

Assembly Bill 702 Sample Letter for Breeders/Clubs:

Subject: Please Vote NO on AB 702

Dear Members of the California Assembly Business and Professions Committee:

I am writing you today because I am a constituent and I am concerned about Assembly Bill 702 (**or we are a club located in California and oppose AB 702**) - a measure that would impose unreasonable regulations on responsible dog breeders.

Assembly Bill 702 creates arbitrary requirements that are vague, confusing, and may not always be in the best interest of dogs. It also may be almost impossible for me (**or our club members**) to obtain the business license as I am a hobbyist living in a residential area.

AB 702 is being advertised as the solution for shelter population issues and bad breeders. This is not accurate. Shelter populations in the state are declining, and many shelters already import dogs from out of state.

An unfunded mandate like AB 702 will not automatically create more responsible owners or improve the welfare of dogs in California. It is unlikely to have any effect on irresponsible breeders or owners who are already breaking current laws. Instead, it will put more strain on local animal control that is already stretched thin, and punish responsible breeders and dog owners like me who strive to raise healthy, well cared-for puppies that are placed with responsible owners.

Personalize here – identify yourself as a dog owner, breeder and/or fancier. How many years have you been involved with dogs? What steps do you take in caring for your dogs? What do you do to ensure your dogs never end up in a shelter?

For clubs: How long have you been in existence? Approximately how many years of dog experience do your members represent in total? What efforts to your members make to protect/care for their dogs? Do you host shows? If so, where are they? Emphasize that these shows celebrate responsible breeding and inject significant money into the local economy.

As a taxpayer, I am also concerned at the extensive burden this will place on my community leaders who will be forced to find the resources to attempt to enforce this arbitrary, vague, and unnecessary bill. Data shows that shelter populations are actually decreasing across the state, negating the alleged urgent need for this bill.

View AKC's legislative alert at: <https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/california-breeder-permits-bill-ab-702-set-april-27-hearing-contact-committee-today/> to select one or two additional talking points that matter to you.

Please vote “no” on Assembly Bill 702. Instead, focus on strong enforcement of current laws and consumer protection that hold owners and sellers accountable, protect dogs, and address real issues in California without punishing responsible breeders.

Sincerely,
Your Name

City, State