



*PEMBROKE WELSH CORGI CLUB
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To: The American Veterinary Medical Association

The Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America is writing to you in opposition to the AVMA's policy opposing tail docking and ear cropping. We feel you have been negatively influenced about these issues by special interest groups who are not aware of the reasoning behind tail docking and ear cropping and/or of the humane methods by which these procedures are accomplished.

Tails are docked on Pembroke Welsh Corgi puppies when they are generally less than 3 days old, and when the tail bones and nervous system are not yet fully formed. This is a very humane and almost painless procedure. Puppies that have been docked immediately return to normal nursing and settle in with their dam. The Pembroke Welsh Corgi does have a bob-tailed gene in its genetic make-up which accounts for many naturally bob-tailed dogs. We humanely dock the puppies who are born with long-tails in order to preserve the originality and the uniformity of our breed.

We are asking your organization to reconsider its opposition to tail docking and ear cropping.

Most sincerely,

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