

Legislation Committee

Purpose: Reporting of local, state and national legislation that may impact ownership, breeding or activities of Weimaraners.

Organization: Chairperson appointed annually by the Board of Directors and committee members selected by the Chairperson.

Committee Chair Qualifications: Ability to gather legislative information from various sources including petlaw lists, and communicate with the membership. Ability to communicate via email. Ability to network with other Legislative Liaisons. Ability to read and comprehend proposed legislation. Ability to gather factual information. Possess the skills to write articulate and persuasive letters to legislators.

Committee Responsibilities:

1. Coordinate with AKC Government Relations Department, other AKC Legislative Liaisons, NAIA contacts, Sportsman's groups and other groups that protect animal ownerships, promote animal welfare and individual rights to own property.
2. Prepare recommendations to the Board of Directors on positions that the WCA should take on legislation.
3. Write articles for the magazine informing the membership of legislative activity.
4. Post legislative updates on various Weimaraner internet groups.
5. Write official letters as the WCA Legislative Liaison to legislators and groups supporting or opposing proposed legislation or actions.
6. Answer member questions and make recommendations on legislation.
7. Educate members on legislative issues and the difference between animal rights and animal welfare.
8. Contact WCA local club AKC Legislative Liaisons for the purpose of disseminating and coordinating information.

Board Reports: Submit report to the Secretary of the Board of Directors 6 weeks prior to each meeting of the Board of Directors.

1. Summarizing committee activity since the last Board of Directors meeting.
2. Include in the report any recommended changes to:
 - a. WCA Rules or procedures related to the Committee
 - b. Committee responsibilities
 - c. Committee organization
 - d. Committee Chair qualifications

Chairperson: Linda Hartheimer

Members: