

## Veterinary Protocol Minnesota Commercial Dog or Cat Breeders

Commercial Breeder	Veterinarian
Owner name:	Name:
Business name:	Clinic name:
Address:	Address:
City, State, Zip code:	City, State, Zip code:
Phone:	Phone:
email:	email:

**Veterinary protocol.** A commercial breeder must establish and maintain a written protocol for disease control and prevention, euthanasia, and veterinary care of animals at each facility. The initial protocol must be developed under the direction and supervision of the board. A commercial breeder must maintain a written protocol that is updated at least every 12 months and that is signed and dated by the board or by a veterinarian along with the commercial breeder. The written protocol must be available to the board upon request or at the time of inspection. *(347.58)*

**Veterinary health certificates.** An animal sold or otherwise distributed by a commercial breeder must be accompanied by a veterinary health certificate completed by a veterinarian. The certificate must be completed within 30 days prior to the sale or distribution and must indicate that the animal is current with vaccinations and has no signs of infectious or contagious diseases. The certificate accompanying an adult dog that was not spayed or neutered must indicate that the dog has no signs of infectious or contagious diseases and was tested for canine brucellosis with a test approved by the board and found to be negative. *(347.58)*

**Canine brucellosis tests.** (a) Tests for canine brucellosis that are approved by the Board of Animal Health are the rapid slide (or card) agglutination test (RSAT), the agar gel immunodiffusion (AGID) test and the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test. Tests for canine brucellosis must be conducted by or under the direct supervision of a Minnesota-licensed veterinarian or personnel at an accredited veterinary diagnostic laboratory. Samples must be collected by or under the direct supervision of a Minnesota-licensed veterinarian. Test results are valid for 60 days from the date of sample collection. All test results must be reported to the Minnesota Board of Animal Health. *(Board Policy under 347.58)*

**Dogs infected with canine brucellosis.** Dogs determined by the Minnesota Board of Animal Health to be infected with *Brucella canis* must be permanently quarantined and isolated from other dogs not known to be infected or be euthanized. *(Board Policy under 35.05 and 1721.0020)*

**Disease Control. The protocol for disease control and prevention for this facility is as follows:**

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**Vaccination. The vaccination protocol for this facility is as follows:**

Vaccine	Recommended schedule

**Parasites. The protocol for treatment of parasites at this facility is as follows:**

Parasite treatment or evaluation	Recommended schedule

**Euthanasia.** The protocol for euthanasia of animals at this facility is in accordance with the guidelines in the most recent version of the *AVMA Guidelines for the Euthanasia of Animals* and is as follows:

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**Veterinary care.** The protocol for veterinary care of animals at this facility is as follows:

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**Commercial Dog or Cat Breeder**

<i>I certify that I will follow the provisions in this veterinary protocol and the guidance of the veterinarian listed.</i>		
Commercial breeder (print name):	Signature:	Date:

**Minnesota-licensed Veterinarian**

<i>I certify that I have approved this veterinary protocol and will work with the owner to implement the provisions of the protocol.</i>		
Veterinarian (print name):	Signature:	Date:

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