

Minnesota Commercial Dog or Cat Breeders

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a commercial dog or cat breeder?
Under Minnesota law (MS 347.57-347.64), a "Commercial Breeder" means a person who possesses or has an ownership interest in dogs or cats and is engaged in the business of breeding dogs or cats for sale or for exchange in return for consideration, and who possesses ten or more adult intact animals and whose animals produce more than five total litters of puppies or kittens per year.
If I am a commercial dog or cat breeder in Minnesota, do I need to be licensed?
Beginning July 1, 2015, a commercial breeder of dogs or cats in Minnesota must obtain an annual license for each facility it owns or operates. This includes passing an inspection conducted by the Board. Until that date, licensing is optional.
Can I become licensed right away?
There is no reason to wait. The Board of Animal Health is prepared to inspect and license commercial dog and cat breeders.
How much does a license cost?
The annual licensure fee is \$10 per adult sexually intact animal up to a maximum of \$250. There is no financial penalty for early licensure. For those who become licensed before July 1, 2015, the initial license period will be from the date the application is approved by the Board until July 1, 2016.
What are the requirements for commercial dog or cat breeders?
Commercial dog or cat breeders in Minnesota must comply with the requirements regarding dogs and cats as specified in Minnesota Statutes Chapters 343, 346 and 347.57 to 347.64. You can also view our inspection form and read about what we look for during inspections by visiting our website at www.bah.state.mn.us/dogs-cats .
How do I apply for a license?
Application forms and instructions may be found on our website at www.bah.state.mn.us/dogs-cats or may be requested by calling the Board at (651) 201-6810.