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## **KVMA Policy on Dangerous Animal Legislation**

The KVMA supports dangerous animal legislation by state, county, or municipal governments provided that legislation does not refer to specific breeds or classes of animals. This legislation should be directed at fostering safety and protection of the general public from animals classified as dangerous.

The AVMA and KVMA recommend the following strategies to prevent dog bite injuries:

- 1) enforcement of generic, non-breed-specific dangerous dog laws, with an emphasis on chronically irresponsible owners;
- 2) enforcement of animal control ordinances such as leash laws;
- 3) prohibition of dog fighting;
- 4) encouraging neutering; and
- 5) school-based and adult education programs that teach pet selection strategies, pet care and responsibility, and bite prevention.

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