

# Breeder Permit Application





Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department

ANIMAL CARE AND ADOPTION DIVISION

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## ALL ABOUT THE BROWARD COUNTY BREEDER PERMIT

In order to protect the welfare of dogs and cats within our community and to protect consumers who buy or adopt puppies and kittens from breeders, Broward County requires a permit in order to breed, stud or sell dogs or cats within the County.

Reducing the number of unwanted animals that enter the County's shelters can be assisted through regulations that place limits on the number of litters per animal that can be bred by commercial and hobby breeders. The purpose of Broward County's Breeder Ordinance 4-6.5 was to regulate the breeding of dogs and cats in Broward County. This outlines the basis of permit, process of application, permit review and issuance, exemptions, violations, inspections, denials/revocations/suspensions, appeals and owner requirements.

### Basis of Permit

Any person who engages in the sale, stud, or breeding of either dogs or cats is considered a breeder under 4-6.5 of the Broward County Ordinance. As such, no breeder shall cause or allow the breeding of a dog or cat, or offer a dog or cat for breeding or stud purposes, without first obtaining a breeder permit issued by the Division. A breeder permit is not transferable, assignable, or refundable.

Breeders shall comply with the following:

- (1) Keep records, for the duration of the breeder permit and all permit renewals, of the birth of each litter of puppies or kittens, and make such records available for review by the Division upon request;
- (2) For a period of at least three (3) years, keep veterinary records of rabies vaccinations, all other inoculations, and any medical condition(s) of each dog, cat, puppy, or kitten bred to be sold, given away, or otherwise conveyed;

- (3) On a yearly basis, provide to the Division the name, address, and telephone number of the new owner of each dog, cat, puppy, or kitten sold, given away, or conveyed that remains within Broward County;
- (4) Furnish to each new owner of a dog, cat, puppy, or kitten the breeder permit number, providing proof and assurance that the animal was legally bred, the microchip number of the animal, and a copy of the OCVI Health Certificate;
- (5) Not offer a puppy or kitten under the age of eight (8) weeks for sale, trade, other compensation, or gift, with the exception of animals taken to an animal shelter;
- (6) Not breed or offer for stud any animal that will result in more than a total of one (1) litter per adult animal per calendar year, provided, however, that stud services may be provided outside of Broward County more than one (1) time per calendar year. Stud services means the act of mating a male dog or cat, either artificially or naturally, with a female dog or cat for compensation, monetary or otherwise, provided to the owner of the male dog or cat;
- (7) Recommend to each new owner that any animal sold, transferred, or given away be examined by a licensed veterinarian within one (1) week of the date of transfer and notify the new owner of state and local requirements for rabies vaccinations and County registration;
- (8) List the breeder permit number on all advertisements and literature concerning the sale or gift of any dog, cat, puppy, or kitten of the breeder;
- (9) Adhere to minimum standards regarding the care and manner of keeping of animals, as provided in Section 4-6 of this article;
- (10) Provide a valid, current OCVI Health Certificate for inspection, with all dogs and cats offered for sale, exchange, or other conveyance, at the time they are conveyed;
- (11) Provide a medical history of the sire and dam as well as, when possible, a medical family history of the sire and dam;
- (12) Present a copy of a valid, current OCVI Health Certificate to any animal care specialist upon demand for review, provided, however, that animal shelters and rescue groups offering animals for adoption are exempt from this requirement; and
- (13) Allow an animal care specialist to view each animal that is the subject of a breeder permit and to inspect the premises unannounced and unscheduled where the animal is maintained. Such inspection will be limited to that necessary to ascertain compliance with Section 4-6. If a breeder refuses to allow the animal care specialist to perform such inspection, the Division may apply for a warrant pursuant to applicable provisions of Chapter 933, Florida Statutes.

## Process of Application

Applications are available at the customer service desk of the Animal Care and Adoption Division located at 2400 SW 42<sup>nd</sup> Street Ft Lauderdale, FL 33312 or online at [broward.org/animal](http://broward.org/animal) and may be accepted at the shelter during normal business hours. The fee for a breeder permit is \$500 per year and must be paid at the time the application is submitted. The application is held for thirty (30) days before the permit is issued.

Requirements if this is the first permit:

- Completed application
- Verifiable proof that all required animals are current on rabies and registration
- No withheld or falsified information on application
- No person found in violation of the Broward County cruelty ordinance, subject of final judgment of Florida Statute pursuant to Section 828.073, convicted of cruelty to animals pursuant to Section 828.073, Florida Statutes, or any other Florida statute prohibiting animal neglect or mistreatment.
- Have no outstanding civil penalties

Requirements if this is the permit renewal:

- Completed application 30 days **prior** to expiration of current permit
- Verifiable proof that all required animals are current on rabies and registration
- No withheld or falsified information on application
- No person found in violation of the Broward County cruelty ordinance, subject of final judgment of Florida Statute pursuant to Section 828.073, convicted of cruelty to animals pursuant to Section 828.073, Florida Statutes, or any other Florida statute prohibiting animal neglect or mistreatment.
- Have no outstanding civil penalties
- Provide to the Division the name, address, and telephone number of the new owner of each dog, cat, puppy, or kitten sold, given away, or conveyed that remains within Broward County.

## Application Approval

Applications will be reviewed by administrative personnel and, if approved, a permit will be mailed to the applicant after 30 days.

## **Permit Denial, Revocation and Suspension**

The Division may deny, revoke, or suspend any permit if it is determined that:

- a. There has been a material misstatement or misrepresentation in the permit application;
- b. The applicant or permit holder has been held in violation for at least three (3) violations of this article within the preceding two-year period;
- c. The applicant or permit holder has failed to pay a fine or to request a hearing as provided in this article within thirty (30) days after issuance of a violation;
- d. The applicant or permit holder has been found by a Hearing Officer to be in violation of the cruelty section of this chapter, or convicted of a violation of law involving cruelty to animals, or has been subject to a final judgment pursuant to Section 828.073, Florida Statutes;
- e. An animal under the care and responsibility of an applicant or permit holder has been found to be in need of immediate veterinary care that, if not treated, would result in suffering, pain, or death, and the applicant or permit holder did not address the medical need in a timely manner; or
- f. A breeder has exceeded the maximum number of litters permitted per calendar year.

No permit fee shall be refunded for a permit that is revoked or suspended. If a permit is either denied, revoked, or suspended, the Division shall provide written notification of the denial, revocation, or suspension to the applicant or permit holder by certified mail, return receipt requested; hand delivery by an officer evidenced by an affidavit of delivery; or service in conformance with the provisions of Chapter 48, Florida Statutes, relating to service of process.

## **Appeal Process**

Any person who has been denied, revoked or had a permit suspended may appeal to a Hearing Officer pursuant to Section 4-12.5 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances within ten (10) days after the notification of the denial, revocation, or suspension of the permit. Unless otherwise provided herein, the hearing before the Hearing Officer shall be governed by Section 4-12.5, "Hearings." The denial, revocation or suspension of the permit shall be upheld or reversed by the Hearing Officer. All final decisions to uphold or reverse shall be reviewable in accordance with applicable court rules.

If the notice of adverse action of denial or revocation of a breeder permit is not appealed, the permit applicant or holder shall not operate or shall cease to operate as a breeder. If the notice of adverse action of suspension of a breeder permit is not appealed, the permit

applicant or holder shall not operate or shall cease to operate as a breeder pending the Division's determination of compliance. Any person whose permit has been revoked may not reapply for a period of one (1) year after the revocation of the permit. Each reapplication for a permit shall be accompanied by a fee to be established by the Commission by resolution.

## **Violations**

Each violation of this article shall be considered a separate infraction and is \$150 for the first offense and then \$300 for each and every subsequent offense. All fees and fines associated with this section shall be utilized for spay and neuter programs.

For detailed information, including a complete copy of Section 4-6.5, regarding the Breeder Ordinance, please visit [www.broward.org/animal](http://www.broward.org/animal) and refer to the Animal Laws section listed under "Resources".

# Breeder Permit Application

Personal Information				
Last Name		First Name		Middle Initial
Home Address		City	State	Zip
Home Phone	Business Phone		Mobile Phone	
Email Address				
Purpose of Permit (Breed, Sell, Stud)				
Co-Owner Information (if applicable)				
Last Name		First Name		Middle Initial
Home Address		City	State	Zip
Home Phone	Business Phone		Mobile Phone	
Email Address				

Business Information (If a Commercial Breeder)			
Business Name			
Business Address		City	State Zip
Business Phone		Mobile Phone	
Business Fax		Email Address	

Dog or Cat Information				
<b>Dog 1</b>	Name	Breed	Sex	Age
Color(s)		Distinguishing Markings ( <i>scars, tattoos, etc.</i> )		
Microchip Identification #		Microchip Manufacturer		
Location where Dog is Housed		Rabies Vaccination Date	Rabies Vaccination Expiration Date	
Rabies Registration Tag #		Rabies Registration Tag Expiration Date		
<b>Dog 2</b>	Name	Breed	Sex	Age
Color(s)		Distinguishing Markings ( <i>scars, tattoos, etc.</i> )		
Microchip Identification #		Microchip Manufacturer		
Location where Dog is Housed		Rabies Vaccination Date	Rabies Vaccination Expiration Date	
Rabies Registration Tag #		Rabies Registration Tag Expiration Date		
<b>Dog 3</b>	Name	Breed	Sex	Age
Color(s)		Distinguishing Markings ( <i>scars, tattoos, etc.</i> )		
Microchip Identification #		Microchip Manufacturer		
Location where Dog is Housed		Rabies Vaccination Date	Rabies Vaccination Expiration Date	
Rabies Registration Tag #		Rabies Registration Tag Expiration Date		
<b>Dog 4</b>	Name	Breed	Sex	Age
Color(s)		Distinguishing Markings ( <i>scars, tattoos, etc.</i> )		
Microchip Identification #		Microchip Manufacturer		
Location where Dog is Housed		Rabies Vaccination Date	Rabies Vaccination Expiration Date	
Rabies Registration Tag #		Rabies Registration Tag Expiration Date		
<b>Dog 5</b>	Name	Breed	Sex	Age
Color(s)		Distinguishing Markings ( <i>scars, tattoos, etc.</i> )		
Microchip Identification #		Microchip Manufacturer		
Location where Dog is Housed		Rabies Vaccination Date	Rabies Vaccination Expiration Date	
Rabies Registration Tag #		Rabies Registration Tag Expiration Date		

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Veterinary Information				
<input type="checkbox"/> Same for all dogs				
<b>Dog 1</b>	Veterinarian Last Name		Veterinarian First Name	
Veterinary Practice Name				
Address		City	State	Zip
Business Phone		Business Fax	Business Email	
<b>Dog 2</b>	Veterinarian Last Name		Veterinarian First Name	
Veterinary Practice Name				
Address		City	State	Zip
Business Phone		Business Fax	Business Email	
<b>Dog 3</b>	Veterinarian Last Name		Veterinarian First Name	
Veterinary Practice Name				
Address		City	State	Zip
Business Phone		Business Fax	Business Email	
<b>Dog 4</b>	Veterinarian Last Name		Veterinarian First Name	
Veterinary Practice Name				
Address		City	State	Zip
Business Phone		Business Fax	Business Email	
<b>Dog 5</b>	Veterinarian Last Name		Veterinarian First Name	
Veterinary Practice Name				
Address		City	State	Zip
Business Phone		Business Fax	Business Email	

Description of Permit Use

Have you ever been convicted of animal abuse or cruelty under Section 828.073 of the Florida Statutes, or any other Florida statute prohibiting animal neglect or mistreatment? ☐Yes ☐No

If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever received a violation or citation from Broward County Animal Care and Adoption Division for failure to provide proper animal care or manner of keeping for any animal? ☐Yes ☐No

If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the information on this Breeder Permit application is true and that I have read and understand the conditions of the Breeder Ordinance as listed in the Broward County's Chapter 4 Ordinance, Section 4-6.5: Breeder Permits and Requirements.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

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Signature of Co-Applicant