

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Ohio Department of Agriculture will hold a public hearing for the purpose of accepting testimony on the proposed amendments made to the Commercial Dog Breeding, Pet Stores, and Dog Broker rules located in the Animal Health division of the Ohio Administrative Code. Testimony will also be accepted on an amended Dairy division rule.

### **Commercial Dog Breeding Rules:**

Rule 901:1-6-01 establishes the definitions and general considerations for this chapter of the Administrative Code. The rule is being amended to add new definitions and amend existing definitions.

Rule 901:1-6-02 establishes housing standards for dogs kept by high volume breeders. The rule is being amended in the primary enclosure paragraphs, add new requirements for the primary enclosure size and flooring paragraphs, and remove no longer necessary paragraphs.

Rule 901:1-6-03 establishes socialization standards for dogs kept by high volume breeders. The rule is being amended to add daily exercise requirements and add requirements for safely accessing the outdoors.

Rule 901:1-6-04 establishes food and water standards for dogs kept by high volume breeders. The rule is being amended to further clarify requirements for food and water.

Rule 901:1-6-05 establishes health standards for dogs kept by high volume breeders. The rule is being amended further clarify the requirements for the health of adult dogs and puppies kept by high volume breeders. The rule is also amended to remove paragraphs that are no longer necessary.

Rule 901:1-6-06 establishes transportation standards for dogs kept by high volume breeders. The rule is being proposed as rescinded.

Rule 901:1-6-07 establishes recordkeeping standards for all dogs regulated under Chapter 956 of the Revised Code. The rule is being amended in the paragraphs pertaining to identification of the dogs and in the paragraphs requiring recordkeeping. The rule is amended to remove paragraphs that are no longer necessary.

Rule 901:1-6-08 sets forth the licensing application form and procedure for high volume breeders and dog brokers, and the registration requirements for animal rescues for dogs. The rule is being amended to establish licensing requirements as based on the facility type.

Rule 901:1-6-09 establishes the procedures for inspections conducted under section 956.10 of the Revised Code. The rule is being amended to remove an unnecessary word.

Rule 901:1-6-10 establishes civil penalties for operating as a high volume breeder or dog broker without a license. The rule is being proposed as rescinded and then new due to the high amount of change.

### **Pet Stores and Dog Broker Rules:**



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Rule 901:1-8-01 outlines the definitions used in Chapter 901:1-8. The rule is being amended to provide additional clarification to existing definitions.

Rule 901:1-8-02 sets forth the licensing procedures for pet stores in the state of Ohio. The rule is being amended to remove the licensing fee which is located in Revised Code and a LSC stylistic change.

Rule 901:1-8-03 outlines the microchip requirements for all dogs displayed, offered for sale, delivered, bartered, auctioned, brokered, given away, transferred, or sold by a pet store. The rule is being amended to include dog brokers in the requirement for identification.

Rule 901:1-8-04 outlines the recordkeeping requirements of pet stores. The rule is being amended to require the length of time and location of records to be kept by pet stores.

Rule 901:1-8-05 outlines the recordkeeping requirements of dog brokers. The rule is being amended to require the address of the physical location of the supplier of the dog to be kept by dog brokers.

#### **Dairy Rule:**

Rule 901:11-2-26 outlines the cleaning and sanitization of all equipment used in receiving, storing, and processing milk. The rule is being amended to correct LSC manual requirements and remove temperature requirements.

The hearing will be held on:

**March 30, 2022 at 11:00 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 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 a business impact analysis and copies of the rules, can be found at <http://www.agri.ohio.gov/proposedrules/proposedrules.aspx> or by visiting the Register of Ohio at [www.registerofohio.state.oh.us](http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us).**

Individuals wishing to listen in during the public hearing may call (614) 721-2972 then enter 590060584#. Testimony will not be received telephonically.

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](mailto: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.



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