



Virginia Hunting Dog Alliance
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2009 Political Endorsements



Are you tired of the animal rights folks attacking you and your rural traditions? People who love horses, who raise cattle, swine or poultry share the same enemies as you do. Last year Virginia's Hunters won a great victory in the legislature. It was not only about hunting with dogs, but all hunting, even Duck Hunting on the Potomac River! If we do not act now and ensure that the people elected to Virginia's House of Delegates and the statewide offices of Governor, Lt. Governor and Attorney General not only support us, but are truly our friends, we stand to lose not just the recent victories but centuries of our Heritage. If you haven't read the past issues of this newsletter you may not know the threat we face. Check out our website: www.vahda.org/news.htm

Stand up now, be counted among those who are willing to defend our great traditions. This issue will provide you with the facts necessary to carry the fight to our enemies and lift up our friends.

BOB McDONNELL FOR GOVERNOR!

We proudly endorse former Attorney General Bob McDonnell to be the next Governor of Virginia. Bob has been a friend to Sportsmen during his time in the Legislature and we believe that he is the best man to lead Virginia for the next four years.

Bob McDonnell is a strong supporter of sportsmen's rights and he believes in preserving these rights for future Virginians. When asked recently about his stand on hunting rights, he said, *"As Governor, I will continue to stand up for the rights of all hunters. I believe that we must vigilantly defend this tradition by upholding the rights of all law abiding citizens to own a firearm, hunt with dogs, and to leave to future generations pristine areas to hunt and fish. Hunters understand firsthand that these rights must be protected, and while I support animal welfare, I am opposed to animal rights and will remain committed to sportsmen's rights to hunt with dogs. I pledge to preserve the proud heritage of all Virginia's sportsmen and to ensure that we continue to pass on all of our hunting traditions."*

Visit his campaign web site <http://www.bobmcdonnell.com/index.php/site/>. Help Bob McDonnell become the next "Sportsmen's Governor by proudly displaying a CSA PAC "Sportsmen for McDonnell" bumper sticker and by volunteering at <http://www.bobmcdonnell.com/index.php/site/action/> to help his campaign at a local event near your home.

Vote for Bob McDonnell for Governor on November 3, 2009.



Bill Bolling for Lt. Governor

Bill Bolling is a true friend to Virginia's Sportsmen and a long time friend of CSA PAC and the Virginia Hunting Dog Alliance. Bill's voting record as a State Senator and as Virginia's Lt. Governor has earned him the respect and support of those who would defend our Virginia Heritage and traditions. A staunch conservative, who leads by example, Bill will be a continue to be a true leader for us.

Ken Cuccinelli for Attorney General



Ken Cuccinelli's record of support for Virginia's Sportsmen and their Heritage is unequalled in the Virginia Senate. Ken has been one of the strongest supporters of our Second Amendment rights in memory! As your Virginia Attorney General Ken will not only defend us, he will be a leader to promote our Rights and Heritage!

The choice is yours. These three men have proven they are our friends. The alternative is a vote for their opponents, candidates that have consistently supported restrictions on an individual's Right to Keep and Bear Arms and support for the legislative proposals of the Radical Animal Rights groups.

Please make sure that everyone you know is registered to vote and votes on November 3, 2009!

It's Your Choice

Creigh Deeds, the Democrat candidate for Governor, introduced legislation (**SB263**) to amend the Right To Retrieve law to take away your hunting license for two years if you were caught trespassing while hunting with hounds. Even pulling off the road along posted

property to get out of the highway to pick up your dog and prevent him from being killed could place you in violation of this law. This would only apply to dog hunters! When it came time to vote on HSUS sponsored bills, including mandatory spay/neuter bill (**SB 1151 & SB 931**), Mr. Deeds left the room to vote to prevent your right to buy or sell guns at flea markets and gun shows without having to register the transaction with the State Police (**SB 1257**), and supported the proposals of Radical Animal Rights groups. Senator Deeds voted to allow anyone to file a dangerous dog complaint (**SB 950**), currently only law enforcement officers can file a complaint.

Prior to 2000, the Virginia Constitution stated "*it shall be the Commonwealth's policy to protect its atmosphere, lands and waters from pollution, impairment or destruction, for the benefit, enjoyment and general welfare of the people of the Commonwealth.*"

Mr. Deeds co-patroned an amendment to the Virginia Constitution that stated "*The people have a right to hunt, fish and harvest game, subject to such regulations and restrictions as the General Assembly may prescribe by general law.*" (Effective January 1, 2001). If your right to keep and bear arms in the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution were subject to the whim (regulation) of Congress as your right to hunt now is under the Virginia Constitution, how long would you have your guns? Mr. Deeds would have you believe the amendment gives protection to your right to hunt, fish and harvest game! The amendment, that he co-patroned, **only gives more power to the politicians!**

Virginia House of Delegates

The Virginia House of Delegates has 100 members that are elected every two years. The election of the members House of Delegates is this November. Next to Governor, the position of Speaker is the most important position in your Virginia government. The Speaker controls the agenda of the House of Delegates, appoints committee Chairman to control the day-to-day work of the House. The speaker is elected by the party, be it Democrat or Republican by the majority of seats in the House. The Speaker promotes “the Party line”.



William Howell, Republican from Fredericksburg/Stafford County is the current Speaker. Speaker Howell is the best friend that Virginia’s Sportsmen have in Virginia Government. He has proven time and again that he will protect your interests. The support of House Republicans stopped the efforts of Governor Kaine and the Board of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to severely limit or ban hunting with dogs in their tracks in 2009 in the Virginia General Assembly. The visits, letters, email and phone calls to their Delegates by concerned Sportsmen from across Virginia sent a clear message to our friends in the House. We have no better friend than the Speaker, without whom our Heritage would have suffered a major setback. Republicans in the House opposed the passage of any Animal Rights legislation. If the Republicans lose control of the House of Delegates this November, Bill Howell will no longer be the Speaker. If we lose our friend Bill Howell, we will lose our Right to Retrieve our dogs and that will lead the end of hunting with dogs in Virginia! There is simply no other way to say it.

In a better day, we would have many friends from both parties to defend us and we would not have to be so involved in politics. The truth is that friends are extremely few in the ranks of Virginia’s elected Democrats. They are frequently forced to “follow the party line.” You make the choice; don’t blame someone else if you don’t act to strengthen your friends!

We will not endorse all Republicans, but without a Republican majority Bill Howell will not be Speaker and you will lose the greatest weapon we have. If in doubt about who to vote for, vote for the Republican candidate in 2009 to protect your Heritage! Most of them have worked hard to support your Right To Keep and Bear Arms and Virginia’s hunting traditions. There are more contested races than there have been in a decade. We will give you a district by district list of who we think will best protect your interests. If you do not know which district you live in, go to:

[https://www.voterinfo.sbe.virginia.gov/PublicSite/Public/FT2/
PublicLookup.aspx?Link=Registration&AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1](https://www.voterinfo.sbe.virginia.gov/PublicSite/Public/FT2/PublicLookup.aspx?Link=Registration&AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1)

**Virginia General Assembly
Candidates VaHDA Endorses
(in BOLD Print)**

District	Party	Incumbent	Name
1	R	*	Terry G Kilgore
2	D	*	Clarence E Phillips
3	D	*	Dan C Bowling
	R		James Morefield
4	D	*	Joseph P Johnson Jr
5	R	*	CW "Bill" Carrico Sr
6	D		A Carole Pratt
	R	*	Anne B Crockett-Stark
7	D		Peggy H Frank
	R	*	Dave Nutter
8	D		E. Carter Turner III
	R	*	H Morgan Griffith
9	R	*	Charles D Poindexter
10	D	*	Ward L Armstrong
	R		Edward Creed
11	D	*	Onzlee Ware
	R		Troy Bird
12	D	*	James M Shuler
	I		Paul Michael Cornett
13	D		John Bell
	R	*	Robert G Marshall
14	D		F Seward Anderson Jr
	R	*	Danny W Marshall III
15	D		John D Lesinski
	R	*	Todd Gilbert
16	R	*	Donald W Merricks
17	D		Gwendolyn W Mason
	R		William Cleaveland
18	R	*	Clifford "Clay" Athey Jr
19	D		Lewis Bain Medlin Jr
	I	*	Lacey E Putney
20	D		Erik Curren
	R		Richard "Dickie" Bell
21	D	*	Robert W Mathieson
	R		Ronald A Villanueva
22	R	*	Kathy Byron
23	D	*	Shannon R Valentine
	R		T Scott Garrett

District	Party	Incumbent	Name
24	D		Jeff Price
	R	*	Ben Cline
25	D		Gregory Marrow
	R	*	R Steven Landes
26	D		A Gene Hart Jr
	R	*	Matthew J Lohr
27	R	*	Sam Nixon
28	R	*	William J Howell
29	I		Aaron N Tweedie
29	R	*	Beverly Sherwood
30	I		Matthew A Carson
	R	*	Edward T Scott
31	R	*	L Scott Lingamfelter
32	D	*	David E Poisson
32	R		Thomas Greason
33	R	*	Joe T May
34	D	*	Margaret E Vanderhye
	R		Barbara J Comstock
35	D		Mark Keam
	R		James E Hyland
36	D	*	Kenneth R Plum
	R		Mark Whited
37	D	*	David L Bulova
	I		Christopher M Decarlo
38	D		L Kaye Kory
	R		Danny R Smith
39	D	*	Vivian E Watts
	L		Matthew J Cholko
	R		Joseph G Bury
40	D		Susan Conrad
	R	*	Timothy D Hugo
41	D	*	David W Marsden
	R		Kerry Bolognese
42	D		Gregory A Werkheiser
	R	*	David B Albo
43	D	*	Mark D Sickles
	R		Timothy D Nank
44	D		Scott A Surovell
	R		James McConville
45	D	*	David Lawrence Englin
	R		Victoria L Vasques
46	D	*	Charniele L Herring
	R		Sasha Gong

District	Party	Incumbent	Name
47	D		Patrick Hope
	R		Eric Brescia
48	D	*	Robert H Brink
	R		Aaron E Ringel
49	D	*	Adam Ebbin
50	D		Jeanette M Rishell
	R	*	Jackson H Miller
51	D	*	Paul F Nichols
	R		Richard L Anderson
52	D		Luke Torian
	R		Rafael Lopez
53	D	*	James M Scott
	R		Christopher Merola
54	R	*	Robert D Orrock Sr
55	D		Robert N Barnette
	R		John A Cox
56	D		James O Towey
	R	*	William R Janis
57	D	*	David J Toscano
	I		Robert Brandon Smith III
58	D		Cynthia Neff
	R	*	Robert B Bell
59	I	*	Watkins M Abbitt Jr
60	D		David M Guill
	R		James E Edmunds II
61	R	*	Thomas C Wright Jr
62	R	*	Riley E Ingram
63	D	*	Roslyn R Dance
	R		Susan McCammon
64	D	*	William K Barlow
	R		Stan D Clark
65	I		Gary R Reinhardt
	R	*	R LeeWare
66	R	*	M Kirkland Cox
67	D	*	Chuck Caputo
	R		James M LeMunyon
68	I		William K Grogan
	R	*	Manoli Loupassi
69	D		Betsy Carr
	I		L Shirley Harvey
	R		Ernesto Sampson
70	D	*	Delores L McQuinn
	I		Henry OtisBrown

District	Party	Incumbent	Name
71	D	*	Jennifer L McClellan
	I		Silver Persinger
72	R	*	James P Massie III
73	D		Thomas J Shields
73	R	*	John M O'BannonIII
74	D	*	Joseph D Morrissey
	R		Michael Gage
75	D	*	Roslyn Tyler
76	R	*	S Chris Jones
77	D	*	Lionell Spruill Sr
78	R	*	John A Cosgrove
79	D	*	Johnny S Joannou
80	D		Matthew James
	R		Jennifer Lee
81	R	*	Barry D Knight
82	D		Peter W Schmidt
	I		John Oscian Parmele Jr
	R	*	Harry R Purkey
83	D	*	Joseph Bouchard
	R		Christopher Stolle
84	R	*	Salvatore R Iaquinto
85	R	*	Robert M Tata
86	D		Stevens R Miller
	R	*	ThomasD Rust
87	D	*	Paula Miller
	R		John N Amiral
88	R	*	Mark L Cole
89	D	*	Kenneth Alexander
	I		Anthony Triplin
90	D	*	Algie T Howell Jr
	R		Jason Call
91	D		Samuel L Eure Jr
	I		Gordon C Helsel Jr
	R	*	ThomasD Gear
92	D	*	Jeion Ward
93	D		Robin Abbott
	R	*	Phillip A Hamilton
94	D		Gary R West
	R	*	G Glenn Oder
95	D	*	Mamye BaCote
96	R	*	Brenda F Pogge
97	R	*	Christopher K Peace

District	Party	Incumbent	Name
98	R	*	Harvey B Morgan
99	D	*	Albert C Pollard Jr
	R		Catherine Crabill
100	D	*	Lynwood W Lewis Jr
	I		John W Smith Jr
	R		Melody Scalley

You can contact your local candidates and volunteer to help them at the polls on election day. You can help distribute literature. You can become active in a campaign, get to know your elected officials and multiply the influence you have!

To Volunteer Locally go to the nearest Victory Center:
http://www.bobmcdonnell.com/index.php/victory_offices



Delegate Tommy Wright listens to VaHDA Board member Reg Cook at the Leadership meeting in April, 2009.

Sportsmen for Bob McDonnell Signs

Put up a 4 x 8 Ft. sign to show your support for our Heritage. If you have a high traffic location with good visibilty contact us at info@vahda.org or call a Victory Center. Put a Sportsmen for Bob McDonnell, Sportsmen for Bill Bolling or Sportsmen for Ken Cuccinelli on your truck or dog box.

VHDA Reward for Abandoned Dogs - \$250

The Virginia Hunting Dog Alliance is offering a reward of \$250.00 for the arrest and conviction in Virginia of anyone convicted of dumping (abandoning) a hunting dog. The Animal Rights groups condemn Houndsmen for two issues. Knowing the support that hunting has among the general public they attempt to portray all Houndsmen as Neanderthals that abandon or mistreat their dogs. We believe that any honest Veterinarian will tell you some people take better care of their animals than others, but on balance hunters take far better care of their dogs than does the average pet owner. We can win this argument as long as we respond to their false attacks and police our own ranks.

Hunting Season Reminders

Hunting is about to begin. Please follow some very easy to understand suggestions that will help all of us.

- Insist that those that you hunt with and that hunt in your neighborhood are ethical hunters. Never turn your dogs loose with the intention of chasing game across land that you do not have permission to hunt. Do not tolerate people that trespass to hunt. You have been granted the right to retrieve your dogs under strict conditions... Know the law and obey it!
- Report ALL law violators! The few outlaws that are among us are not the reason for Animal Rights groups attacking us, but we do not need to give anyone any ammunition to use against us.
- Teach new hunters the right way to do things.
- Make sure that your dogs are well cared for and promote your sport!
- Use missing dogs web pages if you lose a dog or think it might be stolen! <http://www.vahda.org/missingdogfacts.htm> Our site is linked to pounds and shelter statewide to prevent anti dog hunting groups from carrying a dog to a shelter several counties away to be killed before find out he's there.

DEER POSTER/PUBLIC SAFETY RESPONSE ON THE WEB

In response to attacks by Animal Rights groups and their activists we have produced a public safety poster called "Deer through the Windshield" that you can print or have printed to tell non-hunters why hunting saves lives and money. For a few pennies you can go to Kinko's, Staples, Office Depot, etc. and have a color poster made. You can copy the file from our web sight <http://www.vahda.org/PDFs/DeerWindshield.pdf> and use it for a newspaper ad, a poster to put up in the local stores and neighboring hunt clubs. This is something that all hunters can easily do to help get a positive message about hunting into their community. Give a positive image to the non-hunting public.

VaHDA Hunter Incident Report

The VaHDA Hunter Incident Report is now ready. This report is a way of establishing a permanent record of *DOGS – STOLEN - SHOT - DETAINED - TRACKING COLLAR REMOVED - PICKED UP & Hauled Off, INTERFERNCE with LEGAL HUNTING - FALSE REPORT* .. Permanent records of these acts are needed to establish a basis for countering these illegal acts via the media, for potential future legislation, and alerting law enforcement to the extent of the problem. As you may recall, DGIF has implemented a new system for collecting data on complaints/allegations against hunters, so we must do likewise for acts perpetrated against hunters.

A copy of this form is available on our web site at <http://www.vahda.org/news.htm> . Please make copies and take them to your club and give copies to your friends.

HELP GIVE US A VOICE – DONATE TO THE VHDA TODAY

Membership in your Virginia Hunting Dog Alliance costs nothing. We the Board believe that there is strength in numbers and that by not having a membership fee the Alliance will grow faster and give a voice to more people. The generosity of our member clubs, organizations and individual members has enabled us to “Have a seat at the table” when your rights are being discussed. We have strived to be responsible stewards of your money. We believe that we will face a barrage of bills seeking to amend the Right-to-Retrieve and place other restrictions on hunting with dogs. Many of our opponents are extremely well funded.

In uncertain economic times we are asking all who can to contribute to the VHDA. Our victory fund will need to cover lobbying costs for the upcoming General Assembly and for supporting the re-election of our friends to the House of Delegates next year. We will help elect a Governor, Lt. Governor and Attorney General next year. If we don’t help keep our friends in the legislature and get statewide office holders that support us we will face four more years of hard fights that may happen even with friends in office. We would not ask if there were a need.

Please help make to the your Virginia Hunting Dog Alliance strong by sending your donation to:

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