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Meeting Date: Wednesday,
March 7, 2018

Time: 6:30p.m.

Location:

Home of Jan Eichensehr
Galena, OH.

**** Please bring an appetizer to share****

2018 Meeting Dates

March 7

April 4

May 6 - Health Clinic

June 6

July 11

September 5

October 3

November 7

December Christmas Party TBA

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New Ohio Kennel Bill

By Norma Wolf, Ohio Valley Dog Owners Inc.

The HSUS backed petition to put kennel standards in the Ohio Constitution has spawned HB 506, an amendment to the state's high volume breeder law introduced last week.

The bill codifies standards instead of leaving them up to ODA to write and changes the definition of high volume breeder by cutting in half the number of litters and sales that trigger licensing. Now the law says 9 or more litters and 60 or more sales; the new bill says 5 or more litters and 30 or more sales. The bill also includes a new component to the definition: keeping 7 or more females primarily for the purpose of producing offspring.

Most of the standards look reasonable on a first read-through. One that is troublesome is the requirement to provide confinement space by the weight of the dog rather than its size.

Information and a link to the bill are at <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-506> . It has not been assigned to committee as of this a.m. but will likely go to the Ag committee.

Updates as of 2/23/18

HB 506 had its first hearing for sponsor testimony on Feb 20. The bill was placed in the House Government Accountability and Oversight Committee instead of the Agriculture Committee at the request of the sponsor.

Sponsor of the bill is Representative Brian Hill from Guernsey and Muskingum counties. Hill is chairman of the House Agriculture Committee and co-owns a family farm that raises cattle and crops. His testimony is linked from the House

Government Accountability and Oversight Committee February 20 agenda at <http://www.ohiohouse.gov/committee/government-accountability-and-oversight>. It is the last bill on the list.

In his testimony, Rep Hill noted that current law has some deficiencies that HB 506 attempts to fix using sound science and, where definitive science is not available, using "appropriate and generally accepted animal care practices."

It is clear from Rep Hill's testimony that the bill is in response to the HSUS petition drive to place kennel restrictions in the Ohio Constitution where they will be next to impossible to change. The road to a constitutional amendment is long, but once the signatures are gathered and approved, the amendment goes on the ballot and the emotional appeals to end "puppy mills" take over. Rep Hill noted in his sponsor testimony that not only is legislation the appropriate way to fix the deficiencies in current law, HSUS is in violation of an agreement it made in 2010 with the administration of then-Governor Ted Strickland to forego animal welfare petition drives in the state at least until 2020.

Provisions of HB 506 include:

Redefining "high volume breeder" to include those who own more than seven breeding females, produce at least five litters, and sell at least 30 puppies in a year; Redefining "breeding females" as unspayed dogs over a year of age that are primarily used for producing offspring; Setting the size of confinement by the weight of the dog rather than its overall size in a formula that may conflict with the USDA primary confinement requirement that is allocated by dog height and length; Adding "thermoneutral zone" as a guide to determine if the ambient temperature is sufficient to maintain the dog's normal body temperature without altering its metabolic rate; Requiring a kennel nutritional plan prescribed by a veterinarian and a veterinary health exam before the breeding female goes into proestrus; and Subjecting a larger number of breeders to the licensing fees, paperwork, and inspections that are already mandated by law.

In re the petition drive: We don't know how well signature-gathering is proceeding, but we do know that the front group pushing the petition has contacted veterinarians throughout the state to join the effort. We also know that veterinarians were involved in writing the bill and that AKC, the pet industry, and the sportsmen are weighing in on its provisions.

HB 506 is set for hearing on February 27 at 1 p.m. in room 114 in the Capitol Building in Columbus. It is the 7th item on a long agenda where proponent testimony and possible amendments will be heard. Witnesses provide testimony electronically for

for distribution to committee members and the public. Copies will be available on the committee web page at <http://www.ohiohouse.gov/committee/government-accountability-and-oversight> following the hearing.

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<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-506>.

Anyone may comment by sending testimony to the committee prior to the hearing, contacting committee members individually, or contacting the sponsor or cosponsors of the bill. (Cosponsors are listed on the bill, and contact information is available on each legislators web page.) Most bills get at least three hearings so that proponents, opponents, and interested parties have ample opportunity to present their views.

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Down 'n Back

Hunt Club Storm Chaser

LRC Piedmont Specialty

2/11/18

Winners Bitch

New Champion

Owners: Linda Bednarski and Nancy Arbuckle

Captain Nick's Tiller Towards Trouble

Medina Swarm Agility

2/17/18

CPE Level 2 Title

Owner: Christine Nickerson

Captain Nick's Shiver Me Timbers

Medina Swarm Agility

2/17/18

CPE Level 3 Title

Owner: Christine Nickerson

Captain Nick's Rogue Wave

Medina Swarm Agility

2/17 & 2/18

7 CPE Agility Q's

five 1st places

CI2-F & CL2-S Titles

Owner: Christine Nickerson

Captain Nick's Compass Rose

Medina Swarm Agility

2/17/18

CPE Level 2 Title

Owner: Christine Nickerson

General COLRC Information



The **UNLEASHED!** is a publication by and for the members of the **Central Ohio Labrador Retriever Club** and others interested in the betterment of the sport and advancement of cooperative communication within the Labrador community and the dog fancy.

The articles and information contained in this publication have been deemed by the editor to be of interest to our readers but do not necessarily reflect the beliefs or the opinions of the editor or COLRC members. Reader input is actively solicited.

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Dues are \$25 annually for a single membership and \$40 for a joint membership. Business cards will be placed on the COLRC website for the year at a cost of \$50 for members and non-members.

Club members who wish to utilize the Litter Listing Column of the newsletter and website will be required to pay \$50 per litter listing unless they have worked at two of our three club events during the course of the year.

Meetings General meetings shall take place the first Wednesday of every month unless otherwise noted.

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