

I am an instructor for Columbia agility team. Over the course of my 30 years as an instructor and competitor, it has become more difficult to find barns to teach and train in. The bill of 2013 was supposed to solve this issue, but again has made it difficult for people wanting to put up barns in agriculture areas for just using for dog activities.

The owners and their dogs follow strict guideline by owners. 1. dogs must be in control at all times. 2 owners MUST clean up after their dogs. 3. Barking is to be kept 2 a minimum.

Dogs are not as hard on the ground as horses are, need less area to run.

Please considered that this is what was the expected outcome 8 years ago and as usual in government ruling, someone added or did not add something to make this fair and reasonable to those of us that do sports activities. Also dog activities that could be done in these "only" dog barns might include Obedience, Confirmation, Scent work, Barn hunt, Tricks training, Tri Ball and Flyball.

As you can see, Dog sports continue to grow all the time and a few more barns just for dogs is becoming a valuable commodity