Commercial Dog and Cat Breeders (Supplement)

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343.20 Definitions.

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Data Privacy

- 13.643 Subd. 6. Animal premises data. (a) The following data collected and maintained by the Board of Animal Health related to registration and identification of premises and animals under chapter 35, are classified as private or nonpublic: (1) the names and addresses; (2) the location of the premises where animals are kept; and (3) the identification number of the premises or the animal.
- (b) Except as provided in section 347.58, subdivision 5, data collected and maintained by the Board of Animal Health under sections 347.57 to 347.64 are classified as private or nonpublic.
- (c) The Board of Animal Health may disclose data collected under paragraph (a) or (b) to any person, agency, or to the public if the board determines that the access will aid in the law enforcement process or the protection of public or animal health or safety.

Cruelty to Animals

- Subdivision 1. Application. Except as otherwise indicated by the context, for purposes of sections 43.20 to 346.36, the terms defined in this section have the meanings given them.
- Subd. 2. Animal. "Animal" means every living creature except members of the human race.
- Subd. 3. Torture; cruelty. "Torture" or "cruelty" means every act, omission, or neglect which causes or permits unnecessary or unjustifiable pain, suffering, or death.
- Subd. 4. Impure milk. "Impure and unwholesome milk" means all milk obtained from diseased or unhealthy animals, or from animals fed on any substance which is putrefied or fermented.
- Subd. 5. Animal control officer. "Animal control officer" means an officer employed by or under contract with an agency of the state, county, municipality, or other governmental subdivision of the state which is responsible for animal control operations in its jurisdiction.
- Subd. 6. Pet or companion animal. "Pet or companion animal" includes any animal owned, possessed by, cared for, or controlled by a person for the present or future enjoyment of that person or another as a pet or companion, or any stray pet or stray companion animal.
- Subd. 7. Service animal. "Service animal" means an animal trained to assist a person with a disability.
- Subd. 8. Substantial bodily harm. "Substantial bodily harm" means bodily injury which involves a
- temporary but substantial disfigurement, or which causes a temporary but substantial loss or impairment of the function of any bodily member or organ, or which causes a fracture of any bodily member to a service animal or a pet or companion animal.
- Subd. 9. Great bodily harm. "Great bodily harm" means bodily injury which creates a high probability of death, or which causes serious permanent disfigurement, or which causes a permanent or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily member or organ, or other serious bodily harm to a service animal or a pet or companion animal.

343.21 Overworking or mistreating animals; penalty.

- Subdivision 1. Torture. No person shall overdrive, overload, torture, cruelly beat, neglect, or unjustifiably injure, maim, mutilate, or kill any animal, or cruelly work any animal when it is unfit for labor, whether it belongs to that person or to another person.
- Subd. 2. Nourishment; shelter. No person shall deprive any animal over which the person has charge or control of necessary food, water, or shelter.
- Subd. 3. Enclosure. No person shall keep any cow or other animal in any enclosure without providing wholesome exercise and change of air.
- Subd. 4. Low feed. No person shall feed any cow on food which produces impure or unwholesome milk.
- Subd. 5. **Abandonment**. No person shall abandon any animal.
- Subd. 6. Temporary abandonment. No person shall allow any maimed, sick, infirm, or disabled animal
- to lie in any street, road, or other public place for more than three hours after receiving notice of the
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- 1 Subd. 7. Cruelty. No person shall willfully instigate or in any way further any act of cruelty to any animal 2 or animals, or any act tending to produce cruelty to animals.
- 3 Subd. 8. Caging. No person shall cage any animal for public display purposes unless the display cage is
- 4 constructed of solid material on three sides to protect the caged animal from the elements and unless
- 5 the horizontal dimension of each side of the cage is at least four times the length of the caged animal.
- 6 The provisions of this subdivision do not apply to the Minnesota State Agricultural Society, the Minnesota
- 7 State Fair, or to the county agricultural societies, county fairs, to any agricultural display of caged animals
- 8 by any political subdivision of the state of Minnesota, or to district, regional or national educational
- livestock or poultry exhibitions. The provisions of this subdivision do not apply to captive wildlife, the 9
- 10 exhibition of which is regulated by section 97A.041.
- Subd. 8a. Harming a service animal. No person shall intentionally and without justification do 11
- either of the following to a service animal while it is providing service or while it is in the custody of 12
- the person it serves: (1) cause bodily harm to the animal; or (2) otherwise render the animal unable 13 14 to perform its duties.
- 15 Subd. 9. Penalty. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, a person who fails to comply with
- 16 any provision of this section is quilty of a misdemeanor. A person convicted of a second or subsequent
- 17 violation of subdivision 1 or 7 within five years of a previous violation of subdivision 1 or 7 is guilty of a 18 gross misdemeanor.
- 19 (b) A person who intentionally violates subdivision 1 or 7 where the violation results in substantial bodily
- 20 harm to a pet or companion animal may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than one year or to
- 21 payment of a fine of not more than \$3,000, or both.
- (c) A person convicted of violating paragraph (b) within five years of a previous gross misdemeanor or 22
- 23 felony conviction for violating this section may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than two years
- 24 or to payment of a fine of not more than \$5,000, or both.
- (d) A person who intentionally violates subdivision 1 or 7 where the violation results in death or great 25 26
- bodily harm to a pet or companion animal may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than two years 27 or to payment of a fine of not more than \$5,000, or both.
- 28 (e) A person who violates subdivision 8a where the violation renders the service animal unable to 29 perform its duties is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.
- (f) A person who violates subdivision 8a where the violation results in substantial bodily harm to a service 30 animal may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than two years or to payment of a fine of not 32 more than \$5,000, or both.
- (g) A person who intentionally violates subdivision 1 or 7 where the violation results in substantial bodily 33
- 34 harm to a pet or companion animal, and the act is done to threaten, intimidate, or terrorize another
- 35 person, may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than two years or to payment of a fine of not 36 more than \$5,000, or both.
- 37 (h) A person who violates subdivision 8a where the violation results in death or great bodily harm to a service animal may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than four years or to payment of a fine of 38
- 40 (i) A person who intentionally violates subdivision 1 or 7 where the violation results in death or great
- 41 bodily harm to a pet or companion animal, and the act is done to threaten, intimidate, or terrorize another
- person, may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than four years or to payment of a fine of not 42
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- 44 Subd. 9a. Harm to service animals; mandatory restitution and civil remedies. (a) The court
- 45 shall order a person convicted of violating subdivision 8a to pay restitution for the costs and
- 46 expenses resulting from the crime. Costs and expenses include, but are not limited to, the service
- 47 animal user's loss of income, veterinary expenses, transportation costs, and other expenses of
- 48 temporary replacement assistance services, and service animal replacement or retraining costs
- 49 incurred by a school, agency, or individual. If the court finds that the convicted person is indigent,
- the court may reduce the amount of restitution to a reasonable level or order it paid in installments. 50
- 51 (b) This section does not preclude a person from seeking any available civil remedies for an act that 52 violates subdivision 8a.
- 53 Subd. 10. **Restrictions**. If a person is convicted of violating this section, the court shall require that pet or
- 54 companion animals that have not been seized by a peace officer or agent and are in the custody or
- 55 control of the person must be turned over to a peace officer or other appropriate officer or agent unless
- the court determines that the person is able and fit to provide adequately for an animal. If the evidence 56

indicates lack of proper and reasonable care of an animal, the burden is on the person to affirmatively demonstrate by clear and convincing evidence that the person is able and fit to have custody of and provide adequately for an animal. The court may limit the person's further possession or custody of pet or companion animals, and may impose other conditions the court considers appropriate, including, but not limited to: (1) imposing a probation period during which the person may not have ownership, custody, or control of a pet or companion animal; (2) requiring periodic visits of the person by an animal control officer or agent appointed pursuant to section 343.01, subdivision 1; (3) requiring performance by the person of community service; and (4) requiring the person to receive psychological, behavioral, or other counseling.

343.24 Cruelty in transportation.

Subdivision 1. **Penalty**. Any person who does any of the following is guilty of a misdemeanor: (a) carries or causes to be carried, any live animals upon any vehicle or otherwise, without providing suitable racks, cars, crates, or cages in which the animals can both stand and lie down during transportation and while awaiting slaughter;

- (b) except as provided in subdivision 2, paragraph (a), carries or causes to be carried, upon a vehicle or otherwise, any live animal having feet or legs tied together, or in any other cruel or inhumane manner;
- (c) transports or detains livestock in cars or compartments for more than 28 consecutive hours without unloading the livestock in a humane manner into properly equipped pens for rest, water, and feeding for a period of at least five consecutive hours, unless requested to do so as provided in subdivision 2, paragraph (b), or unless prevented by storm or unavoidable causes which cannot be anticipated or
- paragraph (b), or unless prevented by storm or unavoidable causes which cannot be anticipated or avoided by the exercise of due diligence and foresight; or
 - (d) permits livestock to be crowded together without sufficient space to stand, or so as to overlie, crush, wound, or kill each other.
 - Subd. 2. **Exceptions**. (a) A person may carry or cause to be carried, upon a vehicle or otherwise, a cloven-hoofed animal having legs tied together, if: (1) the person transporting the animal is the animal's owner or an employee or agent of the owner; (2) the animal weighs 250 pounds or less; (3) the tying is done in a humane manner and is necessary for the animal's safe transport; and (4) the animal's legs are tied for no longer than one-half hour.
 - (b) A person or corporation engaged in transporting livestock may confine livestock for 36 consecutive hours if the owner or person with custody of that particular shipment of livestock requests in writing that an extension be allowed. That written request shall be separate from any printed bill of lading or other railroad form.

343.27 Poisoning animals.

Any person who unjustifiably administers any poisonous, or noxious drug or substance to any animal, or procures or permits it to be done, or unjustifiably exposes that drug or substance with intent that the drug be taken by any animal, whether the animal is the property of the person or another, is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

343.28 Animal with infectious disease.

An owner or person having charge of any animal who knows the animal has any infectious or contagious disease, or knows the animal has recently been exposed to an infectious or contagious disease, who sells or barters the animal, or knowingly permits the animal to run at large or come into contact with any other animal, or with another person without that person's knowledge and permission shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

343.31 Animal fights and possession of fighting animals.

Subdivision 1. **Penalty for animal fighting; attending animal fight**. (a) Whoever does any of the following is guilty of a felony: (1) promotes, engages in, or is employed in the activity of cockfighting, dogfighting, or violent pitting of one pet or companion animal as defined in section 346.36, subdivision 6, against another of the same or a different kind; (2) receives money for the admission of a person to a place used, or about to be used, for that activity; (3) willfully permits a person to enter or use for that activity premises of which the permitter is the owner, agent, or occupant; or (4) uses, trains, or possesses a dog or other animal for the purpose of participating in, engaging in, or promoting that activity. (b) Whoever purchases a ticket of admission or otherwise gains admission to the activity of cockfighting,

- dogfighting, or violent pitting of one pet or companion animal as defined in section 346.36, subdivision 6, against another of the same or a different kind is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.
- (c) Whoever possesses any device or substance with intent to use or permit the use of the device or
 substance to enhance an animal's ability to fight is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.
- 5 (d) This subdivision shall not apply to the taking of a wild animal by hunting.
- 6 Subd. 2. **Presumption of training a fighting dog**. There is a rebuttable presumption that a dog has been
- 7 trained or is being trained to fight if: (1) the dog exhibits fresh wounds, scarring, or other indications that
 - the dog has been or will be used for fighting; and (2) the person possesses training apparatus,
- 9 paraphernalia, or drugs known to be used to prepare dogs to be fought. This presumption may be 10 rebutted by a preponderance of the evidence.
- 11 Subd. 3. **Presumption of training fighting birds**. There is a rebuttable presumption that a bird has been
- trained or is being trained to fight if: (1) the bird exhibits fresh wounds, scarring, or other indications that
- the bird has been or will be used for fighting; or (2) the person possesses training apparatus,
- paraphernalia, or drugs known to be used to prepare birds to be fought. This presumption may be
- rebutted by a preponderance of the evidence.
- Subd. 4. **Peace officer duties**. Animals described in subdivisions 2 and 3 are dangerous weapons and
- 17 constitute an immediate danger to the safety of humans. A peace officer or animal control authority may
- remove, shelter, and care for an animal found in the circumstances described in subdivision 2 or 3. If
- 19 necessary, a peace officer or animal control authority may deliver the animal to another person to be
- sheltered and cared for. In all cases, the peace officer or animal control authority must immediately notify
- 21 the owner, if known, as provided in subdivision 5. The peace officer, animal control authority, or other
- 22 person assuming care of the animal shall have a lien on it for the actual cost of care and keeping of the
- animal. If the owner or custodian is unknown and cannot by reasonable effort be ascertained, or does not,
- 24 within ten days after notice, redeem the animal by paying the expenses authorized by this subdivision, the
- animal may be disposed of as provided in subdivision 5.
- Subd. 5. **Disposition.** (a) An animal taken into custody under subdivision 4 may be humanely disposed of at the discretion of the jurisdiction having custody of the animal ten days after the animal is taken into
- 28 custody, if the procedures in paragraph (c) are followed.
- 29 (b) The owner of an animal taken into custody under subdivision 4 may prevent disposition of the animal
- by posting security in an amount sufficient to provide for the actual costs of care and keeping of the animal. The security must be posted within ten days of the seizure inclusive of the date of the seizure
- animal. The security must be posted within ten days of the seizure inclusive of the date of the seizure. If, however, a hearing is scheduled within ten days of the seizure, the security amount must be posted prior
- 33 to the hearing.

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- 34 (c) (1) The authority taking custody of an animal under subdivision 4 must give notice of this section by 35 delivering or mailing it to the owner of the animal, posting a copy of it at the place where the animal is
- 36 taken into custody, or delivering it to a person residing on the property and telephoning, if possible. The
- 37 notice must include: (i) a description of the animal seized; the authority and purpose for the seizure; the
- time, place, and circumstances under which the animal was seized; and the location, address, and
- 39 telephone number of a contact person who knows where the animal is kept: (ii) a statement that the
- 40 owner of the animal may post security to prevent disposition of the animal and may request a hearing
- 41 concerning the seizure and impoundment and that failure to do so within ten days of the date of the notice
- will result in disposition of the animal; and (iii) a statement that all actual costs of the care, keeping, and
- disposal of the animal are the responsibility of the owner of the animal, except to the extent that a court or
- hearing officer finds that the seizure or impoundment was not substantially justified by law. The notice
- 45 must also include a form that can be used by a person claiming an interest in the animal for requesting
- 46 a hearing. (2) The owner may request a hearing within ten days of the date of the seizure. If requested,
- 47 a hearing must be held within five business days of the request to determine the validity of the
- 48 impoundment. The municipality taking custody of the animal or the municipality from which the animal
- 49 was seized may either (i) authorize a licensed veterinarian with no financial interest in the matter or
- 50 professional association with either party, or (ii) use the services of a hearing officer to conduct the
- hearing. An owner may appeal the hearing officer's decision to the district court within five days of the
- notice of the decision. (3) The judge or hearing officer may authorize the return of the animal if the judge
- 53 or hearing officer finds that (i) the animal is physically fit, (ii) the person claiming an interest in the animal
- can and will provide the care required by law for the animal, and (iii) the animal has not been used for
- violent pitting or fighting. (4) The person claiming an interest in the animal is liable for all actual costs of
- care, keeping, and disposal of the animal, except to the extent that a court or hearing officer finds that the

- seizure or impoundment was not substantially justified by law. The costs must be paid in full or a mutually satisfactory arrangement for payment must be made between the municipality and the person claiming an interest in the animal before the return of the animal to the person.
- 4 Subd. 6. **Photographs.** (a) Photographs of animals seized during an investigation are competent
- 5 evidence if the photographs are admissible into evidence under all the rules of law governing the
- admissibility of photographs into evidence. A satisfactorily identified photographic record is as admissible in evidence as the animal itself.
 - (b) A photograph must be accompanied by a written description of the animals seized, the name of the
- 9 owner of the animals seized, the date of the photograph, and the name, address, organization, and signature of the photographer.
- 11 Subd. 7. Veterinary investigative report.(a) A report completed by a Minnesota licensed veterinarian
- 12 following an examination of an animal seized during an investigation is competent evidence. A
- 13 satisfactorily identified veterinary investigative report is as admissible in evidence as the animal itself. (b)
- 14 The veterinary investigative report may contain a written description of the animal seized, the medical
- evaluation of the physical findings, the prognosis for recovery, and the date of the examination and must
- 16 contain the name, address, veterinary clinic, and signature of the veterinarian performing the
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343.37 Decompression chambers prohibited.

A person may not use a decompression chamber to destroy an animal. A violation of this section is a misdemeanor.

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343.40 Dog houses.

- Subdivision 1. **In general**. A person in charge or control of any dog which is kept outdoors or in an unheated enclosure shall provide the dog with shelter and bedding as prescribed in this section as a minimum.
- Subd. 2. **Building specifications**. The shelter shall include a moisture proof and windproof structure of suitable size to accommodate the dog and allow retention of body heat. It shall be made of durable
- 29 material with a solid, moisture-proof floor or a floor raised at least two inches from the ground. Between
- November 1 and March 31 the structure must have a windbreak at the entrance. The structure shall be provided with a sufficient quantity of suitable bedding material consisting of hay, straw, cedar shavings,
- blankets, or the equivalent, to provide insulation and protection against cold and dampness and promote
- 33 retention of body heat.
- Subd. 3. **Shade**. Shade from the direct rays of the sun, during the months of May to October shall be provided.
- Subd. 4. **Farm dogs**. In lieu of the requirements of subdivisions 2 and 3, a dog kept on a farm may be provided with access to a barn with a sufficient quantity of loose hay or bedding to protect against cold and dampness.
- Subd. 5. **Zoning.** All shelters required by this section shall be subject to all building or zoning regulations of any city, township, county, or state.
 - Subd. 6. **Penalty**. Whoever violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a petty misdemeanor.

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Pet and Companion Animal Welfare Act

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346.35 Citation.

Sections 346.35 to 346.44 may be cited as the "Pet and Companion Animal Welfare Act."

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346.36 Definitions.

- Subdivision 1. **Scope**. Sections 346.35 to 346.44 shall only apply to veterinarians, animal boarding facilities, and commercial animal facilities. As used in sections 346.35 to 346.44 the terms defined in this section have the meanings given them.
- Subd. 2. **Abuse**. "Abuse" means intentionally causing unnecessary pain, injury, suffering, or harassment to a pet or companion animal.
- Subd. 3. **Cruelty**. "Cruelty" means causing or allowing unnecessary pain, suffering, or unjustifiable injury or death to a pet or companion animal.

- Subd. 4. **Expert opinion**. "Expert opinion" means the opinion of at least one licensed Minnesota veterinarian selected by an investigating officer.
- Subd. 5. **Neglect**. "Neglect" means failure to provide the minimum care required for the health and well-being of a pet or companion animal.
- Subd. 6. **Pet or companion animal**. "Pet" or "companion animal" means a nonhuman mammal, bird, or reptile impounded or held for breeding, or possessed by, cared for, or controlled by a person for the present or future enjoyment of that person or another.
 - Subd. 7. **Shelter; confinement area**. "Shelter" or "confinement area" means an enclosure provided to protect or confine a pet or companion animal when it is not in transit.

346.37 General provisions.

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Subdivision 1. **Abandoned animals**. (a) If an animal is left with a veterinarian, boarding facility, or commercial facility pursuant to a written agreement with the owner or person in possession of the animal and the owner or lawful possessor of the animal has not claimed the animal within ten days after notice in accordance with paragraph (b) or (d), the animal is abandoned and the owner has no further rights or claim to the animal.

- (b) The notice required under paragraph (a), must be given by the veterinarian, boarding facility, or commercial facility to the owner or the owner's agent at the person's last known address by certified mail, return receipt requested, or may be served upon the owner or owner's agent in the manner that a summons is served in a civil court action in the district courts. The notice must notify the owner or owner's agent that the animal may be redeemed by paying all prior expenses incurred within ten days or the animal is abandoned and will be disposed of in accordance with this subdivision.
- (c) If the animal is not claimed within ten days, the veterinarian, boarding facility, or commercial facility becomes the owner of the animal and the animal may be disposed of by the veterinarian, boarding facility, or commercial facility as they consider proper. Upon the veterinarian, boarding facility, or commercial facility becoming the owner of the animal, the veterinarian, boarding facility, or commercial facility is relieved of any liability for disposal of the animal.
- 28 (d) If the notice under paragraph (c) is not given to the owner or owner's agent, or if the address of the 29 owner or owner's agent is not known, notice must be given by the veterinarian, boarding facility, or 30 commercial facility by publishing one notice in a legal newspaper circulated in the county where the 31 animal was delivered to the veterinarian, boarding facility, or commercial facility not less than ten days before the animal is to become the property of the veterinarian, boarding facility, or commercial facility 32 33 under paragraph (c). The published notice must contain the information required in paragraph (b). 34 (e) Each veterinarian, boarding facility, or commercial facility shall warn its patrons of the provisions of 35 this subdivision by a conspicuously posted notice or by conspicuous type in a written document delivered
- to the owner or the owner's agent.
 Subd. 2. Good Samaritans. A person is not liable for rendering humane assistance to an injured pet or companion animal.
- Subd. 3. **Cruel training or handling**. A person may not inflict cruelty on a pet or companion animal by the use of a cruel training or handling device or method.
- Subd. 4. **Health care**. Adequate health care, including parasite and pest control, must be provided to each pet or companion animal.
- Subd. 5. **Interpretation of terms**. A dispute as to the meaning of "abuse," "cruelty," or "neglect" shall be resolved by an expert opinion.
- Subd. 6. **Reports of abuse, cruelty, or neglect**. A veterinarian must report known or suspected cases of abuse, cruelty, or neglect to peace officers and humane agents as provided in 343.12 and 343.29.

346.39 Dogs and cats.

Subdivision 1. **Food**. Dogs and cats must be provided with food of sufficient quantity and quality to allow for normal growth or the maintenance of body weight. Feed standards shall be those recommended by the National Research Council.

- Subd. 2. **Water**. Dogs and cats must be provided with clean, potable water in sufficient quantity to satisfy the animal's needs or supplied by free choice. Snow or ice is not an adequate water source.
- Subd. 3. **Transportation and shipment**. When dogs or cats are transported in crates or containers, the crates or containers must be constructed of nonabrasive wire or a smooth, durable material suitable for

- 1 the animals. Crates and containers must be clean, adequately ventilated, contain sufficient space to
- 2 allow the animals to turn around, and provide maximum safety and protection to the animals. Exercise
- 3 for 20 to 30 minutes and water must be provided at least once every eight hours. Food must be provided
- 4 at least once every 24 hours or more often, if necessary, to maintain the health and condition of the
- 5 animals.
- 6 Subd. 4. Shelter size. A confinement area must provide sufficient space to allow each animal to turn
- 7 about freely and to easily stand, sit, and lie in a normal position. Each confined animal must be provided
- 8 a minimum square footage of floor space as measured from the tip of its nose to the base of its tail, plus
- 9 25 percent, expressed in square feet. The formula for computing minimum square footage is: (length of
- animal plus 25 percent) times (length of animal plus 25 percent), divided by 144. A shaded area must be
- 11 provided sufficient to protect the animal from the direct rays of the sun at all times during the months of
- 12 May to October.
- 13 Subd. 5. Exercise. All dogs and cats must be provided the opportunity for periodic exercise, either
- 14 through free choice or through a forced work program, unless exercise is restricted by a licensed
- 15 veterinarian.
- 16 Subd. 6. **Group housing and breeding**. Animals housed together must be kept in compatible groups.
- 17 Animals must not be bred so often as to endanger their health.
- Subd. 7. **Temperature**. Confinement areas must be maintained at a temperature suitable for the animal
- 19 involved.
- 20 Subd. 8. Ventilation. An indoor confinement area must be ventilated. Drafts, odors, and moisture
- 21 condensation must be minimized. Auxiliary ventilation, such as exhaust fans, vents, and air conditioning,
- 22 must be used when the ambient temperature rises to a level that may endanger the health of the
- 23 animal
- Subd. 9. **Lighting**. An indoor confinement area must have at least eight hours of illumination sufficient to
- 25 permit routine inspection and cleaning.
- Subd. 10. Confinement and exercise area surfaces. Where applicable, the interior surfaces of
- 27 confinement and exercise areas, including crates or containers, must be constructed and maintained so
- that they are substantially impervious to moisture and may be readily cleaned. They must protect the
- animal from injury and be kept in good repair.
- 30 Subd. 11. **Drainage**. Where applicable, a suitable method must be used to rapidly eliminate excess fluids
- 31 from confinement areas.
- 32 Subd. 12. **Sanitation**. Food and water receptacles must be accessible to each animal and located so as
- 33 to minimize contamination by excreta. Feeding and water receptacles must be kept clean. Disposable
- 34 food receptacles must be discarded when soiled. Measures must be taken to protect animals from being
- contaminated with water, wastes, and harmful chemicals. Wastes must be disposed of properly. Where
- applicable, flushing methods and a disinfectant must be used periodically. Bedding, if used, must be kept clean and dry. Outdoor enclosures must be kept clean and base material replaced as necessary.
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