



Thinking of having a litter?

We recognize your right to produce offspring from your pet. However, in Collier County that right is matched with a legal responsibility to sell kittens and puppies in a way that safeguards the animals and the consumer.

If you want to breed and sell cats and dogs, here's what you need to do: Ask yourself, how many litters will I have in 12 month time? If the answer is three or more, you are a commercial breeder. If the answer is one or two, you are a non-commercial breeder.

Commercial Breeders

You will need:

- Business tax receipt
- Proper zoning. You may only produce three or more litters per year on land that is zoned AG and is 20 acres or more, or you must get a Conditional Use permit if the land is less than 20 acres.
- DAS Breeder's Permit

Non-Commercial Breeders

You will need:

- Business tax receipt
- Home Occupational License
- DAS Breeder's Permit

If you are breeding and selling kittens or puppies without a DAS Breeder's Permit, you could receive one or more citations of up to \$500.

To obtain your DAS Breeder's Permit, pay your fee and secure the other needed licenses. We will inspect the premises where the animals are kept to assure compliance with Proper Animal Husbandry and Breeder Regulations. Once you are permitted, DAS will re-inspect quarterly to ensure continued compliance.

If the premises where the animals are kept are used primarily for a residence, we will give you 24-hour notice prior to our inspection. However, once noticed, you must allow us access to the premises.

If we find that you are not in compliance with Proper Animal Husbandry or Breeder Regulations, we will issue you a Notice to Comply, giving you 1 to 15 days to correct the problem, depending on its severity. We will follow up at the indicated time. If you are not in compliance at that time, you could receive one or more citations of up to \$500.



PROPER ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

1. Animal enclosures must be safe, sanitary, dry and protect the animals from the elements.
2. Animal enclosures shall be large enough for each animal contained therein to stand up, sit down, lie down and turn around simultaneously.
3. Where an enclosure is used sequentially for more than one animal during the course of a day, the enclosure will be cleaned, sanitized and dried between each animal.
4. Airline type containers normally used for shipping and transporting animals shall not be used to permanently house animals.
5. Where animals are incompatible, they shall be contained separately in appropriate enclosures.
6. Housing facilities for animals must be clean and sufficiently ventilated at all times when animals are present to provide for their health, comfort and well-being.
7. Housing facilities for animals must be sufficiently heated and cooled when necessary to protect the animals from cold and hot temperatures and to provide for their health, comfort and well-being.
8. Premises where animals are housed shall have sufficient lighting and provide a diurnal lighting cycle, by either natural or artificial light, corresponding to the natural period of daylight and night. If artificial light is provided, it must emulate natural light.
9. Premises where animals are housed shall be clean, orderly and free of garbage, toxic substances, unused food, standing water, sharp objects, litter or refuse.
10. Garbage shall be kept in garbage cans with properly fitting lids and disposed of regularly.
11. Bodies of dead animals must be disposed of according to applicable county and state regulations, policies and laws.
12. Food shall be stored in such a way as to prevent contamination by rodents, pests and moisture. Food storage containers shall be clearly and properly labeled as to their contents.
13. Any poisonous plants growing in or near where animals are being housed should be removed.
14. All chemicals, pesticides, cleaning solutions and disinfectants shall be stored and used in accordance with manufacturer's instructions, properly labeled as to content and kept away from animals and animal food.
15. All animal feces shall be removed and disposed of properly. Animal feces shall not be allowed to contaminate surrounding waters.
16. Food dishes and water bowls shall be cleaned daily.
17. When communal feeding containers are used, there shall be sufficient space to feed all the animals simultaneously.
18. Animals shall be provided with food of sufficient quantity and quality to allow for normal growth and maintenance of a healthy body weight.
19. Fresh water shall be available to all animals daily and shall be maintained in a container in such a manner that animals cannot turn the container over.
20. Food and water shall be fresh, appropriate for the animal and free from contamination.
21. Animals must be given exercise appropriate for their species, breed and size.
22. The responsible party must follow veterinary instructions for any sick or injured animal. Proof of adequate, timely veterinary care and follow-up must be provided to DAS upon request.
23. Animals having a known or suspected communicable animal-to-human disease shall be maintained in isolation where they cannot directly or indirectly come into contact with any other animals or the public. Applicable county and state health regulations must be followed when caring for any animal harboring an animal-to-human disease.
24. Any animal that cannot stand on its own or that has a life threatening disease must be hospitalized, housed under the direction of a licensed veterinarian or humanely euthanized in accordance with F.S. 828.058.
25. Animals shall not be worked in a sick, diseased or injured condition.
26. Animals shall not be abused, mistreated, tormented or in any manner made to suffer by any person or any means.
27. Any enclosure used as a primary means of confinement for a dog must meet the definition of proper enclosure as defined in the Animal Control Ordinance.
28. Cats must be provided access to a receptacle containing sufficient clean litter to contain excreta and body wastes.
29. Cats must be provided solid resting surface(s) that are sufficient to hold all cats at the same time comfortably.

REGULATIONS FOR SELLING CATS AND DOGS

1. Your DAS Breeder's Permit number must be provided on all advertisements and promotions concerning the sale or give-away of an animal.
2. Your DAS Breeder's Permit number must be provided to all persons who buy or accept ownership of an animal from you.
3. Dogs, cats, puppies, and kittens offered for sale must be at least eight weeks of age.
4. Dogs, cats, puppies and kittens offered for sale must be accompanied by an Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI), which must contain the following information: a) The date of the examination by the examining veterinarian; b) The examining veterinarian's license number; c) The examining veterinarian's signature; d) The age, breed, sex, color, and any distinguishing marks of the animal; e) The health record of the animal; f) Any tests performed and their results, and any vaccinations or other treatments administered, including vaccine type, lot number, expiration date, and date of administration, including those not specifically enumerated below; g) A statement that the examining veterinarian warrants, to the best of his knowledge, that the dog or cat has no sign of contagious or infectious diseases and has no evidence of internal or external parasites, including coccidiosis and ear mites, but excluding fleas and ticks; h) A statement concerning whether or not the examining veterinarian has detected any physical abnormalities in the dog or cat including but not limited to a heart murmur, and umbilical hernia, entropion, and inguinal hernia, and cryptorchidism.
5. The OCVI must document that the following inoculations, tests, and treatments have been administered, unless the veterinarian certifies on the OCVI that to inoculate or de-worm the animal is not in the best medical interest of the animal, in which case the vaccine or anthelmintic may not be administered to that particular animal:
For dogs or puppies: a) Vaccination against canine distemper, leptospirosis, bordetella, parainfluenza, hepatitis, and canine parvovirus. A rabies inoculation must be provided for any dog over three months of age; b) Diagnostic tests to detect the following internal parasites: hookworms, roundworms, whipworms, tapeworms, coccidia and giardia. Heartworm detection must occur for dogs six months of age or older. Appropriate treatment for all positive findings must be documented.
For cats or kittens: a) Vaccination against panleukopenia, feline viral rhino tracheitis, and calici virus. A rabies inoculation must be provided for any cat over three months of age; b) Diagnostic tests to detect the following internal parasites: hookworms, roundworms, tapeworms and coccidia. Appropriate treatment for all positive findings must be documented; c) Diagnostic test to detect Feline Leukemia with the result listed on the OCVI.
6. If the animal is under four months of age, the tests, vaccines, and anthelmintics required above must be administered no more than twenty-one days before sale within the county. If the animal is four months of age or older, the tests, vaccines, and anthelmintics required above must be administered at or after three months of age, but no more than one year before sale within the county.
7. The sale of the dog, cat, puppy, or kitten shall take place no more than thirty days after the OCVI has been issued.
8. If a dog, cat, puppy, or kitten is not sold within thirty days of the issuance of the OCVI, then a new examination and OCVI must be obtained.
9. All dogs, cats, puppies and kittens offered for sale must be implanted with a microchip.
10. You must maintain records of each litter of puppies and kittens born. Your records must include the date of birth, number of puppies and litters born, and the license tag number of each parent.
11. You must maintain a separate record of each animal sold containing the breed, sex, color, and identifying marks of the animal; all OCVIs and medical records for each animal; the name and address of the purchaser; and the number of the microchip implanted in the animal. If the disposition of the animal is not through sale, the records shall indicate the type and date of disposition, including the name and address of any subsequent owner, if one exists.
12. If a dog or cat dies while in your possession, you must secure the services of a licensed veterinarian to determine the cause of death or suspected cause of death. The veterinarian must document the date of death and known or suspected cause of death on an OCVI.
13. You must forward your records indicating the disposition of all animals to DAS on a quarterly basis.
14. You must keep all records as described herein for a period of two years.
15. All records must be made available to the inspecting officer upon request.
16. At the time of sale, you must provide the purchaser with: a) A copy of the complete record pertaining to the individual animal as described above; b) Literature provided by DAS outlining the provisions of the Animal Control Ordinance; and c) A copy of F. S. 828.29, Dogs and cats transported or offered for sale; health requirements; consumer guarantee.
17. The above information must be provided to prospective purchasers upon request.
18. You must comply with any applicable provisions of F. S. 828.29 Dogs and cats transported or offered for sale; health requirements; consumer guarantee. Where any conflict exists between these standards and this section, the more restrictive shall apply.



Spay/Neuter is Always an Option!

DAS is proud to partner with many local animal welfare organizations to help you access low-cost or free spay/neuter. Call 252-7387 for more information.

Benefits of Neutering (males):

- Reduces or eliminates risk of spaying and marking
- Less desire to roam, therefore less likely to be injured in fights or auto accidents
- Risk of testicular cancer is eliminated, and decreases incidence of prostate disease
- Reduces number of unwanted cats/kittens/dogs/puppies
- Decreases aggressive behavior, including dog bites
- Helps dogs and cats live longer, healthier lives

Benefits of Spaying (females):

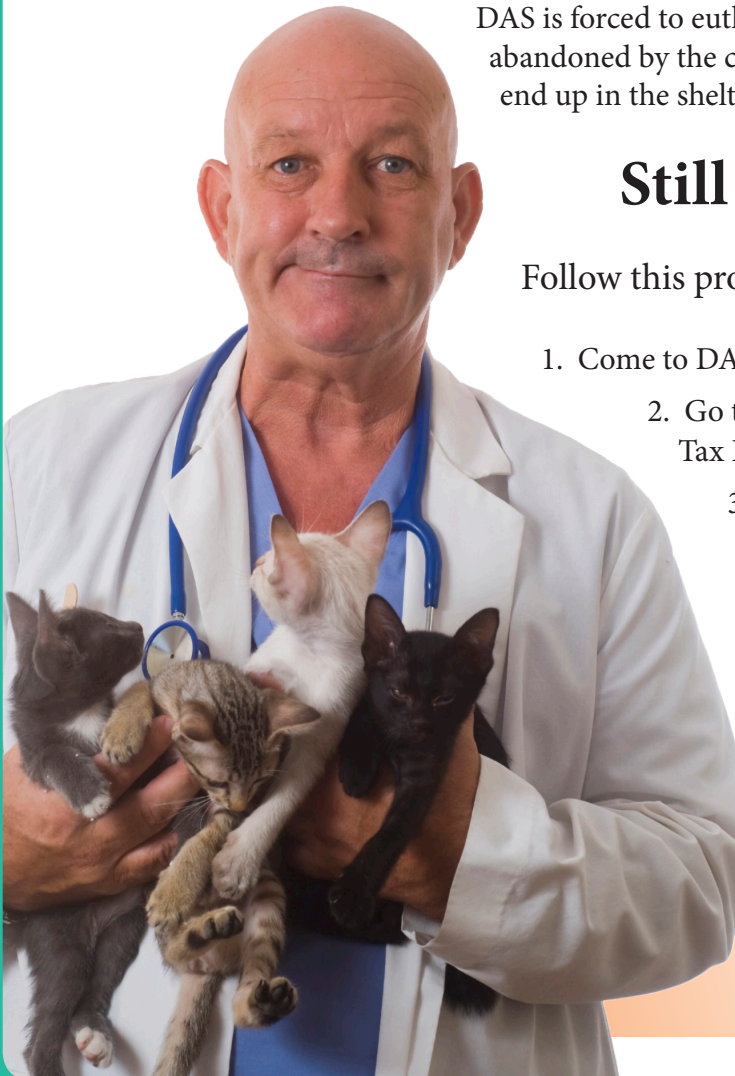
- No heat cycles, therefore males will not be attracted
- Less desire to roam
- Risk of mammary gland tumors, ovarian and/or uterine cancer is reduced or eliminated
- Reduces number of unwanted cats/kittens/dogs/puppies
- Helps dogs and cats live longer, healthier lives

DAS is forced to euthanize thousands of animals each year that have been abandoned by the community. Don't let your dog or cat's puppies or kittens end up in the shelter! Consider spay/neuter.

Still Determined to Breed?

Follow this process:

1. Come to DAS, pay your permit fee, and get a provisional permit.
2. Go to the Tax Collector's Office and apply for a Business Tax Receipt.
3. The Tax Collector's Office will send you to Collier County Zoning to verify appropriate zoning.
4. Return to the Tax Collector's Office to complete your Business Tax Receipt.
5. Return to DAS for an inspection and final permit.



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