asp))

**Ear Cropping and Tail Docking**

(Oversight: AWC; HOD 07/1999, EB revised 11/2008)

The AVMA opposes ear cropping and tail docking of dogs when done solely for cosmetic purposes  
**The AVMA encourages the elimination of ear cropping and tail docking from breed standards.**

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The Dog Federation of Wisconsin supports the position of parent clubs that allow ear cropping, tail docking and dew claw removal in their breed standards. Tail docking and dew claw removal are traditionally performed at 3 days of age, when a puppy's central nervous system is not fully developed and can be done with little discomfort to the puppy without the danger of anesthesia.

In Europe where tail docking has been banned in certain areas, the incidents of tail injury leading to amputation have risen dramatically since the ban. Please see <http://www.cdb.org/matty.htm> for documentation regarding this issue.

Spay/neuter should be a personal decision between a pet owner and their veterinarian. Tail cropping, docking, and dew claw removal procedures are also personal decisions that are made based on the working purpose of a given breed. Newer accredited veterinarians do not know the original purpose of a pure bred dog and if these dogs are used for that purpose, injuries can occur if traditional procedures are not followed.

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Do you have a good working relationship with your veterinarian? If you don't its time to get a new one. The graduating veterinarians and technicians are taking HSUS propaganda to heart and taking on an animal rights stance. This latest statement from the AVMA proves this fact.

In Wisconsin, the WVMA wants to introduce a "puppy lemon law" (even though supposedly 50% of their membership is against the idea). Please contact your veterinarian and explain your disappointment with the AVMA and WVMA and ask that they contact their associations to object to these topics.

**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".**

## Local Community Legislative News

**City of New Berlin—meeting regarding changing their animal code has been scheduled for:  
Wednesday December 17, 2008—6:00 PM at the Public Safety Building  
16300 W. National Ave., New Berlin.**

See our initial alert below for the issues. As of the publication of this newsletter, there are no additional details.

**City of NEW BERLIN—Alert issued 10/31/08—Possible change considered for animal code.**  
The New Berlin minutes from the Safety Commission Meeting on October 8th state in part:  
Alderman Bill Moore requested the Safety Commission discuss and make recommendations on the possibility of changing the City of New Berlin Municipal Code pertaining to vicious dogs 152-10 G. (1) – (4) to include prohibitions against owning specific breeds of dogs. A citizen and Alderman Moore spoke on this item at the October 8th, meeting. Both were in favor of various aspects of breed or dog-type specific legislation (particularly legislation governing Pit-Bulls). Alderman Moore provided the Safety Commission with a sample ordinance from another city that he felt would be appropriate for New Berlin. Lt. Repischak provided the Safety Commission with a copy of the New Berlin Municipal code regulating dogs and animals. Lt. Repischak advised that he read a number of other cities ordinances and found the New Berlin ordinance far less comprehensive. Lt. Repischak also provided the Safety Commission with a print-out of dog bite cases in recent years that included the breed and dog-owners names. The print-out showed only one incident involving a Pit-bull. German Shepherds were involved the most incidents (a total of 8).

Members of the Safety Commission discussed whether \*breed or dog-type regulations would be effective in solving or minimizing the over-all problem. Most Commission members were not in favor of breed or dog type regulation. Safety Commission members felt the New Berlin Municipal Code pertaining to dogs and animal regulation was lacking.

Fred Witty made a motion that the Safety Commission formally request the New Berlin City Attorney review Ordinance # 152-10 A – K, for any necessary updates and to obtain his office's legal opinion on breed or dog type regulation within the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Earl Strandt. The motion carried with 7 in favor and Alderman Poshepney abstaining. Paul Repischak will be sending a letter to the City Attorney making this request. The sample ordinance provided by Alderman Moore will also be forwarded to the City Attorney.

A New Berlin resident was able to obtain the "sample ordinance" that was given to the city attorney. The ordinance given was one that is used in Springville, Utah and takes a very punitive attitude toward animal owners—especially those with bull terrier breeds.

The next meeting of the Safety Commission will be November 12th. The agenda for this meeting is not yet published. We urge New Berlin residents to check the New Berlin website on a daily basis so that they can notify DFOW once the agenda is posted. The link to the website and committee members is: <http://www.newberlin.org/display/router.asp?docid=533>

We also urge all New Berlin residents to contact their ELECTED OFFICIALS and explain that the existing code is more than adequate. The existing code may be found at:

[http://www.e-codes.generalcode.com/codebook\\_frameset.asp?lq=1&t=ws&cb=1873\\_A](http://www.e-codes.generalcode.com/codebook_frameset.asp?lq=1&t=ws&cb=1873_A)

Do a Search for chapter 152

The SAMPLE ORDINANCE CAN BE FOUND HERE:

<http://www.codepublishing.com/UT/Springville/>

Use the search tab and type in dogs and that will get you to the proper section.

If you write letters to the committee members, be sure to copy all of the City of New Berlin officials. More information will be released as soon as it becomes available.

*\*we have not been able to ascertain what over-all problem they are referring to.*

Many fanciers have no tolerance for Petland as they sell pets. However, they are the latest HSUS target and this response to the propaganda is wonderful. All animal concerns that are targeted by HSUS propaganda need to respond in a similar manner.....

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An Open Letter from Petland to the Editor Regarding HSUS—Business Wire  
November 24, 2008 06:25 PM Eastern Time  
<http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20081124006347/en>

CHILLICOTHE, Ohio--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Dear Editor:

After reviewing hours of footage on the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) Web site video archive, Petland, Inc. has discovered that numerous images and footage in the video HSUS released about Petland were actually taken from unrelated HSUS stories.

Petland is outraged that HSUS would intentionally use video footage of unrelated kennels in the report to try to mislead the general public into believing these facilities have a connection to Petland.

Petland produced screen images of many of the duplicated video clips, showing both the Petland video and videos of where many of the clips actually originated. Two screenshots follow this statement.\*\*\*\*

#### ABOUT THE HSUS

The HSUS name is misleading, Petland contends, because the average consumer thinks they are the parent organization of all local humane societies. The fact is, they are NOT, and very little support in the form of dollars actually makes it to the local level.

Here are a few facts taken from HSUS' 2006 tax returns available on the HSUS Web site ([www.hsus.org/web-files/PDF/hsus-2006-form-990.pdf](http://www.hsus.org/web-files/PDF/hsus-2006-form-990.pdf)):

2006 Tax Return: Return of organization exempt from income tax

\$91.5 million Amount HSUS received from direct public support

\$85.8 million Amount HSUS spent in Functional Expenses such as:

\$28 million spent on HSUS Salaries and Benefits

\$17.8 million spent on mailing costs

\$8.9 million spent on publications and campaigns

\$3.7 million spent on travel costs

\$127 million Amount HSUS has in stocks, and publicly traded securities. None allocated to any support programs.

Petland urges consumers to donate to their local shelters where their donations will directly impact the lives of the animals in their communities.

#### REQUEST AND REVIEW OF DOCUMENTATION

Petland has asked Stephanie Shain of the HSUS to turn over documents detailing the stores investigated, the breeders visited and the nearly 17,000 puppies in question, none of which was turned over to the USDA.

Petland intends to request and review ALL of the documentation. Petland will assist the USDA in any investigation of these facilities and will conduct their own unannounced inspections. And, if necessary, Petland will take immediate action.

Wayne Pacelle, president and CEO of the HSUS, recently told Newsweek, "I don't require that my audience be in complete agreement with me...that's the point of having dialogue - you sit down with people who have different emphasis."

Petland asks where is our dialogue?

Petland has not been asked to sit down and have a conversation with HSUS. That is, until Petland called Shain and asked for documentation, only then was a discussion requested.

#### PETLAND IS PART OF THE SOLUTION

At Petland, our number one concern is for the health and well-being of the pets within our care. The fact that HSUS has conducted an 8-month investigation, and at no time did HSUS contact the proper authorities or call the police to shut these kennels down is completely unacceptable and demonstrates their lack of concerns for the animals themselves.

HSUS held on to the footage and waited until November sweeps to publicly release it, unbeknownst to the USDA (the governing body) and to Petland.

They used this same maneuver with the cattle industry in January of 2008, waiting nearly two months to release their report, which charged that what the investigation revealed was a danger to our national food supply. What responsible agency would hold on to information that was potentially dangerous to our nation's food supply or endangers animals?

Petland has a strong commitment to our pets and our communities and has been an industry leader in pushing for better animal care. Petland has volunteered its help in recovery and rescue efforts and has rallied their communities for homeless animals and animal-related charities. Through our Adopt A Pet program, Petland nationwide has adopted out more than 270,000 homeless puppies and kittens by working with local shelters, hobbyists and rescue groups.

Petland is part of the solution.

If the HSUS wants to do some real good, they need to become part of the solution. They need to report the results of their investigations promptly to the proper authorities and actively work to shut down substandard facilities.

HSUS should be spending their considerable dollars (\$91 million), not on salaries and fundraising propaganda (\$85.8 million), but on No Kill Shelter efforts and direct donations to local humane societies who are in dire need of support.

Sincerely,  
Petland, Inc.

#### MORE ABOUT PETLAND'S COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY SERVICE

\* Adopt-A-PetSM -- Petland opens some of its highly visible kennel windows to homeless pets from local animal shelters, pet rescue groups and others in the community, who may have unplanned litters. The goal is for Petland Pet Counselors to work with pet welfare groups and members of the community to find suitable families for homeless pets. During the last ten years, Petland has placed more than 270,000 homeless pets - 212,534 homeless kittens and 59,945 homeless puppies.

\* Our Commitment To Healthy Pets -- Our puppies and kittens are the finest available - happy and healthy family pets. Our pets come from professional and hobby breeders who have years of experience in raising quality family pets. Petland puppies are checked by two and in many cases three veterinarians before being offered to our customers. Trained Animal Care Technicians monitor the health of our pets at Petland. Our puppies and kittens also come with extensive health warranties.

\* Spay/Neuter -- Petland Pet Counselors educate new puppy and kitten owners about responsible pet care and participate in cooperative programs with local veterinarians to offer customers discount incentives to spay or neuter their pet. More and more Petland stores are making already altered pets available or offering a free or discount spay-neuter certificate to pet owners who purchase a puppy or kitten.

\* Pets for a LifetimeSM -- With this store policy, Petland's goal is to see that no Petland pets end up homeless or in an animal shelter. Occasionally, circumstances arise making it difficult for pet owners to keep their lifetime promises to Petland pets. In these cases, Petland Pet Counselors encourage customers to let Petland help find a new home for their Petland pet. Assistance takes many forms, including adopting the pet back into the Petland store if possible; posting flyers in the store and at associated veterinary clinics; making pet placement calls and/or informing Petland staff, who in turn will spread the word to friends and family about a pet's availability. New owners of Petland puppies receive Puppy Resource Kits. Each kit includes a listing of local canine resources, a dog training DVD and unlimited, lifetime consultation with a certified canine behavior specialist. Resource kits also are offered to those who adopt our birds, kittens and small animals. These resource kits are made available by Petland to help assure a successful transition for our pets and their new families.

\* Pet Therapy at Petland -- Pet therapy is a natural extension of Petland's retail environment. By definition, pet therapy is the use of animals in the therapeutic treatment of humans. At Petland, we commonly take our pets to visit school children and nursing home residents as studies of the human-animal bond show that pets are good for people, enhancing verbal and social skills in children, reducing stress in adults and providing companionship and lowering blood pressure in seniors.

\* Safari Stan's Children's CharitiesSM -- Safari Stan's Children's Charities by Petland was formalized in 1994. Petland has two children's charities - Make-A-Wish Foundation(r) of America and St. Jude Children's

Research Hospital. Petland collects funds year-round for St. Jude, and, since 1998 has fulfilled 68 pet-related wishes for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of America.

Petland, Inc. is a franchise operation with more than 200 quality, full service, retail pet centers across the United States, Canada, China, Japan and South Africa. For more information on Petland, visit [www.petland.com](http://www.petland.com).

To view supporting documents and/or photos, go to [www.enr-corp.com/pressroom](http://www.enr-corp.com/pressroom) and enter Release ID: 177386

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## Donations for the Holiday Season

Dog fanciers have been maligned for many things over the past year, but knowing as we do your compassion for your dogs; we know that what has been said isn't factual. With the Holiday season upon us, we ask that you show how compassionate you truly are by helping the human beings among us.

There was a radio news spot on Milwaukee WMYX (99.1) and the announcers (Jane & Kidd) stated that the Salvation Army already had over 500 requests for assistance from families (many first time applicants) for this Holiday Season. It was suggested that instead of individuals participating in "Secret Santa" that instead the money be donated to the Salvation Army.

The DFOW board thinks this is a very good idea. If your dog club holds a Christmas gift exchange, perhaps you might consider giving a donation to an organization that provides for humans in need instead.

All organizations are asking for donations at this time of year (and DFOW is no exception). However as much as we can use funds for the upcoming projects and events we have planned during the next two years, there are times when your "giving" must be prioritized. We are show casing the Salvation Army as we believe that the return on your donation benefits the people in need, rather than CEO's. Below are some links for Salvation Army offices in Wisconsin.

[Greater Milwaukee: home](http://www.usc.salvationarmy.org/usc/www_usc_greatermilwaukee.nsf)

[http://www.usc.salvationarmy.org/usc/www\\_usc\\_greatermilwaukee.nsf](http://www.usc.salvationarmy.org/usc/www_usc_greatermilwaukee.nsf)

[The Salvation Army - Madison, Wisconsin](http://www.salvationarmydanecounty.org/)

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

[The Salvation Army - Green Bay, Wisconsin](http://www.sagreenbay.org/)

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

Another option would be to give to the "Toys for Tots" program (there is a link off of the Salvation Army website). They have collection bins throughout the Wisconsin area. Just don't purchase toys from vendors who are near these drop-off locations as they are professional fund raisers and only donate 10% to the organization.

Don't most fanciers have multiple breed specific stuffed animals in good shape laying about the house? A child in need would sure appreciate that kind of gift!

## *Have a Happy and Safe Holiday Season*

## Dog Federation of Wisconsin Membership Renewal for 2009

Please note that **club members must now name 2 delegates** that have regular email access. These delegates will be responsible for ensuring that your club members are notified when a legislative matter arises that needs an immediate response.

Individual Voting Membership \$25.00		Individual Non-Voting Membership \$15.00	
<b>Club or Organization Memberships:</b>			
<b>25 and fewer members</b> 2 votes <b>\$40.00</b>	<b>26-50 members</b> 2 votes <b>\$50.00</b>	<b>51-99 members</b> 2 votes <b>\$75.00</b>	<b>100 or more members</b> 2 votes <b>\$100.00</b>

**Type I – DELEGATE MEMBER.** Open to all Kennel Clubs, Specialty Clubs, Obedience Clubs, Humane Societies and independent dog fancier organizations, which support the objectives of the Federation. Delegates of the above organizations shall be ascertained on each January 1st.

**Type II – INDIVIDUAL MEMBER.** Open to all individuals who support the objectives of the Federation.

**Types I and II memberships will be voting memberships.**

**Type III – ASSOCIATE MEMBER.** Non-voting membership open to all individuals who support the objectives of the Federation

**Type IV – BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP MEMBER.** Open to all professional or commercial organizations who wish to support the Federation objectives. This is a non-voting membership. There are two sponsorship fee schedules. For \$100.00 per year your business will be listed as a supporter of DFOW on the official DFOW website. For \$250.00 per year there will be a link on the official DFOW website to your company. The Business Sponsorship is subject to DFOW board approval.

Organization Member Information	Individual (or Delegate #1) Information
Organization Name - Contact Person	Name
Address	Address
City State Zip	City State Zip
Telephone	Telephone
Email	Email
<b>Number of Club Members</b>	*Talents you could offer to DFOW:
<b>Delegate 2 Name:</b>	<b>Alternate Delegate Name:</b>
Address	Address
City State Zip	City State Zip
Telephone	Telephone
Email	Email
*Talents you could offer to DFOW:	*Talents you could offer to DFOW:

\*Talents include writing ability, insurance or legal knowledge, lobbyist experience, research capabilities, fund raising experience, or any other talent that would be beneficial in helping DFOW preserve your right to own animals.

Please send this form, along with membership renewal check made out to DFOW by January 1, 2009 to **Wendy Biewer, DFOW Treasurer, W825 Froelich Road, Sullivan, WI 53178**