
DOG SELLERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Purpose

Role of Advisory Committee

The role of the Dog Sellers Advisory Committee is to advise the Division of Animal Health. The Dog Sellers Advisory Committee will discuss ideas and options related to Dog Seller Program rule development. The Dog Sellers Advisory Committee will make recommendations to the Department. The Department will consider the recommendations as it prepares the draft administrative rules.

Goals of Advisory Committee:

Advise the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) on regulatory provisions necessary to implement the Dog Sellers Law.

Advise DATCP on licensing, inspection and record keeping procedures to implement the new law.

Assist DATCP to identify workable industry standards regarding the care of dogs in licensed facilities in the following categories:

- Sufficient food and water
- Veterinary care
- Enclosure standards:
 - Size
 - Time kept in enclosures of different allowable sizes
 - Structure integrity, maintenance, safety
 - Allowable use of wire flooring
 - Cleaning and sanitizing
 - Transportation enclosure standards
- Maximum time allowed in enclosures based on size, breed and purpose.
- Outdoor dog standards
- Facility standards (as appropriate for type and breed):
 - Adequate lighting
 - Adequate ventilation
 - Proper temperature
- Adequate daily exercise
- Daily observation

Advise DATCP regarding health requirement records for dogs including certificates of veterinary inspections, vaccination records, and veterinary care records to implement new law.

After the administrative rule is promulgated, advise DATCP on the effectiveness and workability of the new rule.