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**Health.**

Unless otherwise specified, this rule applies to all adult dogs and puppies kept by high volume breeders.

(A) Each high volume breeder of an adult dog or puppy shall have a valid veterinary-client-patient-relationship with a licensed veterinarian.

(B) The attending veterinarian shall:

(1) Visit each housing facility a minimum of one time per calendar year;

(2) Conduct a physical exam of each adult dog and puppy at the time of the yearly inspection; and,

(3) Provide a written annual plan requiring care for the adult dogs and puppies which shall include but is not limited to:

(a) Exercise;

(b) Behavior and social needs; and,

(c) Health care to include a brucella canis monitoring plan approved by the Ohio department of agriculture and, if applicable, the procedures for dew claw removal and tail docking.

(C) Adult dogs and puppies are to be monitored by the high volume breeder regularly for evidence of disease, injury, or improper or inadequate care.

Corrective measures, under veterinary guidance, shall be taken by the high volume breeder when evidence is found of any of these conditions.

(D) New or diseased adult dogs or puppies shall be isolated and handled to minimize distress and appropriate biosecurity measures shall be taken to minimize the likelihood of spreading disease to other adult dogs or puppies.

(E) All personnel shall wash their hands after handling any infected or contagious adult dog or puppy.

(F) Under the direction of the attending veterinarian, an isolation area shall be provided for any female adult dog that aborts or has a still birth. Such isolation area shall prevent any contact or exposure to any other adult dogs or puppies in the kennel.

(G) No adult dog or animal known to be positive for brucella canis shall be offered for sale, trade or barter; or otherwise be removed from the premises.

(H) Adult dogs or puppies suspected to be infected with brucella canis shall be isolated and appropriate biosecurity measures approved by the attending veterinarian shall

be implemented.

- (I) Puppies born to suspected brucella canis infected dams shall not be offered for sale, trade or barter; or be removed from the premises unless negative test results are obtained for the dam.
- (J) All areas that have been exposed to an abortion or a still born case shall be disinfected prior to any adult dog or puppy being placed in that area.
- (K) Any dystocia or any other difficult labor event shall receive timely attention by the high volume breeder and, if necessary, veterinary intervention.
- (L) Adult dogs or puppies over twelve weeks of age, except females with litters, which do not have normal mobility or muscle tone development appropriate for age, sex, and breed shall regularly be provided exercise activities to correct the condition.
- (M) If, in the opinion of the attending veterinarian, it is inappropriate for certain dogs to exercise because of their health or condition, such adult dogs may be exempted from meeting the requirement. Such exemption shall be documented in writing by the attending veterinarian.
- (N) Surgical procedures, except between two to five days of age the removal of the dew claw and tail docking, shall only be performed by a licensed veterinarian.
- (O) Prescription drugs shall only be administered as directed by the attending veterinarian and consistent with state and federal law.
- (P) Euthanasia shall follow the American veterinary medical association guidelines for when and how to conduct euthanasia; and euthanasia shall be performed by or under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

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