

# NEVADA SPORTING DOG ALLIANCE



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TO PROMOTE THE USE OF SPORTING DOGS FOR HUNTING AND CONSERVATION THROUGH  
PUBLIC EDUCATION

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## HERITAGE

By some estimates, the domestication of canines by early humans goes back over 30,000 years. During that time our two species have developed a unique relationship, one that is deeper than symbiosis, more meaningful than a partnership. No wonder then that dogs are often referred to as mankind's best friend. Here in Nevada we have a rich and longstanding heritage of sporting dogs; whether by ranchers, hound handlers, or bird hunters, this heritage is a rich, diverse, and meaningful part of our state's culture.



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## CONSERVATION

Sporting dogs are a tremendous asset to conservation workers and hunters alike. For instance, much of what we know about mountain lions in Nevada was facilitated by the use of trained hounds. Wildlife managers in our state also utilize specially trained Karelian Bear Dogs to reduce human-black bear conflicts. The use of trained dogs also helps hunters to make informed and selective harvests consistent with the management objectives established by wildlife biologists. Sporting dogs are an integral part of wildlife conservation.



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## PASSION

Passion is a defining characteristic of our membership. Few things are as obviously joyful and fulfilled as a purpose-bred dog doing what it was born to do. Similarly, few things bring us as much joy and fulfillment when we participate in these activities with our dogs. While some might criticize that our dogs are simply tools – we wholeheartedly reject that notion. To the contrary, our dogs are our family, our best friends, and beloved companions. We cherish them and the game we pursue.