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RE: AKC Supports Amendment to SB 723, Protecting Dog Field Trials and Hunt Testing

The Honorable Floyd Prozanski
Chairman, Oregon Senate Committee on Judiciary
900 Court St. NE, S-413
Salem, Oregon 97301

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Senator Prozanski and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

The American Kennel Club writes today regarding Senate Bill 723. As introduced, the bill would prohibit field trials and hunt testing in Oregon, and possibly hunting in general.

The American Kennel Club was established in 1884 and promotes the study, breeding, exhibiting, and advancement of purebred dogs. We, along with our 5,100-affiliated clubs nationally, advocate for the purebred dog as a family companion, advance canine health and wellbeing, protect the rights of dog owners, and promote the ideals of responsible dog ownership. As the world's largest purebred dog registry, the nation's largest purebred rescue network, and the only not-for-profit purebred dog registry devoted to the health and wellbeing of all dogs, the American Kennel Club actively advocates for humane treatment of *all* dogs.

We understand the Committee is considering amendments to the bill's original language that will focus the legislation on hunting contests involving coyotes. We want to express our appreciation for this amendment and the many positive changes made to protect the rights of hunters and sportsmen.

We urge you to support the bill as amended. We also respectfully ask that the committee consider a further amendment that clarifies that dog field trials and hunt testing will continue to be protected in Oregon.

Please contact me should you have additional questions or if I may be of assistance with amending the legislation or answering any questions. I'm available at 919-816-3578, or Robert.Miller@akc.org.

Thank you again for your consideration and for protecting the rights of responsible hunters and sportsmen in Oregon.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert Miller
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