



Missouri Department of Agriculture
Animal Care Program
Blue Ribbon Kennel Inspection

Requirements of a Blue Ribbon Kennel

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- Current Inspection:** The applicant must have a passing inspection within the past year.
Inspection Date: _____ Inspection Conducted by: _____
- Physical Appearance:** The premise must be neat and free of clutter. The grounds must be mowed and kept free of junk and discarded materials. All buildings must be in good repair. The premise should reflect a positive image to the general public.
- Superior Ventilation and Waste Disposal:** Ventilation of buildings must minimize odors, drafts, ammonia levels, and moisture condensation. Auxiliary ventilation must be available. Waste and water must be readily eliminated from the animal area.
- Construction and Design:** The facility must be designed and constructed for housing dogs or thoroughly remodeled and retrofitted for such purposes. The facility must be free of rust and chewed surfaces. Surfaces must contribute to a sanitary environment. All components of construction must be structurally intact.
- Biosecurity Plan:** The kennel must have a written biosecurity plan. There must be a security plan for visitors, with signs posted that contain instructions for entry.
- Records:** All animals must be identified by microchip upon change in ownership, however such requirement may be done by a licensed dealer if such practice is routinely employed through their normal course of business. Individual medical records must be kept for any dogs found ill or injured and course of treatment. Records must be kept that accurately document all vaccinations, worming, and veterinary care. All records of inventory and disposition must be kept on file.
- Maintenance Plan:** Any maintenance issues that cannot be repaired on the date of discovery must be recorded on the maintenance log provided. These reports shall be made available upon inspection.
- Socialization:** The kennel must employ practices that foster positive human-animal bonds. Employees must be acquainted with these methods. The dogs under care of the applicant must exhibit a positive response to people.
- Continuing Education:** Applicant has provided 20 hours of continuing education in the appropriate setting. Please provide photocopies of initial 20 hours of continuing education and proof of membership in PPA or MPBA.

Inspection Conducted By: _____

Date: _____

Owner Signature: _____

Date: _____



Annual Inspection Report

Date: _____

Requirements of the Housing Facility and Animal-Related Areas

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- Structure and Construction:** The facility is structurally sound, in good repair, and preventative of injury. It contains animals securely and keeps other animals from entering.
- Condition and Site:** Housing facilities and storage areas are neat and free of clutter. The premise should reflect a positive image to the general public.
- Surfaces and Cleaning:** The construction of the facility contributes to a sanitary environment. The surfaces are kept clean and sanitary, or replaced when worn or soiled.
- Utilities:** The facility has wiring and plumbing that make electricity and water readily available where needed.
- Storage:** Feed is stored in a manner that prevents contamination and spoilage. Cleaning chemicals are stored in a safe manner. Drugs and biologics are stored according to label directions.
- Drainage and Waste Disposal:** Waste and water are readily eliminated from the animal area. A waste handling system is constructed in a manner that minimizes contamination and disease risks.
- Temperature:** Housing facilities meet temperature requirements. Outdoor dogs are acclimated. Sick, infirm, young, or old dogs are kept within temperature-controlled settings. Animals should be housed according to their health and age conditions.
- Ventilation:** The ventilation system minimizes odors, drafts, ammonia levels, and moisture condensation. Auxiliary ventilation is available.
- Lighting:** Animals are provided with a diurnal light cycle.
- Space:** Primary enclosures exceed standards for space and height requirements.
- Shelter from the Elements:** Animals are provided with shelter from the elements. Provisions have been made to protect dogs from climatic temperature extremes.
- Fire Detection and Extinguishers:** Indoor and sheltered housing facilities are equipped with properly maintained fire detection equipment and fire extinguishers.
- Maintenance Plan:** All significant deficiencies have been recorded in a maintenance log and addressed in a timely manner. Future needs have been considered.
- Watering:** Under normal conditions, animals have continuous provision of water.
- Recordkeeping:** Individual records are kept for any dogs that are found ill and treated. Records are kept that accurately document all vaccinations, worming and veterinary care. All records of inventory and disposition are kept on file.

Inspector Signature _____