

## Animal Welfare Regulations

### **ENFORCE**

#### **Stop breeding dogs to death.**

Most bitches are puppies themselves when they are first made pregnant, and then are relentlessly impregnated over and over, forced to bear litter upon litter, without any consideration given to the bitch.

- A. Limits should be set as to how many forced litters a dealer is permitted to inflict upon a bitch within a specific time-frame,
- B. How long a dealer can keep an animal for these purposes, and
- C. \*Humane options the dealer can utilize once a particular animal is no longer viable to the dealer.

### **CHANGE**

#### **\*Stop Dealer Dog Auction Sales.** Result of:

- A. Having too many animals,
- B. Wanting to exchange these animals, and/or
- C. Simply wanting to get rid of these animals.
- D. Many times, if the dealer is unable to swap out the animal at the auction sale, many animals brought to these auction sales are killed right after the event, on site.

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#### **\*Eliminate dealer kill-disposal of these animals.** Which happens by:

- A. Discarding live animals in garbage cans to die,
- B. Deliberately starving them to death in their cages,
- C. Shooting, suffocating or drowning them, and then burning the bodies to cover up the act of disposal, and/or
- D. Holding dealer dog auction sales.

### **CHANGE**

#### **\*Eliminate dealer option to sell their animals to research facilities, when:**

- A. The animals are not desirable or sellable to the dealer.

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#### **\*Kill-Disposal** occurs when the animal is "no longer useful", meaning:

- A. The animal does not meet a dealer's standards or does not suit the dealer financially or esthetically,
- B. The Animal becomes too sick or too old to be of value or use, and/or
- C. The dealer ends up having too many animals that s/he cannot get rid of via an auction sale.

#### **\*These animals should be humanely turned over to a local shelter or rescue group.**

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**Every animal should be receive the same veterinary care and consideration as domestic dogs and puppies.** This includes a daily deliberate review of every animal with the sole purpose of ensuring that the animal does not require anything immediate (example: a foreign body in the eye).

- A. Basic hygienic care. Examples:
  - a. Grooming (matted, dirty fur, fleas, ticks)
  - b. Nail clipping (overgrown, ingrown - infections)
  - c. Expressing of anal glands (itching, burning, infection)
- B. Illness prevention by proper and regular veterinary/dental check-ups. Examples:
  - a. Dental disease (toothaches, rotting teeth, loss of teeth, jaw disfigurement)
  - b. Heart Worm
  - c. Malnutrition
- C. Medical procedures performed by dealer rather than by veterinarian. Examples:
  - a. Improperly performed
  - b. No pain management
  - c. No formal medical follow-up

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**Every animal should receive proper nutrition and clean fresh water on a daily and regular basis.**

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**They will be permitted to drink and eat out of regular dog food bowls.**

- A. Rabbit water bottles are routinely used to provide water. Dogs and puppies are not meant to drink “drops at a time” from a rabbit water bottle that can only supply minimal hydration to one animal at a time at a very slow pace. This leads to thirst and dehydration, which leads to illness.
  - a. Being pregnant takes energy. Energy spent coping with thirst, hunger or anxiety takes away energy that should be geared towards pregnancy.
- B. Rabbit water bottles, when not properly and routinely cleaned, have a higher percentage of incurring bacteria, fungi and mold than a standard drinking water dish. Bacteria, fungi and mold can lead to severe illness.
- C. Food should be nutritious and provided daily.
  - a. Non-nutritious food leads to illness, poor dental health, fatigue.
  - b. When food is not given routinely, or the food is not nutritious, the result is hunger, fighting for food, malnutrition, cannibalism and/or starvation.

## CHANGE

**Primary enclosures used for confining these animals should be enlarged, routinely cleaned, and fitted with solid flooring instead of mesh.**

- A. Although current regulations provide sufficient space to allow each animal to turn about freely, to stand, sit, and lie in a comfortable, normal position, and to walk in a normal manner; this standard does not take into consideration the non-exercised animal.
- B. The space is dramatically reduced once a litter arrives.
- C. Many times primary enclosures are stacked on top of each other - waste, vomit, birthing material, basically anything that starts from the top drips and drops into the other enclosures.
- D. The animals, especially pregnant bitches, develop splayed feet from trying to balance on wire mesh instead of something solid beneath them. This is especially difficult for pregnant bitches; as their weight becomes heavier, so the does the pressure on their feet.

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## ENFORCE

**Every animal should have general humane treatment and contact.**

- Human beings are solely responsible for this industry.
- Since dealers lobby so hard to be able to keep their business in service, they should take full responsibility for acknowledging that it is the animals that bring in their money.
- With that in mind, if nothing else, dealers should step up to ensure that every animal is in a healthy and comfortable environment, making the welfare of these animals top priority.

Examples:

- A. Animals are confined to their primary enclosure 24/7.
  - B. Animals are "debarked" by the practice of inserting a pipe into an animal's throat to break or damage the vocal chords. This is done by the dealer with no anesthetic.
  - C. Animals are not socialized, played with, exercised, given toys or treats, or touched.
  - D. Environments are often noisy, overcrowded, with poor ventilation or climate control.
- Every action or non-action towards these animals is for the comfort and ease of the dealer.
  - Dealers should be treating their "bread and butter" with the utmost consideration.
  - Stricter monitoring of these facilities is needed; many regulations are not routinely followed or met, resulting in illness, injury and suffering.

Thank you,

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