



**THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES**

State Puppy Mill Laws

State	Licensing	Fees	Criteria for Coverage / Exemptions	Inspections	Regulatory Agency	Covers
Alabama	No			No		
Alaska	No			No		
Arizona § 11-1009	Yes	\$75	Kennel – enclosed, controlled area, inaccessible to other animals, in which a person keeps, harbors or maintains five or more dogs under controlled conditions	No	Board of Supervisors of the County in which the kennel is located	
Arkansas	No			No		
California Health and Safety Code §122045 to 122110	No		Breeder – a person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other association that has sold, transferred, or given all or part of three or more litters or 20 or more dogs during the preceding 12 months that were bred and reared on the premises of the person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other association.	No		Sanitation, nutrition, space, socialization, exercise, veterinary care
Colorado § 35-80-101 to 35-80-117	Yes	Up to \$350	<p>Pet animal facility – any place or premise used for the keeping of pet animals for the purpose of adoption, breeding, boarding, grooming, handling, selling, sheltering, trading, or otherwise transferring such animals. "Pet animal facility" also includes any individual animals kept by such a facility as breeding stock.</p> <p>Exemptions: A veterinary hospital which boards pet animals for the purpose of veterinary medical care only; a research facility, circus, or publicly or privately owned zoological park or petting zoo licensed or registered under the provisions of the federal Animal Welfare Act; hobby breeder facility; any kennel operated for the breeding or sale or racing of greyhounds that are not intended to be companion pets.</p>	Yes	State Agricultural Commission	Sanitation, ventilation, temperature, humidity, space, nutrition, humane care, veterinary care
Connecticut	Yes	Kennel: \$50 – up to	Kennel, commercial kennel, pet shop, training facility,	Inspections	Commissioner of	Sanitation, disease,

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§ 22-342 and §22-344		10 dogs, \$100 – more than 10 dogs Commercial kennel, grooming facility, training facility – \$100 Pet shop – \$200	grooming facility	may be conducted.	Agriculture	humane treatment, protection of the public safety
Delaware § 1701 to 1704	Yes	Fee based on number of dogs: Up to 12 – \$21 13 to 25 – \$31 26 to 50 – \$51 51+ – \$101	Retail dog dealers – any person who owns or operates a premises where dogs are sold. Kennels – where dogs are kept for show, trial, sale, breeding or other purposes	Inspections may be conducted.	Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control	Structurally sound facilities, proper storage of food and supplies, waste disposal, temperature, ventilation, lighting, shelter from the elements, space
Florida	No			No		
Georgia § 4-11-1 to 4-11-10	Yes	\$25 to \$200	Kennel – any establishment, other than an animal shelter, where dogs or cats are maintained for boarding, holding, training, or similar purposes for a fee or compensation. Pet dealer – any person who sells, offers to sell, exchanges, or offers for adoption dogs, cats, birds, fish, reptiles, or other animals customarily obtained as pets in this state. Exemption: A person who sells only animals that he or she has produced and raised, not to exceed 30 animals a year, shall not be considered a pet dealer under this article unless such person is licensed for a business by a local government or has a Georgia sales tax number.	Yes	Commissioner of Agriculture	Facilities in good state of repair, sanitation, ventilation, humane care, disease.
Hawaii	No			No		
Idaho	No			No		
Illinois § 225 ILCS 605/1 to 605/22	Yes	\$25	Pet shop, dog dealer, kennel, cattery, guard dog service, an animal control facility or animal shelter	Inspections may be conducted.	Illinois Department of Agriculture	Sanitation, ventilation, nutrition, humane care
Indiana §6-9-39-3 to 6-9-39-5 § 15-5-9-1 Repealed 2006	Yes	Not more than 6-\$30 6+ dogs - \$50	Kennels for breeding, boarding, or training purposes or for sale Repealed law required license for kennels with dogs for breeding, boarding or training purposes or for sale	No	Fiscal Body of County	

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Iowa § 162.1 to 162.18	Yes	Pet shop – \$50 Commercial kennel, public auction, commercial breeder – \$40 Dealer – \$100 Boarding kennel – \$30	Pet shop, commercial kennel, public auction, dealer, commercial breeder, boarding kennel Exemption: Federally-licensed facilities need only apply for a certificate of registration (\$20 fee) and are not subject to any other rules	Yes (\$162.12)	Animal Warden	Feeding, watering, cleaning, and housing practices
Kansas § 47-1701 to 47-1737	Yes	Hobby breeder or kennel operator – up to \$75 Federally-licensed facility – up to \$150 Others – up to \$300	Animal distributor, pet shop, pound or animal shelter, hobby breeder, research facility, kennel operator, animal breeder, retail breeder Exemption: Federally-licensed facilities need only follow USDA rules on animal care.	Yes	Livestock Commissioner appointed by Kansas animal health board	Administrative Regulations §9-25-1 to 9-25-14 Housing facilities, feeding, watering, sanitation, exercise, minimum age of animal, compatible grouping
Kentucky § 258.165 Repealed 2004			Repealed law required kennel license for establishment where dogs are kept for breeding, sale, show or sporting purposes, including pet shops with city permits.			
Louisiana §3:2772	Yes	5 dogs or less - \$15 6 -10 dogs - \$25 10+ dogs - \$30	Kennel	No	Governing body on municipality	
Maine § 3907 to 3944	Yes	Kennels – \$42 for each license; no more than 10 dogs per license Boarding kennels – \$75 Breeding kennels – \$50	Pet shop, animal shelter Kennels – 5 or more dogs or wolf hybrids kept in a single location under one ownership for breeding, hunting, show, training, field trials and exhibition purposes. Boarding kennel – any place in or on which 3 or more privately owned dogs or other pets, or both, are kept at any one time for their owners in return for a fee. Breeding kennel – a location where 5 or more adult dogs, wolf hybrids or cats capable of breeding are kept and some or all of the offspring are offered for sale, sold or exchanged for value.	Yes	Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources	Sanitation, temperature, food, lighting, ventilation, housing, noise, minimum age of animal
Maryland § 10-616	No		A premises where a person is engaged in the business of buying, selling, trading, or breeding dogs; or a kennel where 25 or more dogs are kept	Announced inspections for investigation	Local enforcement	inhumane treatment of dogs

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			Exemption: premises where dogs are kept or bred solely for medical research or laboratory tests; places operated by a licensed and regularly practicing veterinarian; or where hunting dogs are housed, if the buying, selling, trading, or breeding is incidental to the main purposes of housing, keeping, and using dogs.	of inhumane treatment of dogs by an authorized director of a humane society, accompanied by a sheriff or deputy sheriff.		
Massachusetts § 136A to 147B	Yes	No more than 4 dogs – \$10 5 to 10 dogs – \$25 More than 10 dogs – \$50	Kennel – one pack or collection of dogs on a single premises, whether maintained for breeding, boarding, sale, training, hunting or other purposes and including any shop where dogs are on sale, and also including every pack or collection of more than three dogs three months old or over, owned or kept by a person on a single premises irrespective of the purpose for which they are maintained.	Yes, for sanitary and humane maintenance	Police Commissioner of Boston or clerk of other towns	330CMR 12:00 Sanitation, humane maintenance, housing, compatible groups
Michigan § 287.270 to 287.286b §287.331 to 287.335	Yes	Kennels: 10 or less dogs – \$10 11+ dogs – \$25 Pet shops – \$200 initial and \$100 renewal	Kennel – establishment wherein or whereon 3 or more dogs are confined and kept for sale, boarding, breeding or training purposes Pet shops – place where animals are sold or offered for sale, exchange or transfer	Inspection of new facilities	County Treasurer and Department of Agriculture	Sanitation, nutrition, shelter, temperature
Minnesota	No			No		
Mississippi	No			No		
Missouri § 273.325 to 273.357	Yes	\$100 to \$500 animal shelters and pounds exempt from fee	Dealers or commercial breeders, animal shelter, pound or dog pound, boarding kennel, commercial kennel, contract kennel, pet shop, or exhibition facility, other than a limited show or exhibit Exemption: Persons engaged in breeding dogs and cats who harbor three or less intact females or a hobby or show breeder.	Yes	Animal Welfare Official/State Veterinarian	Rules of the Department of Agriculture Division 30, Chapter 9 Sanitation, ventilation, nutrition, shelter, exercise
Montana	No			No		
Nebraska § 54-625 to	Yes	Initial license - \$125	Commercial breeder, dealer, boarding kennel, animal control facility, animal shelter, pet shop	Yes	State Veterinarian of Bureau of	Humane handling, care, treatment and

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54-641		Annual fees: 10 dogs or less - \$150 11 to 50 dogs - \$200 More than 50 dogs - \$200	<u>Exemptions:</u> A person who owns or harbors three or less unaltered dogs or cats for breeding purposes; a person who sells, exchanges, or leases thirty or less dogs or cats in a twelve-month period if all such dogs or cats are sold, exchanged, or leased to a final owner rather than for later retail sale or brokered trading; a person who purchases, sells, exchanges, or leases thirty or less dogs or cats in a twelve-month period		Animal Industry of the Department of Agriculture	transportation of dogs and cats, sanitation, shelter from weather, temperature, shade, nutrition, space, socialization, exercise, veterinary care
Nevada §574.210 to 574.440	No		Kennel, cattery or commercial establishment in business of selling animals, or animal shelter	No		Shelter from elements, light, temperature, ventilation, shade, space, nutrition, sanitation
New Hampshire § 437:1 to 437:13a	Yes	\$200	Pet shop, commercial kennel or animal shelter	Yes, at least every 6 months	Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food	
New Jersey § 4:19-15.1 to 4:19-15.19	Yes	Kennels with 10 or less dogs – \$10 Kennels with more than 10 dogs –\$25 Pet shop – \$10 Shelter or pound – No fee	Kennel, pet shop, shelter or pound	No	State Department of Health & Senior Services or local board of health	Sanitation, food and water
New Mexico	No			No		
New York § 400 to 407	Yes	\$100 \$25 – less than 25 animal sold per year	Pet dealer: any person, firm, partnership, association, municipality, or other legal entity which engages in the sale of more than 9 animals per year for profit to the public. Exemption: A breeder who sells directly to the consumer fewer than 25 animals per year that are born and raised on the breeder's residential property should not be considered a pet dealer.	Yes	Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets	Housing, sanitation, feeding and watering, handling, lighting, veterinary care and humane euthanasia
North Carolina § 19A-20 to 19A-41	Yes	\$50	Pet shop, public auction, boarding kennel, dealer	No	Animal Health Division of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	Housing, food, sanitation, temperature
North Dakota	No			No		

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Ohio § 955.02 to 955.21	Yes, Registering	\$10 – individual counties may raise	Kennel: person, partnership, firm, company, or corporation professionally engaged in the business of breeding dogs for hunting or for sale.	No	County Auditor	
Oklahoma	No			No		
Oregon	No			No		
Pennsylvania § 459-101 to 459-219	Yes	Breeding kennel fees based on number of dogs: 50 or less – \$75 51 to 100 – \$200 101 to 150 – \$300 151 to 250 -- \$400 251 + --\$500 Boarding kennel: 10 or less – \$100 11 to 25 – \$150 26+ -- \$250 Nonprofit – \$25	Any person who keeps or operates a breeding kennel, boarding kennel or nonprofit kennel	Yes	Department of Agriculture	Sanitation and humane conditions
Rhode Island § 4-13-10 & § 4-19-1 to 4-19-14	Yes	Pet shop – \$100 Public auction and kennel – \$50 Dealer – \$100	Pet shop, public auction, kennel, and dealer	No	Environmental Management Office	
South Carolina	No			No		
South Dakota	No			No		
Tennessee §44-17.101 to 44-17.120	Yes	\$125 - \$1,000	Dealer – person who buys or sells 25 or more dogs or cats in 1 year for resale or buys from or sells to a private person at a flea market	Yes	Commissioner of Agriculture	
Texas	No			No		
Utah	No			No		
Vermont § 3583 to 3684 & § 3901 to 3914 & § 4301 to 4304	Yes	Dogs kept for breeding or sale – \$10 Public auction – \$10 Pet Merchant – \$150	Owner or keeper of two or more domestic pets or wolf-hybrids four months of age or older kept for sale or for breeding purposes, public auction, pet merchant	Inspections may be conducted.	Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets	Humane transportation, primary enclosures, housing facilities, sanitation, euthanasia, ambient temperatures, feeding, watering, and adequate veterinary medical care
Virginia § 3.1-796.66 to	No	Individual counties, cities or towns may	Animal shelter, any business premises where animals are housed or kept, including any boarding	Inspections may be	State Veterinarian for the Department	Nutrition, shelter, sanitation, space,

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3.1-796.83		establish permit fees of no more than \$50	establishment, kennel, pet shop, pound, or the business premises of any dealer, exhibitor or groomer.	conducted upon complaint.	of Agriculture and Consumer Services	exercise, adequate care, treatment and transportation, and veterinary care
Washington	No			No		
West Virginia § 19-20-3	Yes, Registering	\$10	Kennels – wherein dogs are bred, kept, boarded or sold as a commercial venture for profit	No	Assessor of County in which kennel resides	
Wisconsin	No			No		
Wyoming	No			No		

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