

RICHLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT



FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

LICENSE # ISSUED _____

ZONE _____

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COMMERCIAL PET BREEDER LICENSE APPLICATION

Richland County Ordinance requires that all individuals engaged in breeding as a business, occupation, or profession to obtain a commercial pet breeder license. FAILURE TO COMPLY CAN RESULT IN A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING THIRTY (30) DAYS OR BOTH. (ADDITIONAL COURT COST AND FEES MAY APPLY).

NAME _____ **PHONE** _____

KENNEL NAME (if applicable) _____

ADDRESS _____ **CITY** _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP CODE** _____

INSPECTION GUIDELINES

Animal Care shall conduct an annual inspection of the property to ensure that it is suitable for the applied license. During an inspection, the officer will be looking for the following:

- ✓ Construction of a pet enclosure to permit comfort throughout seasonal changes.
- ✓ Location of pet enclosures that promote easy sanitation.
- ✓ Free of accumulated feces and debris.
- ✓ Easy access to a fresh water supply and an adequate amount of food to maintain the pet's normal health condition.
- ✓ Premises must be set up to not allow confined pets to escape or stray animals and the public to obtain entrance.

Every pet that has reached the age of four (4) months on the premises must have a valid pet license in addition to a commercial pet breeder license. The County pet license fee for fertile pets is twenty-one dollars and seven cents (\$21.07) per year. The fee for sterilized pets is four dollars and twenty-one cents (\$4.21) per year (A separate pet license application must be completed for each pet).

The commercial pet license will be issued and renewed only upon an approved property inspection and payment of a one hundred five dollars and thirty-two cents (\$105.32) annual inspection fee.

Please remit the annual inspection fee by check or money order at the time of application. **(CASH ACCEPTED IN PERSON ONLY).** If you have any questions or need additional forms, please call our office at **576-2473**.

Important:

Any violations of the Richland County Animal Care Ordinance shall be grounds for the suspension of the commercial pet breeder license. During suspension all breeding shall cease until the license has been reinstated or a new license has been issued.

Mail to (PLEASE NO CASH PAYMENT BY MAIL):

RICHLAND COUNTY ANIMAL CARE 400 POWELL ROAD COLUMBIA, SC 29203