

We Can Help

RELATIONSHIP BUILDING
NILIF and Rewarding Good Behavior

How do we get our dog
and build a good relationship
with us?

**Help! Where Do I Start
When I Need Help
Training My Puppy or Dog**

Few people begin their lives with a new dog or puppy expecting to fail. Unfortunately, failure is often the result. Our shelters are full of dogs that started their lives with hope and promise but become lost, unruly, not housetrained, disobedient and the like.

**Articles & Resources
for the pet owner**

DOGS:

- *Relationship Building*
- *Critical Stages of Puppyhood*
- *Rewarding Good Behavior*
- *Health, Nutrition, Grooming*
- *Canine Behavior*
- *Dog Play & Socialization*

CATS:

- *Behavior & Communication*
- *Litterbox Training*
- *Bringing Home a New Cat*
- *Training Cats*
- *Care & Feeding*

PLUS Care & Information Articles
for birds, small animals & reptiles

NCRAOA

North Carolina Responsible Animal Owners Alliance



**Contact NCRAOA
for educational
materials**

- 🐾 Flyers & handouts
- 🐾 Pet care
- 🐾 Pet behavior issues
- 🐾 Pet retention studies
- 🐾 Pet population studies
- 🐾 Legislative reports
- 🐾 Surveys
- 🐾 Studies & Reports

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North Carolina
Responsible Animal Owners Alliance



an animal welfare organization

*North Carolina`s leading
voice for responsible
animal ownership*

Our Mission:

- Educate the public and provide resources and information about animal care and training
- Identify areas of need and assist communities and individuals in reaching sensible solutions to animal issues
- Support reasonable and humane animal welfare laws
- Oppose groups and those individuals that would restrict the rights of responsible animal owners.

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NCRAOA Position Statements

Breeding Restrictions

North Carolina Responsible Animal Owners Alliance (NCRAOA) is opposed to the concept of government legislated breeding restrictions and regulations, including permits, breeding bans, mandatory spay/neuter, and differential licensing. Historically such attempted legislation has proved ineffective in solving community problems and instead targets and impacts those who already maintain and breed animals responsibly. NCRAOA supports educational programs on responsible breeding practices, pet training and pet ownership.

Breed Specific Legislation

Over the decades it has been the custom to point angry fingers at different breeds of dogs to designate them as dangerous or potentially dangerous. Today, the dog that was the mascot of the "Our Gang Comedies" and the trademark of Buster Brown Shoes, the pit bull or his look-alike is called the most dangerous dog on earth. Unsupervised dogs, no matter what the breed, have the potential to become dangerous. Since the United States dog population numbers in the tens of millions NCRAOA maintains it is hysteria rather than factual research that designates certain breeds as being dangerous. Breed specific dangerous dog laws are unfair, unnecessary, and target specific dog owners and their pets without justification. NCRAOA is opposed to breed specific legislation.

Dog Fighting

North Carolina Responsible Animal Owners Alliance (NCRAOA) opposes dog fighting and the breeding and/or training of dogs for the purpose of fighting.

Animal Rights vs Animal Welfare

Animal Welfare:

- ✓ Promotes humane treatment of animals
- ✓ Believes that humans have a responsibility to care for animals
- ✓ Works to improve care for animals
- ✓ Supports the human/animal bond
- ✓ Supports raising and using animals humanely and responsibly for food, fiber, labor, and research
- ✓ Supports managing animal populations by hunting; keeping animals in zoos and other educational venues
- ✓ Supports responsible animal breeding programs

Animal Rights:

- x Is based on a moral and ethical philosophy that animals and humans are equal
- x Believes humans have no right to use, breed, or eat non-humans species
- x Believes animals have rights and should lead their own lives without human interference
- x Believes pet ownership is a form of slavery
- x Plays on the sympathies of animal lovers to pass restrictive laws
- x Opposes breeding of cats and dogs

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Guardian vs Owner

North Carolina Responsible Animal Owners Alliance (NCRAOA) is opposed to any change in the law from owner to guardian. The term guardian does not enhance the relationship or bond between people and animals, and may in fact harm or restrict owners, veterinarians and other service providers in the ability to make decisions necessary for animal well-being.

Responsible Breeding Practices

North Carolina Responsible Animal Owners Alliance (NCRAOA) believes that breeding programs require commitment, time and effort. Responsible breeders should understand the characteristics, health issues, and temperament of their chosen breed before establishing a breeding program. The animal's health and welfare, the socialization of resulting offspring and their placement into responsible homes are of utmost importance.

Responsible Pet Ownership

North Carolina Responsible Animal Owners Alliance (NCRAOA) supports responsible pet ownership which provides rewarding interaction between people and animals. A responsible owner must provide health care, food, shelter, training, and exercise which takes time and commitment. Pets are not disposable. We discourage impulse buying; we support making informed decisions before adding a pet to a household. Pet ownership means a responsibility to your community for both the owner and pet to be good neighbors and obey laws set in place for the well-being of animals and protection of the property of others.