

## **GPCA Legislative Liaison Job Description**

The German Pinscher Club of America's Legislative Liaison to the AKC is selected by the GPCA Board of Governors to support the GPCA legislative initiative in association with the AKC legislative program. This position is subject to the final authority of the GPCA Board of Directors.

**Goal:** The GPCA Legislative Liaison provides an important communication link between the GPCA and the AKC Canine Legislation Department.

**Purpose:** The Legislative Liaison helps the GPCA influence local, state and federal legislative issues affecting purebred dogs and their owners.

### **The Legislative Liaison's responsibilities include:**

1. Remaining aware of issues which may impact the sport of purebred dogs.
2. Collecting and reviewing information from other Club members regarding legislative issues proposed in their local communities.
3. Receiving materials, updates and advice from the AKC Canine Legislative Department and distributing information to other Club members.

### **As needed, the Legislative Liaison will also:**

1. Assist other Club members in addressing legislative issues in their local communities and States. Prepare the text of letters and other material that will be sent to legislators.
2. Present the views and interests of the purebred dog fancy to lawmakers, other citizens and the news media.
3. Organize and motivate other Club members to become active in the legislative process, and encourage other interested fanciers to help advance legislation that will benefit purebred dog owners and breeders.
4. Share the Club's experiences and expertise with government officials, members of the community and other interested fanciers.
5. Prepare the Club for action should a legislative initiative arise that requires input from purebred dog owners and breeders.
6. The Committee Chairman must present an annual report to the Board prior to the Annual Meeting as required by the GPCA Constitution/By-Laws.
7. The Legislative Liaison will maintain a list of GPCA members in each state to serve as support when required.

Committee chairs must submit a quarterly report each quarter for publication in the Pinscher Press. The current deadlines are: March 10, June 10, September 10 and December 10. If no committee action has occurred during a quarter that should also be reported. The yearly report required for the annual membership meeting will count as one of the quarterly reports.

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By the authority of the GPCA Constitution/Bylaws, any committee member who does not follow these guidelines may be terminated by a majority vote of the full membership of the Board upon written notice to the appointee; and the Board may appoint a successor for the person whose service has been terminated.

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