COVID-19 Liability Protection Legislation Sample Letter for Clubs

Dear (Representative or Senator):

On behalf of the (insert club name), we are/I am writing to ask you to support legislation (note the specific bill number if there is one) that to provide temporary, targeted liability protections for transmission of COVID-19 for organizations such as our club, if all required and reasonable efforts are made to protect the safety of individuals at a dog show or similar community event.

*Personalize here – tell about your club. How long have you been in existence? Does your club have a goal or mission statement? What is the makeup of your club? (For example: Our club is comprised of members representing over 100 cumulative years of experience in showing, breeding, and rescuing dogs.)*

*Share a couple bullet points of specific ways your club is involved in the community. Do you have public education days? Microchip clinics? Offer CGC tests? Donate money for K-9, search and rescue or other notable causes? Are you involved with rescue activities? What do you do to promote responsible dog ownership and make a positive impact on the community/state? (Another idea instead of this paragraph is to attach a brief one-page document to the letter outlining what your club does in the community.)*

*Mention your show, its location, how many days it lasts, and the entries. Consider checking the Economic Impact of Dog Shows statistics in the Legislative Action Center and attaching the handout for your state to demonstrate the show’s impact on the community.*

In an effort to ensure the safety of exhibitors and animals, the AKC has provided AKC dog clubs with extensive guidelines to be used in conjunction with CDC and state COVID-19 guidelines to follow when hosting events and shows. *(If there are additional steps you are taking, very briefly mention that here).* Temporary, targeted liability protection will be a great benefit to local dog clubs and other similar not-for-profit and community organizations seeking to re-establish operations, and which in turn, will have a significant positive impact on our community.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please contact (insert contact name and phone number and/or email).

*(Insert club name) thanks you for your consideration and looks forward to the opportunity of working with you to promote responsible dog ownership and events in our (city, state, community).*

Sincerely,

Your Name

Address

Contact information