

July 7, 2009

Dear Dennis,

I have reviewed the letter you just sent to the AVMA supporting the "Utah" amendment. I wish to point out that the amendment appears to really change nothing. It still considers docking and cropping cosmetic and still calls for the elimination of these features from /in breed standards. Please take another look at the resolution. It defeats the purpose that so many clubs have been working toward (the reversal of the AVMA policy in it's entirety) to have the AKC support this. I would respectfully ask you to reconsider the support for the Utah resolution.

If you have not yet done so, please take a look at the ARC Position Paper, in response to the AVMA. It may be downloaded at paws4laws.com. Just today I received a letter from the President of the DPCA, Dr. Sam Burke, fully supporting the position paper and our joint efforts to stop the AVMA from dictating the relationship between veterinarians and their clients (us and our dogs).

I would very much like to talk to you about this if you have any questions.

Thanks,
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