



GEORGIA CANINE COALITION, INC.  
GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY END OF SESSION REVIEW  
First Term 2023-2024

Below is the report of the end of the First Term of the Two-Year Session (2023-2024). If a bill did not pass this session, it can be considered in the next Session starting in January 2024.

#### HOUSE BILLS

HB 33 – To amend Chapter 50 of title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to veterinarians and veterinary technicians, so as to provide for the State Board of Veterinary Medicine to be an independent state agency attached to the Department of Agriculture for administrative purposes only, and for other purposes. Assigned to House Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee. Withdrawn and recommitted on 3/29/23.

HB 217- To amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to gambling, so as to revise provisions relative to dog fighting; to prohibit fighting of dogs and gamecocks; to prohibit possession or sale of fighting related objects, and for other purposes. The GCC submitted substitute language so that the use of treadmills and other common dog training, conditioning and physical therapy equipment cannot be misinterpreted as illegal activity. Assigned to House Judiciary - Non-Civil Committee. Did not move.

HB 423 – To amend Part 1 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to dangerous instrumentalities and practices, so as to revise provisions relating to harming a law enforcement animal; to provide for the offense of interfering with a public safety animal, and for other purposes. Assigned to House Judiciary – Non-Civil Committee. Did not move.

HB 573 – To amend Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to animal protection generally, so as to prohibit the marketing and transferring of certain domestic animals at certain locations, and for other purposes. This addresses sales and transfers of pets on roadsides, parking lots and certain other public areas, Assigned to House Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee. Did not move.

## SENATE BILLS

SB 142 – To amend Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to responsible dog ownership, so as to revise the definition of dangerous dog, and for other purposes. The definition of “dangerous dog” in this bill would include any dog that demonstrates a propensity for domination or aggressive behavior as indicated by any of the following types of conduct: (i) Unprovoked barking when people are present; (ii) Aggressively running along fence lines when people are present; or (iii) escaping confinement or restraint to chase people. The GCC submitted substitute language for this problematic and overreaching bill. Assigned to the Senate Insurance and Labor Committee. Did not move.

SB 155 – To amend Part 1 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to dangerous instrumentalities and practices, so as to revise provisions relating to harming a law enforcement animal; to provide for the offenses of interfering with or harming a public safety animal or search and rescue animal; and for other purposes. Substitute passed and signed by Governor Kemp 4/26/23.

SB 330 – To amend Chapter 8 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dogs, so as to provide protections for dogs kept outdoors, and for other purposes. Assigned to Senate Public Safety Committee. Did not move.

SR 344 - A resolution to commend the benefits and contributions of purebred dogs and recognize May 1, 2023 as Georgia Purebred Dog Day at the Capitol. Sponsored by Senators Anavitarte of the 31<sup>st</sup>, Dixon of the 45<sup>th</sup> and Goodman of the 8<sup>th</sup>. Did not move.