

ARKANSAS SENATE
83rd General Assembly - Regular Session, 2001
Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 2207

"AN ACT TO REGULATE THE OWNERSHIP AND BREEDING OF WOLVES AND WOLF-
DOG HYBRIDS."

Amendment No. 2 to House Bill No. 2207.

Amend House Bill No. 2207 as engrossed, S3/26/01:

Page 1, delete lines 24 through 27 in their entirety

AND

Page 1, line 28, delete "(4)" and substitute "(2)"

AND

Page 1, line 29, delete "and"

AND

Page 1, delete line 30 and substitute the following:

"(3) However, wolves and dogs are scientifically classified as the same species;

(4) "Off" and "Extra" label use of vaccines approved for use in dogs are widely used to vaccinate wolves and wolf-dog hybrids, even by the federal government, to prevent diseases such as rabies;

(5) Failure to vaccinate wolves and wolf-dog hybrids raises the possibility of creating a large pool of animals that could serve as reservoirs for rabies; and

(6) Due to the neglect and irresponsibility of their owners, some wolves and wolf-dog hybrids could pose a threat to public safety in"

AND

Page 1, delete lines 35 and 36 and substitute the following:

"(1)(A) "Wolf-dog hybrid" means any animal which is publicly acknowledged by its owner as being the offspring of a wolf and domestic dog.

(B) No animal may be judged to be a wolf or wolf-dog hybrid based strictly on its appearance."

AND

Page 2, delete line 20 and substitute the following:

"(i) Either an inner chain link fence a minimum of fifteen (15) feet long"

AND

Page 2, delete line 25 and substitute the following:

"four (4) feet between the two (2) fences unless the inner fence is an electric fence, posted with warning signs, and the"

AND

Page 2, delete line 29 and substitute the following:

"single animal length and width for each additional animal."

AND

Page 2, delete line 31 and substitute the following:

"(3) No more than four (4) total of wolves or wolf-dog hybrids or both per acre."

AND

Page 2, delete line 32 and substitute the following:

"(c) Adequate confinement shall not include tethering of a wolf or wolf-dog hybrid not"

AND

Page 2, delete lines 34 through 36 and substitute the following:

"(d)(1) Adequate feeding shall include daily feedings and provisions of water."

(2) The feed used shall consist of a minimum meat-based protein content of twenty-five percent (25%) and crude fat of fifteen percent (15%), with exceptions for geriatric and overweight animals or under the advice of a licensed veterinarian."

AND

Page 3, delete line 1 in its entirety

AND

Page 3, delete lines 16 through 20 and substitute the following:

"SECTION 6. (a) Wolves and wolf-dog hybrids are required to be vaccinated by a licensed veterinarian against rabies with a vaccine approved for dog use, and a rabies certificate may be issued."

(b) Veterinarians must inform the owner of the wolf or wolf-dog hybrid, preferably in writing, that the vaccination is considered "off label" and that protection against rabies is not guaranteed."

(c) If a wolf or wolf-dog hybrid bites a person, the following criteria will be used by an official of the Department of Health in dealing

with the animal:

(1) The decision shall consider, at least:

(A) The epidemiology and risk of rabies in the species of animal in question;

(B) Possible prior exposure to a rabies vector;

(C) Behavior of the animal at the time of the bite;

(D) Prior rabies vaccinations; and

(E) Other circumstances that may exist.

(2) In some situations, the department will consider the initiative and willingness of the individual so exposed to submit to postexposure anti-rabies immunization after being adequately informed of all potential risks;

(3) Any biting animal determined to be at significant risk for the transmission of rabies shall upon written order by the Director of the Department of Health, or a specifically designated representative, be humanely killed and the brain tissue submitted for testing; and

(4) The department has the authority to order the quarantine of an animal, determined to be a very low risk for the transmission of rabies, for a thirty (30) day observation period as an alternate method to euthanasia and testing.

(d) Owners must be notified and given three (3) business days to provide proof to the Department of Health in their animal's defense before the animal can be euthanized.

(e) If, in the future, the United States Department of Agriculture approves the use of rabies vaccines in wolves or wolf-dog hybrids or both, then wolves and wolf-dog hybrids will fall under the same regulations as dogs regarding biting humans and rabies control."

AND

Page 3, delete line 23 and substitute the following:

"or destroys another animal while out of its confined area, the person responsible for the adequate"

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator Webb
MF/RTK - 033020010932
RTK393

Secretary