

ANIMAL BREEDING/BOARDING/GROOMING/SERVICE

Checklist

- If you will **breed dogs** for hunting or sale, you must register as a **kennel owner** with the county auditor where the business will be located.
- There are no state-level licenses required for breeding and selling of other domesticated animals, such as cats.
- If you will bring livestock in from out of state, or breed and sell livestock, or if you have questions about your specific situation, contact the **Ohio Department of Agriculture's Division of Animal Industry** at **(614) 728-6220** or toll free at **(800) 282-1955(option2)**. Information is also on-line at www.agri.ohio.gov .
- If you will breed or sell amphibians, reptiles, fish or game animals (such as rabbits), or bring these animals in from out of state, contact the **Ohio Department of Natural Resources' Division of Wildlife District Office** in your area for more information. Information is also on-line at www.ohiodnr.gov

Central Ohio
(614) 644-3925

Northwest Ohio
(419) 424-5000

Northeast Ohio
(330) 644-2293

Southeast Ohio
(740) 589-9930

Southwest Ohio
(937) 372-9261

- There are federal breeding and boarding regulations and registration requirements set by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Read the attached information from the USDA. For more information, contact the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) at 1-(919) 716-5618. The APHIS is on-line at www.aphis.usda.gov.
- Ohio's laws regarding animal abuse can be found in **Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 959**. The ORC can be found in your local library or on-line at <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc>.
- Contact the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at (614) 644-3020 for general inquiries or (800) 329-7518 for the Small Business Hotline; for information about the proper disposal of animal waste. The Ohio EPA is also on-line at epa.ohio.gov
- You must collect sales tax on retail sales (including the sale of animals). You need a **VENDOR'S LICENSE**. Contact **YOUR COUNTY AUDITOR**. Sales tax is not collected on boarding and grooming services.
- If you have questions about sales tax, contact the **OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION** at (888) 405-4039 for Business Taxpayer Assistance; (800) 282-1782 for

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the Forms Request Line; or (888) 405-4089 for Tax Registration. Information is also on-line at <http://tax.ohio.gov>.

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