

Breeder Excellence Badges Checklist

To apply for any breeder excellence badge, commercial breeders must submit all required documentation listed below by mail or email to companion.animal@state.mn.us.

Behavior and Socialization Badge:

- Enrichment plan outlining activities in two out of three of the following enrichment categories: (1) animal to animal interaction, (2) human to animal interaction, and (3) environmental stimulation.
- A copy of a log outlining enrichment activities that demonstrates at least 60 days of plan implementation.

Canine Brucellosis Screening Badge (dogs only):

- Breeder Excellence Canine Brucellosis Screening Agreement.
- Copies of canine brucellosis test results for all adult dogs on the premises.
- Inventory of all adult dogs on the premises.

Continuing Education Badge:

- Proof of 20 hours of Board approved continuing education OR 12 hours of continuing education and proof of membership in a relevant association for all individuals listed on the license application.
- Documented evidence of a formal training program for all facility employees.

Facility Management Badge:

- Completed Biosecurity Plan.
- Completed Emergency Response Plan.

Feline Immunodeficiency Virus and Feline Leukemia Virus Screening Badge (cats only):

- Breeder Excellence Feline Leukemia and Feline Immunodeficiency Screening Agreement.
- Copies of Feline Leukemia Virus and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus test results for all adult cats on the premises.
- Inventory of all adult cats on the premises.

Health Screening:

- Documentation that all adults in the facility have had a comprehensive wellness examination by a veterinarian within the last 12 months.
- Documentation signed by veterinarian verifying that an onsite assessment of all animals in the facility has been conducted within the last 12 months.
- Written directions from a licensed veterinarian, detailing recommendations for health screening of all breeding animals in the facility.
- Documentation including test results and health records verifying veterinary recommendations have been adhered to.