

Who is NAIA?

NAIA is an educational organization of business, agricultural, scientific and recreational interests dedicated to promoting animal welfare and strengthening the bond between people and animals. NAIA includes thousands of pet owners, dog and cat clubs, obedience clubs and rescue groups as well as breeders, trainers, veterinarians, research scientists, farmers, fishermen, hunters and wildlife biologists.

NAIA strives to provide the public with useful and accurate information about animal issues, especially those issues that are complex, misunderstood or controversial.

NAIA ...

- ⊙ has a speakers bureau that provides experts to media, classrooms and public policy makers.
- ⊙ serves on local, state and national task forces and committees,
- ⊙ hosts national conferences,
- ⊙ moderates Internet talk lists and animal rescue groups for 50 states, and
- ⊙ publishes a quarterly newspaper and an award-winning website.

NAIA supports ordinary people and professionals as they strive to learn more about animal care, training and husbandry, or simply to become better pet owners. We believe that education and tolerance are the keys to progress in a free society and work with all legal animal industries, enterprises and recreational pursuits in which the participants are working for improvements. We support the rule of law and oppose the illegal and unethical acts of animal abusers and animal rights extremists who take the law into their own hands.



*Our members feed, clothe, heal, comfort, entertain,
inform, and protect the world*

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**Preserving the
canine-human
bond by
supporting
reasonable
dog laws**



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and We're Here to Help*

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A bit of history

Longer ago than anyone can say for sure, a wolf wandered into a hunter's campsite and decided he'd like to stay. Since then, things have never been the same. Whether guarding, herding, hunting, performing, assisting people with physical disabilities, searching for lost children or disaster victims, tracking criminals, or serving as beloved pets, dogs have played a vital role



throughout human history, sharing a wondrous bond with their human companions.

Today this age-old bond is threatened.

The move from farm to densely populated cities and suburbs has made owning and breeding dogs very difficult. Paradoxically, the importance of dogs in people's lives may be greater today than ever before: Research shows that the companionship offered by dog ownership diminishes loneliness, relieves stress, reduces the occurrence of illness, and lengthens life.

At NAIA we are committed to helping people in fast-paced, crowded cities and suburban neighborhoods enjoy this awesome relationship by offering reliable advice on responsible dog ownership.

NAIA supports government's role to protect public health and safety from dangerous, diseased or nuisance dogs, to protect dogs from abuse and to support the rights of responsible animal owners. NAIA recognizes that poorly conceived animal laws create far more problems than they solve; divide rather

than unite the communities they serve and place policy makers between a rock and a hard place. Adding to normal challenges are the media and legislative campaigns crafted by extremist groups that seek to enact their radical agendas, often at the expense of law-abiding pet owners.

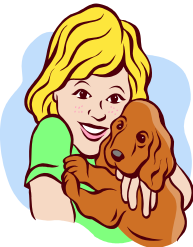
Drafting good laws requires the help of subject matter experts whose values represent the broader community. To this end, NAIA will help policy makers draft common-sense laws that the public can embrace, laws that target irresponsible conduct, while respecting the rights of responsible pet owners and their neighbors.

NAIA can help lawmakers ...

- ⊙ write fair and equitable laws that clearly define dangerous dogs and nuisance behavior;
- ⊙ devise strategies for enforcement;
- ⊙ work with shelters to develop an accurate picture of pet population dynamics, spay-neuter efforts, and shelter euthanasias;
- ⊙ develop community advisory boards and coalitions to help deal with animal issues;
- ⊙ draft animal cruelty laws that protect animals without infringing on widely accepted and humane animal husbandry practices; and
- ⊙ locate free educational materials that advance humane animal care without promoting the extreme animal rights agenda.

NAIA supports laws that ...

- ⊙ hold irresponsible dog owners accountable for the actions of their dogs;
- ⊙ identify and penalize nuisance behavior such as prolonged barking or running at large;
 - ⊙ set realistic adoption criteria for shelter dogs so that dangerous or severely diseased dogs are not released into the community to threaten public health or safety;
 - ⊙ clearly define and restrict dangerous dogs while providing due process for dog owners;
 - ⊙ assure enforceable penalties for nuisance violations by allow-



ing alternative sentencing in lieu of uncollectable fines;

- ⊙ require shelters to keep accurate records of intakes, adoptions, sales, and euthanasias, both for adoptable and unadoptable dogs
- ⊙ prohibit US shelters from importing dogs from foreign countries and offshore territories;
- ⊙ regulate the import of dogs from neighboring communities and states within the continental US, by mandating public disclosure by the importing shelter to inform taxpayers and donors of how their money is being spent; and
- ⊙ require exporting shelters, and municipalities to develop public education programs that promote responsible dog ownership so that relocation will actually reduce surplus dogs and not just subsidize an endless supply of them.

NAIA opposes laws that ...

- ⊙ regulate dog ownership by numbers or breeds without consideration for responsible ownership;
- ⊙ do not distinguish between responsible and irresponsible rescue groups;
- ⊙ legitimize neighborhood feuds by using them to pass restrictions against responsible owners; or
- ⊙ inaccurately represent shelter statistics to raise license fees or restrict responsible dog owners or breeders.

