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**Licensing.**(A) High volume breeder.

~~(A)~~(1) High volume breeder license and license renewal applications shall be made on a form provided by the director of the Ohio department of agriculture.

~~(B)~~(2) ~~Applications~~High volume breeder license and license renewal applications shall be considered complete when the following have been submitted to the director of the Ohio department of agriculture:

~~(1)~~(a) The completed and signed application form includes the following:

(i) All previous out of state addresses for the five years prior to the licensing year; and

(ii) An agreement under which the applicant agrees to notify the Ohio department of agriculture within fourteen calendar days if, during the licensing period the applicant has plead guilty to or been convicted of any criminal offense other than a minor traffic offense.

~~(2)~~(b) The accompanying documentation required by division (C) of section 956.04 of the Revised Code;

~~(3)~~(c) The appropriate fee as required by section 956.07 of the Revised Code; and;

~~(4)~~(d) The proof of insurance or a surety bond, which shall be executed by a surety company authorized to do business in this state, as required by division (E) of section 956.03 of the Revised Code.

The insurance shall be payable to the state or the surety bond shall be subject to redemption by the state, as applicable, upon a suspension or revocation of a high volume breeder license for the purpose of paying for the maintenance and care of dogs that are seized or otherwise impounded from the high volume breeder in accordance with Chapter 956. 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 fourteen calendar days.

(e) For initial applicants, proof of a completed background check performed by local law enforcement and submitted to the Ohio bureau of criminal investigation's "WebCheck".

~~(C)~~ Upon the receipt of a completed application the director of the Ohio department of agriculture shall conduct a criminal background investigation for the purposes of identifying any violations specified in division (A)(2) of section 956.15 of the Revised Code.

(B) Dog broker.

~~(D)~~(1) Dog ~~retailer~~broker license and license renewal applications shall be made on a form provided by the director of the Ohio department of agriculture. The application shall be considered complete when the completed and signed application form and appropriate fee as required by section 956.07 of the Revised Code are submitted to the director of the Ohio department of agriculture.

(2) The completed and signed application form includes the following:

- (a) All previous out of state addresses for the five years prior to the licensing year;
- (b) An agreement under which the applicant agrees to notify the Ohio department of agriculture within fourteen calendar days if, during the licensing period the applicant has plead guilty to or been convicted of any criminal offense other than a minor traffic offense; and
- (c) For initial Ohio resident applicants, proof of a completed background check performed by local law enforcement and submitted to the Ohio bureau of criminal investigation's "WebCheck"; or
- (d) For initial out-of-state applicants, proof of a completed background check performed by a law enforcement agency capable of performing a state wide background check equivalent to the Ohio bureau of criminal investigation's "WebCheck".

(C) Animal rescue for dogs.

~~(E)~~(1) Animal ~~rescues~~rescue for dogs shall register with the director of the Ohio department of agriculture on a form provided by the director.

~~(F)~~(2) Animal ~~rescues~~rescue for dogs registration is effective for one calendar year, and may be renewed annually by submitting the form provided by the director of the Ohio department of agriculture in paragraph ~~(E)~~(C)(1) of this rule.

- ~~(G)~~(3) Animal ~~rescue~~rescue for dogs shall provide the name and address of each foster home utilized by the animal rescue for dogs at the time of registration or renewal.
- (4) Failure to conform to the requirements outlined in the definition of "animal rescue for dogs" found in section 956.01 of the Revised Code may result in the department revoking the violator's registration.
- ~~(H)~~(D) High volume breeder and dog ~~retailer~~broker licensees shall include with any advertisements for the sale of a puppy or adult dog the vendor number assigned by the tax commissioner to the licensee if the sale is subject to the tax levied under Chapter 5739. of the Revised Code.
- ~~(H)~~(E) High volume breeder and dog ~~retailer~~broker licensees shall comply with Chapter 5739. of the Revised Code. The director of the Ohio department of agriculture may suspend or revoke a license if the tax commissioner informs the director the licensee is not in compliance with that chapter.

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