

Application for Membership

I hereby make application for membership in the Dog Legislation Council of Canada. I will abide by the Code of Ethics of the Dog Legislation Council of Canada and work for the abolition of breed specific legislation.

Name:

Street:

Apt. or Unit No. PO Box or RR No.

City, Province Postal Code

Telephone Numbers: Home Office or Cell

E-mail address: _____

	Yes	No
Are you a pet dog owner? <i>(It is not necessary to be a pet owner to be actively involved in the Dog Legislation Council of Canada)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you read or are you familiar with the Dog Legislation Council of Canada's Mission Statement and other related material?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you agree with and will you abide by the Dog Legislation Council of Canada's Code of Ethics?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you willing to participate to the best of your ability and within your means to oppose breed specific legislation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you interested in volunteering time or services to the organization?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

MANDATORY - Referred to the DLCC by:

Name:

Association:

(ie. Current DLCC member, veterinarian, CKC referral)

Signature: Date:

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP (APRIL 1 TO MARCH 30): \$40.00

CONTRIBUTION TO LEGAL CHALLENGE FUND \$ _____

Mail cheque or money order for the total payable to:

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What is Breed Specific Legislation (“BSL”)?

What is a “Breed Ban”?

- ◆ when legislators, either municipal or provincial, pass laws governing what breed of dog their citizens may own
- ◆ When a designation of "dangerous", "vicious" or "prohibited" dog is automatically applied to any dog of a specific breed or type, whether purebred or a mix, regardless of the behaviour of the dog or its owner

What is wrong with BSL?

- ◆ Unsubstantiated by fact or scientific research
- ◆ Does nothing to address the real issue – the criminal or irresponsible owner
- ◆ Does nothing to prevent dog attacks and ensure public safety
- ◆ Proven failure in many jurisdictions
- ◆ Does not promote responsible dog ownership
- ◆ Compromises the rights of responsible dog owners
- ◆ Targets and often kills family pets that have no aggression or behavioural issues
- ◆ Often includes dogs that might look like, but aren't, the originally targeted breeds
- ◆ Continues to add breeds to its original list as other breeds replace the targeted dogs
- ◆ Costs more than effective dangerous dog legislation
- ◆ BSL has been rejected by every major dog organization in North America, most of which have boards and memberships filled with people whose lives have been dedicated to understanding dog behaviour, have publicly stated that they do NOT support breed-specific legislation and that they do NOT believe that it works

What is the Dog Legislation Council of Canada?

- ◆ a not for profit all-volunteer group formed in 2003, counting among its members experienced, ethical and responsible dog enthusiasts nationwide
- ◆ promotes and supports responsible dog ownership, including child dog safety programs, bite-free programs for adults working in proximity of dogs (police officers, postal and utility workers), and working with dog owners one on one.
- ◆ encourages and fosters the implementation of non-breed specific dangerous dog by-laws designating dogs as 'dangerous' based on behaviour rather than breed
- ◆ supports the implementation and enforcement of zero-tolerance dog licensing, zero-tolerance leash laws, and heavy fines for non-compliance
- ◆ supports financial and, in some cases criminal repercussions for those owners whose dogs, when not in compliance with existing laws, cause injury to a human being or to another animal
- ◆ believes that it is time irresponsible dog owners faced real consequences

DOG LEGISLATION COUNCIL OF CANADA

Code of Ethics

To promote and epitomize the mission and objectives of the Dog Legislation Council of Canada (DLCC), all members are expected to comply with the following Code of Ethics.

DLCC members will:

- Conduct themselves in a manner that is not injurious to the reputation, mandate or objectives of the DLCC;
- Promote and support the philosophy that breed specific legislation has no practical application in raising public safety or in lowering dog bite incidents;
- Promote all efforts and challenges against breed specific legislation, regardless of targeted breed or geographic location;
- Promote, encourage and support fair, balanced and effective legislation for all responsible dog owners, handlers, breeders, professionals, dog trainers, groomers, kennels, associations, clubs and organizations, etc.;
- Promote, encourage and support strong protective legislation and enforcement for all owners and handlers of guide dogs, assistance dogs, service dogs and therapy dogs;
- Promote, support and practice responsible dog ownership through dog owner social responsibility, education, ethical breeding programs, spay/neuter programs, bite prevention programs and municipal, provincial and federal dog legislation;
- Endeavour to raise awareness of the contribution made to society by canines as companions, therapy animals, search and rescue animals, law enforcement, and other canine occupations;
- Promote and practice humane treatment of all animals under the member's care including but not limited to the provision of sufficient food and water, adequate shelter, veterinary care, training, control, exercise and socialization;
- Promote and support ethical professions and services that promote, encourage and practice humane treatment of all pets;
- Strive to advance and cultivate a harmonious relationship between members of the dog owning community and the non dog owning community by exemplifying responsible dog ownership and accountability;
- Never partake in nor in any way be party to unethical breeding or breeding for the sole purpose of profit;
- Never partake, nor in any way be party to, any illegal activities involving dogs, including but not limited to dog fighting.