

**NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
ANIMAL & PLANT HEALTH PROTECTION  
VETERINARY CARE PLAN**

(Program of Veterinary Care for Commercial Breeders, Dealers, and Pet Shops handling Dogs and Cats)

**SECTION I. A PROGRAM OF VETERINARY CARE (PVC) HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BETWEEN:**

<i>A. LICENSEE</i>	<i>B. ATTENDING VETERINARIAN</i>
1. NAME	1. NAME
2. BUSINESS NAME	2. CLINIC
3. LICENSE/REGISTRATION NUMBER	3. NE STATE LICENSE ACCREDITATION NUMBER
4. MAILING ADDRESS	4. BUSINESS ADDRESS
5. CITY, STATE, AND ZIP CODE	5. CITY, STATE, AND ZIP CODE
6. TELEPHONE (home)                      TELEPHONE (business)	6. TELEPHONE (business)

This form may be used by the licensee to satisfy the requirements for a written Veterinary Care Plan, as required under §54-627.01 and 54-640(9).

The attending veterinarian, by signing this form, agrees to establish, maintain, and supervise programs of disease control and prevention, pest and parasite control, pre-procedural care and post-procedural care, nutrition, euthanasia, and adequate veterinary care for the licensee's dogs and cats which are subject to the act. A written program of adequate veterinary care between the licensee and the doctor of veterinary medicine shall be established and reviewed on an annual basis. Such programs must include regularly scheduled visits to the premises by the veterinarian. Space is provided on page #4 of this form for the Veterinarian's signature to verify these inspections. Scheduled visits are required to monitor animal health and husbandry.

Pages or blocks which do not apply to the facility should be marked N/A. If space provided is not adequate for a specific topic, additional sheets may be added. Please indicate Section and Item Number.

I have read and completed this Veterinary Care Plan, and I understand my responsibilities.

Regularly scheduled visits by the veterinarian will occur at the following frequency:

(minimum annual).

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\_\_\_\_\_

C. SIGNATURE of LICENSEE	DATE
D. SIGNATURE of VETERINARIAN	DATE

(VETERINARIAN SHALL SIGN ON PAGE #4 AT EACH INSPECTION OF FACILITY AND ANIMALS)

## SECTION II: DOGS AND CATS

CHECK IF N/A

**A. VACCINATIONS – SPECIFY THE FREQUENCY OF VACCINATION FOR THE FOLLOWING DISEASES**

	CANINE		SPECIFY	FELINE	
	JUVENILE	ADULT		JUVENILE	ADULT
RABIES					
OTHER (Specify)					

**B. PARASITE CONTROL PROGRAM – DESCRIBE THE FREQUENCY OF SAMPLING OR TREATMENT FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

1. ECTOPARASITES (Fleas, Ticks, Mites, Lice, Flies)

2. BLOOD PARASITES (Heartworm, Babesia, Ehrlichia, Other)

3. INTESTINAL PARASITES (Fecals, Deworming)

**C. DENTAL HEALTH - DESCRIBE MONITORING, PREVENTION, AND TREATMENT PROGRAM FOR DENTAL HEALTH.**

**D. EMERGENCY CARE – DESCRIBE PROVISIONS FOR EMERGENCY, WEEKEND, AND HOLIDAY CARE:**

**E. EUTHANASIA**

1. SICK, DISEASED, INJURED, OR LAME ANIMALS SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH VETERINARY CARE OR EUTHANIZED. EUTHANASIA WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AVMA RECOMMENDATIONS AND WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY THE FOLLOWING:

VETERINARIAN

LICENSEE

2. METHOD(S) OF EUTHANASIA

**F. ADDITIONAL PROGRAM TOPICS – THE FOLLOWING TOPICS HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED IN THE FORMULATION OF THE PROGRAM OF VETERINARY CARE:**

Congenital Conditions

Quarantine Conditions

Nutrition

Anthelmintic alteration

Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Exercise Plan (Dogs)

Proper Handling of Biologics

Venereal Diseases

Pest Control and Product Safety

Proper Use of Analgesics and Sedatives

## INSTRUCTION FOR EXERCISE PLAN

Each dealer, pet shop, and commercial breeder shall have a written plan of exercise that has been approved by the attending veterinarian. This written plan must be kept at the licensed facility and must be made available to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) inspector upon request.

Dealers and pet shops with primary enclosures meeting the following two examples shall **not** be required to provide dogs with additional opportunities for exercise:

1. **Individually housed dogs**: Dogs with **two times** the minimum required floor space do not require additional exercise. Calculate your floor space as follows:
  - a. Measure dog from tip of nose to base of tail and add six (6) inches to this number.
  - b. Multiply (length of dog + 6 inches) X (length of dog + 6 inches).
  - c. Answer is the minimum floor space in square inches.
  - d. **Double** the amount of this answer to meet exercise requirements.
2. **Dogs in groups**: Dogs maintained in cages or pens that provide each dog with 100% of the minimum required floor space do not require additional exercise.
  - a. Multiply (length of dog + 6 inches) X (length of dog + 6 inches).
  - b. Answer is minimum floor space in square inches.
  - c. Do **not** double this answer to meet the exercise requirement space for group-housed dogs.

Dealers and pet shops whose dogs are not kept in a space that fits into the examples above, shall develop an additional plan that provides the opportunity for exercise.

Pursuant to §54-640, a commercial breeder shall: Provide dogs with adequate socialization and exercise. For the purpose of this subdivision, adequate socialization means physical contact with other dogs and with human beings, other than being fed, and adequate exercise means providing the opportunity for exercise at least two times per day, outside of a cage or similar small enclosure, except during inclement weather that may be hazardous to dogs. Cages that provide access to runs approved by NDA will satisfy this requirement.

Plans must be documented in writing, and approved by the attending veterinarian. This plan should be available for review by the NDA inspector along with other required records.

## EXERCISE PLAN FOR DOGS

Please indicate which methods of exercise will be used at your facility:

### Dealers and Pet Shops

1) **Dogs housed individually:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Facility will provide at least **two (2) times** the required floor space.

OR

\_\_\_\_\_ Facility does not provide at least two (2) times the required floor space. Opportunity for exercise will be provided as follows: (Please describe frequency, method, and duration. Use additional sheets if necessary.)

2) **Dogs housed in groups**

Do not require additional opportunity for exercise if the enclosures provide **at least 100%** of the floor space required for each dog if maintained separately. Dogs must be maintained in compatible groups.

\_\_\_\_\_ Facility will group house dogs providing at least 100% of the floor space required for each dog if maintained separately.

Dealers, and pet shops that are not meeting the above requirements, or where dogs do not have access to approved runs, should provide a written socialization and exercise plan. Commercial breeders whose dogs do not have access to approved runs shall provide a written plan consistent with §54-640 (7).

In developing exercise plans, facilities should consider providing positive, physical contact with humans that encourage exercise through play or other similar activities. If a dog is maintained without sensory contact with another dog, it must be provided with daily physical contact with humans.

### All exercise plans must be approved by the attending veterinarian.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Licensee

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Attending Veterinarian

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