

LGD Task Force Update  
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Since last ASAB meeting, the Task force met 2X and completed independent research during the periods between meetings. Bob has been part of meetings or part of meeting debrief and is aware of our recommendation and has been provided with the materials we reviewed.

- Research has included:
  - o Evaluation of ordinances from other jurisdictions
  - o Responses from keepers of LGD and others in the animal training trade
  - o Review of literature regarding LGD

Preliminary recommendation:

1. Exception to shelter requirements in the county ordinance for LGD under the following conditions:
  - o Working dog
  - o During period of working
  - o Registered with the County as a LGD for “working dog status”
    - Potentially dangerous by definition
    - Some don’t wear collars
2. Under those conditions, the LGD will have a separate adequate shelter requirement:
  - a. LGD must have *access* to adequate shelter that protects them from the weather (wind, rain, snow, sun, extreme temperatures, etc.)
  - b. The standard will be *adequacy*, determined on a case by case basis by AS director

Next steps:

1. Reach out to Agriculture Preservation Board to invite feedback regarding proposal
2. At appropriate time, Bob will direct staff to begin work on administrative form for registering LGD
3. Place on agenda for motion and vote at February ASAB meeting with notice to the public (for public comment)
4. Specify what if any documents ASAB would like from research and get to Rachel for inclusion in meeting packet

To do:

Ed: ASPCA recommendation about adequate shelter

Lori to reached out to chair Ag Pres Board and principal staff person that this is happening as a discussion- tentatively on their May agenda