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Position Statement on Breed Specific Legislation

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The Virginia Animal Control Association does not support the concept of breed specific legislation. Instead, support is given to legislation and law that address the actual behavior of the dog. Under the Code of Virginia, § 3.2-6540 – Control of dangerous or vicious dogs: *No canine or canine crossbreed shall be found to be a dangerous dog or vicious dog solely because it is a particular breed, nor is the ownership of a particular breed of canine or canine crossbreed prohibited.* The Virginia Animal Control Association supports breed neutral laws, such as the one in Virginia, along with legislation that promotes the responsible care and ownership of all dogs, regardless of the breed.