

The results of quality breeding and veterinary care:  
 'Lovable, Huggable, Happy, Well Adjusted and Balanced " Purebred Dogs



HELP Breeders and Veterinarians continue to offer these clinically safe procedures as a part of the future welfare for all breeds concerned!

There are many misconceptions about docking and cropping. It has been said to interfere with the dog's balance and socialization. This is not true.

For more information on docking, cropping and dew claw removal: <http://www.k9alliance.com>.

#### UK Council for docked breeds

Tail docking is a very emotional subject the world over. The Council of Docked Breeds (CDB) campaigns to protect the freedom to choose the tail docking option. Based in the UK it is a non-profit organization manned by dog breeders.

#### New Zealand Council of Docked Breeds

The NZCDB was first formed to fight the proposed inclusion of a ban in the Animal Welfare Act in 1997. The Council was instrumental in having the Tail Docking Section removed from the Act and New Zealand breeders maintained their Freedom of Choice

The New Zealand Council of Docked Breeds (NZCDB) was re-established in 2004 to fight the introduction of a Private Members Bill into New Zealand Parliament ~ The Animal Welfare (Restriction on Docking of Dogs' tails)

#### K9 Alliance Group

K9 Alliance was formed to introduce the growing misconception among the general public and veterinarians about the practice of docking, cropping and dew claw removal. They are working to stop the quickly spreading veterinary association rulings' on this practice as being cruel and cosmetic

*This poster is intended to be a rebuttal against the original poster from the British Veterinary Association Animal Welfare Foundation., "Every dog should have a tail to tell..."*

## Cropped and docked dogs live happy and well adjusted lives.



Not all puppies are born with short tails. Some are actually born bobtailed while others require tail shortening or docking when the pups are a few days old. Although many breeds are born with an upright ear, there are others that require surgery or cropping, generally between 9 and 12 weeks of age. Cropping, performed under general anaesthetic by an experienced veterinarian, is a safe procedure with minimal recovery time. Docking and dew claw removal is of medical benefit to the dog preventing future tail amputations or leg damage. (Veterinary Record tail damage report: 2010).

These procedures are legal in most countries, including the United States of America, Canada, Spain, and New Zealand, to list a few.

Veterinarians and breeders are asking for the RIGHT OF CHOICE to perform these procedures in a safe, governed fashion.



#### CANADIAN BREEDS:

Breeds that are traditionally cropped.

- American Staffordshire terrier
- Boston Terrier
- Bouvier des Flanders
- Boxer
- Brussels Griffon
- Doberman, Miniature and German Pinscher
- Great Dane
- Schnauzer (all sizes)

Some of the breeds seen with docked tails.

- Australian shepherd
- Bouvier des Flanders
- Boxer
- Doberman, Miniature and German Pinscher
- Old English Sheepdog
- Pembroke Welsh Corgi
- Poodle (all sizes)
- Rottweiler
- Schnauzer (all sizes)
- Schipperke
- Most spaniels, some pointers
- Most terriers Jack Russell, Airedale, Yorkshire, Fox terrier, Welsh

Check with your national kennel club to find a specific breed.