

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Ohio Department of Agriculture will hold a public hearing for the purpose of accepting testimony on the proposed amendments made to Chapter 901:1-8 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

On June 29, 2018, Governor Kasich signed into law House Bill 506 which revised laws governing high volume dog breeders and other dog-related professionals and activities. HB 506 amended certain terminology previously used including the definitions of "animal rescue for dogs" and "dog retailer." The term "dog retailer" has been replaced with "dog broker." Further, the definition of "animal rescue for dogs" has been amended to include the clause "does not sell dogs to a dog broker or pet store." The rules have been amended to reflect the changes in terminology.

Below please find a copy of the proposed rules and the public hearing notice:
The hearing will be held on:

August 30, 2018 at 9:00 A.M.

**Ohio Department of Agriculture
Bromfield Administration Building
Hearing Room 129 (Seminar "A")
8995 East Main Street
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068-3399.**

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with Chapter 119 of the Revised Code. Any person affected by the no change rule package may appear and be heard in person, by his attorney, or both, may present his position, arguments, or contentions, orally or in writing, offer and examine witnesses, and present evidence tending to show that the no change rule package, if adopted or effectuated, will be unreasonable or unlawful.

More information on the rule package, including copies of the rules, can be found by visiting the [Department's Administrative Rule](#) page or by visiting the Register of Ohio at www.registerofohio.state.oh.us.

Any person who wishes to present his position, arguments, or contentions in writing, other than at the public hearing, may do so by either mailing his or her written comments to the Ohio Department of Agriculture, c/o Legal Section, 8995 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068; by email at ecomments@agri.ohio.gov, or by transmitting by facsimile at (614) 995-4585. Written comments sent by mail shall be postmarked no later than the day of the hearing. Written comments transmitted by facsimile shall be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the hearing.

