

# 1st STOP CHECKLIST:

## ANIMAL BREEDING/ BOARDING/GROOMING/SERVICE

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### 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](http://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.wildohio.com](http://www.wildohio.com). **\*Remember to check local government agencies\***

Central Ohio (614) 644-3925  
Northeast Ohio (330) 644-2293

Northwest Ohio (419) 424-5000  
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](http://www.aphis.usda.gov).
- There are no state-level licenses for boarding and grooming animals. However, some grooming procedures are considered surgery or may require anesthetic. These procedures may only be performed by a licensed veterinarian. If you have questions, contact **Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board** at **(614) 644-5281**. Information is also on-line at [www.ovmlb.ohio.gov](http://www.ovmlb.ohio.gov). **\*Remember to check local government agencies\***

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- Ohio's laws regarding animal abuse can be found in **Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 955**. The ORC can be found in your local library or on-line at <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/955>
- 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 [www.epa.state.oh.us](http://www.epa.state.oh.us).
- 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](tel:8884054039); [\(800\) 282-1782 for the Forms Request Line](tel:8002821782); or [\(888\) 405-4089 for Tax Registration](tel:8884054089). Information is also on-line at <http://tax.ohio.gov>.
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