

2013 breed discrimination year in review

New state laws prohibiting breed-discriminatory legislation:

Connecticut, Nevada, Rhode Island

Municipalities repealing existing breed-discriminatory legislation:

Amesbury, Massachusetts
Boston, Massachusetts
Canton, Massachusetts
Everett, Massachusetts
Haverhill, Massachusetts
Lynn, Massachusetts
Medway, Massachusetts
Rockland, Massachusetts
Whitman, Massachusetts
Winthrop, Massachusetts
Basehor, Kansas
Osawatomie, Kansas
Riverside, Missouri
Annapolis, Missouri
Waunakee, Wisconsin
Darlington, Wisconsin
Bessemer, Pennsylvania
Wooster, Ohio
Orrville, Ohio
Welsh, Louisiana
Newark, Ohio
Bloomer, Wisconsin
Dodge City, Kansas

Municipalities rejecting attempted breed-discriminatory legislation:

Waterloo, Iowa
Camanche, Iowa
Ringstead, Iowa
Baker City, Oregon
Breckenridge, Colorado
Greybull, Wyoming
Watertown, Wisconsin
Rockaway Beach, Missouri
Westwego, Louisiana
Columbus, Nebraska
Great Bend, Kansas
Flint, Michigan
Lansing, Michigan
Royal Oak, Michigan
Broward County, Florida
Bronwood, Georgia

States rejecting attempted breed-discriminatory legislation:

North Carolina, Tennessee, Rhode Island, Oklahoma, Massachusetts

There were at least 39 municipalities that have decided to repeal or reject breed-discriminatory legislation. This number is actually much higher than what is listed here. The reason for this is that there are quite a few places that had a proposal or recommendation that was breed-discriminatory that has not been officially rejected, but rather “tabled indefinitely.” Only places that officially rejected a proposal or recommendation were counted. It is also important to note that there have been hundreds of places (at the very least) that amended their dangerous dog laws in 2013. Only a very small minority ever even consider targeting certain breeds or types of dogs.

New municipalities passing breed-discriminatory legislation:

Riverside County, California (mandatory spay/neuter)

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Dover, Arkansas (ban)

Garland County, Arkansas (confinement)

Murfreesboro, Arkansas (ban)

Livingston County, Kentucky (restrictions)

Clay, Alabama (ban, in litigation)

Bluefield, West Virginia (ban)

Hornbeak, Tennessee (restrictions)

Schuyler, Nebraska (restrictions)

*These 10 passages affect a total of 14 breeds, and their mixes, as well as Wolf hybrids: American Pit Bull Terriers, American Staffordshire Terriers, Staffordshire Terriers, Bull Terriers, Dobermans, Rottweilers, German Shepherds, Akitas, Chows, American Bulldogs, Dogo Argentino, Presa Canario, Cane Corso, American Bandogge.

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