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Definitions and general considerations.

(A) "Access the outdoors" means allowing the dog to exit the indoor structure or building in which the dog is primarily housed for the purpose of safely experiencing the natural, open air environment.

~~(A)~~(B) "'Attending veterinarian'" means a veterinarian who assumes responsibility for primary care of a patient.

~~(B)~~(C) "'Clean'" means an environmental condition free of unwanted matter: solids, liquids, gases or living organisms that have the potential to cause adverse effects to health and welfare of adult dogs, puppies, and humans.

~~(C)~~(D) "Dam" means the female parent of a puppy.

~~(D)~~(E) "'Enrichment'" means ~~the addition of an item or activity which promotes species-typical behaviors through sensory stimulation and play which is provided by positive interaction with other dogs or humans and inanimate objects~~any modification in the environment of a confined dog that seeks to enhance the dog's physical and psychological well-being by providing stimuli that meets the dog's breed specific needs.

(F) "Exercise" means activity that allows a dog to expend to full stride, play, and engage in other types of mentally stimulating and social behaviors.

~~(E)~~ "'Existing facility'" as used in this chapter means any housing facility that currently has a USDA license and houses dogs as of the effective date of this rule.

~~(F)~~(G) "'Housing facility'" means any land, premises, shed, barn, building, trailer, or other structure or area which houses or is intended to house adult dogs or puppies.

~~(G)~~(H) "'Indoor housing'" means any structure or building with environmental controls intended to house adult dogs or puppies.

~~(H)~~(I) "'Inspection veterinarian'" means a veterinarian who has entered into a contract or agreement with the director of the Ohio department of agriculture, as defined in division (F)(1) of section 956.10 of the Revised Code, to inspect a high volume dog breeder's facility to ensure compliance with this chapter.

~~(I)~~(J) "'Outdoor housing'" means any structure, building, land, or premises, housing or intended to house adult dogs or puppies, ~~which does not meet the definition of any other type of housing facility,~~ and in which temperatures cannot be controlled within set limits.

~~(K)~~(K) “Primary enclosure” means an enclosure that directly houses the adult dog or puppy in which the adult dog or puppy has direct contact with the enclosure material and sufficient space to turn about freely, stand, sit, lie in a comfortable normal position, and walk in a normal manner.

~~(K)~~(L) “Sheltered housing” means a facility that consists of runs or pens in a shelter which provides the adult dogs or puppies with protection from the natural elements, ~~and which permanently connect with runs or pens outside of the shelter~~ and protection from temperature extremes at all times. A sheltered housing facility may consist of runs or pens totally enclosed in a barn or building, or of connecting inside/outside runs or pens within a totally enclosed building.

~~(L)~~(M) “Solid flooring” ~~as used in this chapter~~ means a material that will not flex under weight, accommodates footing and resting off of open metal floors, and may have perforations large enough to allow only moisture to pass through.

~~(M)~~(N) “Weaned” means ~~that~~ an adult dog or puppy that is no longer nursing from the adult dog or puppy's dam or foster dam. ~~has started eating solid food.~~

~~(N)~~(O) Distress occurs when animals are injured, sick, in pain, or are in inappropriate environmental conditions.

~~(O)~~(P) Dogs ~~shall be~~ are handled, sorted, and moved in a manner that minimizes distress.

~~(P)~~(Q) Dead adult dogs or puppies ~~shall~~ will be disposed of pursuant to section 941.14 of the Revised Code.

~~(Q)~~(R) “Veterinary-Client-Patient-Relationship (VCPR)” has the same meaning as defined in section 4741.04 of the Revised Code.

~~(R)~~(S) Nothing in the rules adopted in this chapter shall be construed to prevent a licensed veterinarian, or other person acting under the veterinarian’s supervision, from meeting the standards set forth in Chapter 4741. of the Revised Code or rules promulgated thereunder.

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