

901:1-6-07

Recordkeeping and identification.

(A) All adult dogs or puppies 16 weeks of age or older in the possession of a high volume breeder or dog retailer licensee, and any adult dog or puppy removed from the premises, shall be identified by either:

(1) An official USDA identification tag or Ohio department of agriculture approved identification tag affixed to the adult dog or puppy's neck by means of a collar made of appropriate material so as not to cause distress to the adult dog or puppy

(2) A distinctive and legible tattoo marking; or,

(3) A microchip.

(B) Records of adult dog and puppy movement from the premises of high volume breeder and dog retailer licensees shall be kept on the United States department of agriculture animal plant health inspection service form 7006. The USDA/APHIS copy shall be made available to the Ohio department of agriculture upon request.

(C) Unweaned puppies need not be individually identified as required by paragraphs (A) of this section while they are maintained as a litter with their dam in the same primary enclosure, provided the dam has been individually identified.

(D) Unweaned puppies shall be identified on a cage card that contains the following:

(1) The mother's USDA identification number, if available;

(2) The puppy's individual serial number, if available;

(3) The date of birth;

(4) The sex; and,

(5) Any other information deemed necessary by the veterinarian.

(E) Weaned puppies, less than 16 weeks of age, shall be identified by:

(1) An official tag affixed to the puppy's neck as provided in paragraph (A)(1) of this rule;

(2) A distinctive and legible tattoo;

(3) A plastic-type collar with the information required for an official tag; or,

(4) A microchip.

(F) Accurate and complete records shall be separately maintained by the licensee and

shall be made available to an inspector of the Ohio department of agriculture upon request. The records shall contain:

- (1) An accurate description of the adult dog or puppy;
- (2) The official identification as provided for in paragraph (A) of this rule;
- (3) How, where, from whom, and when the adult dog or puppy was obtained;
- (4) The age of the adult dog or puppy;
- (5) The kennel's health plans as provided for in rule 901:1-6-05 of the administrative code; and,
- (6) The proof of insurance or surety bond required for high volume breeder licensees in division (E) of section 956.03 of the Revised Code.

If the insurance policy or surety bond is, for any reason, cancelled, not renewed, or there is a material change, the licensee is to inform the Ohio department of agriculture within ten days.

(G) Records required by paragraphs (B) and (F) of this rule shall be:

- (1) Kept at the facility at which the adult dog or puppy is housed; and,
- (2) Retained for past the date adult dog or puppy has left the facility.

(H) An in-state retailer shall provide the purchaser of an adult dog or puppy one of the following:

- (1) The name, address, telephone number, or proof of each high volume breeder, dog retailer, and private owner that kept, housed or maintained the adult dog or puppy prior to the retailer taking possession of the adult dog or puppy;
- (2) Proof that the adult dog or puppy was acquired through an animal rescue for dogs, animal shelter for dogs, or humane society; or,
- (3) A valid health certificate from the state of origin of the adult dog or puppy.

(I) An out-of-state retailer conducting business in Ohio shall provide the purchaser of an adult dog or puppy the following:

- (1) A valid health certificate from the state of origin of the adult dog or puppy; and,
- (2) One of the following:
 - (a) The name, address, telephone number, or proof of each high volume

breeder, dog retailer, and private owner that kept, housed or maintained the adult dog or puppy prior to the retailer taking possession of the adult dog or puppy; or,

(b) Proof that the adult dog or puppy was acquired through an animal rescue for dogs, animal shelter for dogs, or humane society.

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