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AKC TAKEN TO TASK BY ONE OF THEIR OWN

Those that have read the recent New York Times expose of the AKC will certainly not be surprised to learn that the AKC is opposing the PUPS Act as well as USDA's new regulation on Internet puppy mills as the AKC historically opposes all animal welfare legislation.

http://www.nytimes.com/2013/02/10/sports/many-animal-lovers-now-see-american-kennel-club-as-an-outlier.html?_r=0

What did come as a surprise was a recent letter to Alan Kalter, Chairman of the Board of the AKC, from a former AKC Executive Field Agent.

Dear Mr. Kalter,

As the owner of a purebred dog, registered with the American Kennel Club, I received an email from you defending the AKC against an article appearing in the New York Times. This article chronicles alleged violations by the AKC of its own rules and regulations. After reading the article and your response to it, I flashed back over twenty years to a time which was strikingly similar to what I am reading now.

*During my years spent as a criminal investigator for the federal government, and then as an Executive Field Agent for the AKC, **I passed through the ghettos and concentration camps on the fringes of the purebred dog industry.***

During this time many cases were documented similar to the ones reported in the New York Times article. The investigations and hearings produced clear and compelling evidence against the breeders of dogs registered by the AKC which should not have been eligible for entry into the stud book. The hierarchy of the AKC refused to purge these registrations which led to diminished credibility of the AKC and demoralized the investigative staff.

*Sadly to say, it appears to me that the trend continues to this day. Instead of assuming an adverse position, **the AKC should embrace the various organizations whose only agenda is the care and well-***

***being of the dogs involved.** This should not be a difficult undertaking; simply follow the rules, suspend the violators, and purge the stud book of ineligible registrations.*

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