GEORGIA CANINE COALITION, INC.
END OF SESSION REVIEW
Second Term 2025-2026

Below is the report of the end of the Second Term of the Two-Year Session (2025-2026). If a bill did not pass this session, it is dead and would have to be reintroduced in the 2027-2028 Session.

HOUSE BILLS

HB 668
To amend Title 16, Chapter 4 of Title 30, and Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, to provide for a criminal penalty for a person who causes death or physical harm to a service dog, to provide for a penalty for persons who misrepresent the need for a service dog, and for other purposes. The GCC supported this bill, it passed, was signed by Governor Kemp on 5/11/2026 and became effective on 7/1/2026.

HB 1195
To amend Article 7 of Chapter 50 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, to revise provisions relating to veterinary telemedicine, teleadvice, and teletriage and the veterinary-client-patient relationship and for other purposes. Provides protocols allowing these veterinary care practices if no veterinary-client-relationship exists. The GCC was neutral on this bill, it passed, and became effective when it was signed by Governor Kemp on 5/11/2026.

HB 1408
To amend Chapter 19 of Title 31 and Chapter 50 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, to authorize licensed veterinary technicians under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian to administer antirabies vaccinations to animals required by this state to be inoculated against rabies, and for other purposes. The GCC was neutral on this bill, it passed, was signed by Governor Kemp on 5/11/2026 and became effective on 7/1/2026.

HR 1323
A RESOLUTION commending the benefits and contributions of purebred dogs to the State of Georgia and recognizing May, 1, 2026, as Georgia Purebred Dog Day and for other purposes. Spearheaded by the Georgia Canine Coalition and sponsored by Representative Hong of the 103rd, Jenkins of the 136th, and Howard of the 71st, this resolution was adopted on February 10, 2026.

HR 1704
A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Dangerous Animal Attacks and Animal Control Resources in Rural Georgia, and for other purposes. Died in House Special Rules Committee.

SENATE BILLS

SB 587
To amend Chapters 5 and 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, to create a publicly accessible registry of individuals convicted of animal cruelty in order to assist shelters in screening potential owners, and for other purposes. The GCC was neutral on this bill, it passed, was signed by Governor Kemp on 5/11/2026 and became effective on 7/1/2026.

SB 590
To amend Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, to limit the total number of dogs that may be possessed for breeding purposes, to expand minimal standards of care applicable to dog breeders, and for other purposes. Assigned to the Senate Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee. The GCC opposed this bill which made no progression after introduction and died.

SR 848
A RESOLUTION commending the benefits and contributions of purebred dogs to the State of Georgia and recognizing May, 1, 2026, as Georgia Purebred Dog Day and for other purposes. Spearheaded by the Georgia Canine Coalition, sponsored by Clint Dixon of the 45th, Shawn Still of the 48th, Chuck Payne of the 54th, Jason T. Dickerson of the 21st, Kay Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Gail Davenport of the 17th, Ed Setzler of the 37th, Kenya Wicks of the 34th, Kim Jackson of the 41st, Jason Albers of the 56th, Randy Robertson of the 29th, Ben Watson of the 1st, David Lucas of the 26th, Lee Anderson of the 24th and Russ Goodman of the 8th. Adopted on February 25, 2026.