

Meeting Minutes: Breeder Excellence Advisory Task Force

Date: May 20, 2019

Location: Davanni's, Coon Rapids, MN

Attendance

Task Force Members

Chad Carlson
Belinda Donley
Dan Moscho
Kayla Pierson
Tasha Podratz
Flo VanSlyke
Mike VanSlyke
Courtney Wheeler
Pamela Withage

Guests

Ardeth Livermore, Licensed Commercial Dog Breeder
Linda Glaser, Minnesota Board of Animal Health (BAH)

Program goals and intent

In accordance with Minnesota statute, the Board of Animal Health, in consultation with representatives of the licensed commercial breeder industry, must develop a program to recognize persons who demonstrate commercial breeder excellence and exceed the standards and practices currently required of commercial breeders.

Presentation of draft for Breeder Excellence Program

Requirements for Breeder Excellence Program

Task force members were presented with a draft of the Breeder Excellence Program, which was compiled based on comments and ideas from the previous task force meeting.

Discussion of requirements

Canine brucellosis testing requirement

- Suggestion: Remove canine brucellosis testing requirement from the Breeder Excellence program and create a separate canine brucellosis certification program.
- Discussion: Task force members would like to see more outreach about canine brucellosis for veterinarians and breeders.

- Action item: BAH will resend canine brucellosis certification program to task force members and work on increased education and outreach

Biosecurity and emergency response plans requirement

- Suggestion: Keep the biosecurity and emergency response plans as part of the Breeder Excellence program.
- Suggestion: Remove the biosecurity and emergency response plans.
- Discussion: If someone is licensed by the USDA or AKC they already have to have these documents on hand.
- Action item: Task force members will review the proposed biosecurity and emergency response plan drafts and offer feedback on what may or may not work for the final versions.

Genetic testing requirement

- Suggestion: Genetic testing should be included in the Breeder Excellence program.
- Action item: Task force members will provide feedback and options for the breed(s) of they raise including which tests are most important to that breed.

General discussion regarding requirements

- Suggestion: Create different badges for achievement of different categories within the Breeder Excellence program.
- Suggestion: If all badges are earned, a breeder would qualify as a Breeder of Excellence. Breeders would be able to earn badges and be recognized for areas that are important to them.
- Action item: Task force members will draft ideas for different categories and requirements for each one. Ex: Education, Enrichment, Facility Management, Brucellosis Testing, Genetic Screening, etc.
- Action item: The Board will create a draft based on feedback from the task force members prior to the next meeting.
- The Board will continue to draft a canine brucellosis certification program.

Next meeting

Davanni's
3430 129th Ave NW
Coon Rapids, MN 55448
Monday, September 23, 2019
11:00 a.m.