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THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB ANNOUNCES NEW WRITING CONTEST FOR LAW STUDENTS

New York, NY – The American Kennel Club® (AKC), the world’s largest purebred dog registry and leading advocate for dogs, is pleased to announce the launch of the Companion Animal Law Writing Contest.

The contest is open to all students currently enrolled at an ABA-accredited law school. The contest will offer a first-place prize of $2500 and a second-place prize of $500. Students will have two topics to choose from and submissions are currently being accepted. The topics available are companion animal law and pet custody law.

“The American Kennel Club is pleased to sponsor the Companion Animal Law Writing Contest,” said Sheila Goffe, AKC Vice President of Government Relations. “These students represent the future of animal law. We look forward to reading their responses on these hot-button issues; and encourage them to submit their work.”

Entries will be judged by legal and public policy professionals with experience in laws impacting companion animals. Contestants can enter now through March 30, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. EST.

The AKC is happy to welcome the American Veterinary Medical Association, Cat Fanciers Association, and the Animal Health Institute as collaborators on the Companion Animal Law Writing Contest. To learn more about the contest, including official rules and policies, please visit writeaboutanimallaw.com

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About the American Kennel Club

Founded in 1884, the American Kennel Club is a not-for-profit organization, which maintains the largest registry of purebred dogs in the world and oversees the sport of purebred dogs in the United States. The AKC is dedicated to upholding the integrity of its registry, promoting the sport of purebred dogs and breeding for type and function. Along with its more than 5,000 licensed and member clubs and its
affiliated organizations, the AKC advocates for the purebred dog as a family companion, advances canine health and well-being, works to protect the rights of all dog owners and promotes responsible dog ownership. More than 22,000 competitions for AKC-registered purebred dogs are held under AKC rules and regulations each year including conformation, agility, obedience, rally, tracking, herding, lure coursing, coonhound events, hunt tests, field and earthdog tests. Affiliate AKC organizations include the AKC Humane Fund, AKC Canine Health Foundation, AKC Reunite and the AKC Museum of the Dog. For more information, visit www.akc.org.

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