

Iowa  
Kennel Assurance Program



A Premium Comprehensive  
Kennel Management Program

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# Introduction

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This is a premium comprehensive kennel management program organized by the Iowa Pet Breeders Association.

This inclusive *program* encourages Association dog breeders to operate their facilities in accordance with the program, thereby earning Iowa KAP certification.

Support from current members of the program is available to assist kennel owners in completing program requirements. The proposed IKAP facility will be guided through the entire process from start to finish, resulting in satisfactory completion of the program and IKAP certification.

The Kennel Assurance Program (IKAP) goals include ensuring the safety and welfare of dogs and puppies through an evaluation/certification process, which includes the following:

- ▲ Dog/Puppy Health & Well Being
- ▲ Medical & Nutritional Needs
- ▲ Veterinary Involvement
- ▲ Kennel Management
- ▲ Facility and Structure Quality
- ▲ Record Keeping
- ▲ Continuing Education

## About Iowa Kennel Assurance Program (IKAP)

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## Mission Statement

IKAP offers any resources possible to improve, educate  
and assist any dog breeder.

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# Purpose & Goals

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The purpose and goals of the Iowa Kennel Assurance Program (IKAP) are:

1. To operate our facilities in direct compliance with the law without compromise.
2. To understand all current and proposed laws, regulations and policies.
3. To strengthen and encourage appropriate communication with legislators, the IAPBA and other interested parties.
4. To include any dog breeder that chooses to apply this program.
5. To accept and participate in a pro-active approach in our endeavors to protect and improve the industry.

# Public Statement

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We acknowledge substandard kennels exist which by their actions reflect poorly on the credibility of good, conscientious, law abiding, and reputable dog breeders that maintain or exceed all current local, state and federal animal welfare laws and regulations for the health and well-being of the dogs.

As Iowa dog breeders...we offer ourselves any resources possible to improve, educate and assist any dog breeder or facility that desires to maintain character and reputation as a responsible dog breeder.

# Licensing & Compliance

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## Current State/USDA License or Registered

All licensing/registration must be current and in good standing. A copy of your license/registration must be made available for viewing and confirmation. The kennel operation must be in full compliance.

A Kennel must notify Iowa Kennel Assurance Program (IKAP) of a non-compliant or serious animal care violation.

# Steps to Membership

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Interested Dog Breeders and Kennel Owners can join IKAP by completing the program in its entirety. This includes the following steps:

## I. Licensing and Compliance

- Applicant must be a Chapter member in good standing with IAPBA or Pay a fee of \$150.00 to become a member of IKAP.
- Submit a copy of USDA/State approval status, if applicable; and maintain all compliance standards.

## II. Plans

- Submit an Exercise Plan
- Submit a Socialization Plan
- Submit a Bio Security Plan that addresses cleaning and rodent/pest control.
- Kennel Cleaning and Maintenance
- Comply with the Continuing Education Plan Requirement
- Maintain a Re-Homing Plan
- Submit an 'Emergency' Kennel Plan

## III. Veterinary Care

- Maintain a Program Of Veterinary Care
- Maintain a Veterinary Log
- Rabies: All rabies vaccination shall be in accordance with state law.
- Dog Observation & Care Reports shall accurately document all vaccinations, deworming, parasite control, routine veterinary care, additional illness or injuries.

## IV. Animal Care

- Identification: All animals must be properly identified.  
Water and Food and Nutrition: Must be kept clean and free of debris.
- Dog Grooming: All animals must be free from overgrown hair that could result in an unhealthy condition. Clean all eyes, ears, bellies, foot pads and privates. Trim all nails.
- Medical concerns: Have a program to address any medical concerns as needed according to its minimal or serious nature.
- Maintain a written Dental Care Plan.

## V. Facility/Sight Visit

- Upon completion of Application your Chapter Representative will schedule a visit and if found to meet all requirements a certificate will be issued.

# Plans

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Each applicant will be required to submit a brief description of the particular kennel plans in place. Assistance and support is available to help an applicant understand and develop a written plan for each kennel.

Continuing education for all of the following plans may be available.

## I. Exercise Plan

An exercise program must be submitted. If state licensing requires it, a veterinarian must approve this plan. The plan will be required to include access or availability to an area for exercise that is in addition to the dog's primary living space. An attending veterinarian is required to review this plan.

The plan may include but is not limited to a brief description of:

- ▲ Primary living area; size, location, construction
- ▲ Exercise area; size, indoor/outdoor, time per day, protection from elements
- ▲ Access: direct connection, socialization yard/area.

In addition to the exercise plan, the veterinarian may submit the following:

*Kennel Owner(s), \_\_\_\_\_, have presented to me a proposed exercise plan for their dogs. The plan appears to be in order for the size, age and breed of dogs that are currently housed at the facility. Please see the attached plan that I have reviewed and approved.*

## II. Socialization Plan

Data, studies and experience shows that early socialization in puppies as well as continued socialization in adult dogs promotes and produces more acceptable behavior traits. For these reasons a socialization program should include, but is not limited to a brief description of:

- Early handling of puppies – tactile stimulation
- Human interaction
- Dog interaction with dogs and/or other animals

### III. Biosecurity Plan

The kennel facility must submit a written and approved biosecurity plan that addresses the methods used to prevent the intrusion of disease and the spread of diseases within the dog and puppy population. The prevention of brucellosis and other incubating adverse health concerns to enter a kennel have to be considered.

The plan may include but is not limited to:

- ▲ Isolation of outside dog coming into the kennel facility ... consider incubation
- ▲ Isolation of ill or infirmed dogs/puppies ... consider incubation period.
- ▲ Limitations of visitors, employees, owners within the kennel, i.e., persons entering a whelping area after being present in a housing area
- ▲ Addressing the highest levels of risk for disease - new dogs or puppies coming to the facility.
  - ✓ Kennels receiving new dogs should have an isolation area.
  - ✓ Dogs within the facility that become ill with an infectious disease should be placed in an isolation area.
  
- ▲ **Kennel Visitors** – all of the following shall include the appropriate measure of sanitizing of hands, foot coverings, body clothing, tools, equipment and vehicle.
- ▲ The veterinarian health plan shall include parasite control and a vaccination program.
- ▲ **Maintain a rodent, pest or wildlife control program.** This plan shall include a statement from the owner that visual inspection of the facility confirming the absence of such is a routine process.

### IV. Kennel Cleaning Maintenance Plan

Every owner shall understand the methods for sanitizing.

- ▲ Wash with detergent and/or disinfectant to remove all debris, providing sanitization, followed by a clean water rinse

In addition, every owner will understand the definitions and particular needs for:

- ▲ **Cleaning** – removal of foreign matter and contaminates
- ▲ **Disinfecting** – to destroy or prevent the growth of disease carrying microorganisms – make germ free.
- ▲ **Deodorizing** – to freshen – refresh – make fragrant

## V. Continuing Education Plan

Applicant must acquire a minimum of six continuing education units (CEU) credit hours per calendar year.

Only a first year applicant may defer this requirement until their renewal for the following year. All CEU's must be achieved the year prior to renewal. This requirement must be met in full for any lapse in membership subsequent to the first year.

## VI. Re-Homing / Retirement Plan

*"Our dogs are NOT in a situation to be in need of a 'rescue,' but sometimes they need a new home."*

Completion for the program requires that every kennel establish a program for re-homing/retirement of puppies and adult dogs.

## VII. Emergency Kennel Plan

A primary goal of this plan is to be prepared in the event of an actual emergency.

The kennel shall have a plan in place in the event of an emergency for the need to evacuate, repair or recondition the kennel for reasons such as:

- ▲ Kennel destruction-This may be due to accident or act of nature.
- ▲ Kennel reconstruction
- ▲ Fire-Flood-or other act of nature regarding weather conditions
- ▲ Extreme weather conditions

The kennel shall have a plan in place for the physical movement, mobile transportation and housing of dogs in the event of an emergency situation, depending on the needs.

We recommend considering the use of smoke detectors and have Fire Extinguishers readily accessible.



# Veterinary Care

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All dogs will receive proper veterinary care.

A relationship with a veterinarian must be maintained to be in compliance with this program, including a veterinary program of routine, emergency, scheduled care and euthanasia.

To establish a relationship with the veterinarian, the kennel owner shall arrange for biannual veterinary visits and annual wellness checks. This relationship will act as a foundation to determine that the needs for the health and well-being of the dogs in the facility are met and to assure that in the event of a routine or emergency situation, proper veterinary care will be readily available.

## I. Veterinary Care Plan

The veterinary care plan shall include and document:

- ▲ Annual Wellness Checkups
- ▲ Emergency Veterinary procedures
- ▲ Inoculations
- ▲ Parasite prevention, correction & control
- ▲ Illness, Accident, Injury or other Veterinary Needs

The kennel shall establish a written program of veterinary care which includes a physical examination and vaccination schedule, a protocol for disease control and prevention, pest and parasite control, nutrition and euthanasia.

## II. Veterinary 'Log'

The Veterinary Log will be a one-page quick reference document readily available.

Records shall be kept for all veterinary care at the facility.

## III. Rabies Vaccinations

Documentation and administering of rabies vaccinations shall be accordance with state law.

## IV. Dog Observation & Care Report

It is understood that minor ailments may be treatable by the kennel owner prior to the need for veterinary involvement. The Dog Observation & Care Report is used to maintain a written record for a potential medical concern in the kennel.

This report will provide a documented record for the medical needs and maintenance for each dog that requires medical attention. Such records will also show good faith regarding a higher level of awareness to the medical needs of every dog.

Maintain a daily Kennel Observation Log

Each Dog Observation & Care Report shall include:

- ▲ Dogs description and identification
- ▲ Date of any veterinary examination and findings
- ▲ Any past visible healed injuries
- ▲ Any current possible medical concerns that may be premature for potential veterinary needs
- ▲ Continued documentation of ongoing treatments

**NOTE:** A Dog Observation & Care Report does NOT claim to be a 'veterinary' medical report.

## Animal Care

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### I. Identification Plan

There are many methods of identifying a dog or puppy, therefore, the program does not dictate which method is mandatory.

Such acceptable methods of identification are:

- ▲ Microchips (preferred)
- ▲ Tattoos
- ▲ Identification Tags

### II. Water

Water and its containers shall be kept clean and free of debris.

### III. Food & Nutrition

A dog shall be provided with appropriate food or nutrition. Food bowls and feeders shall be kept clean and free of debris.

## IV. Dog Grooming

All dogs will be kept free from overgrown hair that would be considered an unhealthy condition. Clean all eyes, ears, bellies and privates. There shall be no matting on any dog to create an unhealthy condition. All 'nails' will be kept at a healthy length. All kennels will maintain needed grooming equipment on hand and stored properly.

## V. Medical Concerns

Kennels shall have a program to address any non-scheduled medical concerns as needed according to the nature of the concern. The facility shall have the means, proper understanding, and/or access to assistance in the event of a needed medical concern, including prior to the need for veterinary assistance. Any such concern that persists and requires veterinary support will be attended to.

## VI Dental Care

Kennels shall establish a written program of Dental Care with their veterinarian. The breeder will provide adequate dental health.

# Facility

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**Physical Appearance:** The premise should be neat and free of clutter inside and out. The grounds should be kept free of waste, unused and discarded materials. All buildings must be in good repair. The premise should reflect a positive image.

**Animal Security:** The facility must be designed and constructed for proper housing of dogs. All animal containment areas, primary enclosures, exercise areas and building are secure from animal escape and prevent predator intrusion.

**Waste Disposal:** The building must be maintained with minimal odors, drafts, ammonia levels and condensation. Waste and water must be readily eliminated from the animal area as needed to minimize contamination and disease risks.

**Surfaces and Cleaning:** The facility must be free of excessive rust and chewed surfaces. All surfaces must contribute to a sanitary environment. All components of construction must be structurally intact and/or replaceable when necessary.

**Primary Enclosures:** Must be in good repair and free from excrete and excess accumulation of hair or fur. A resting surface will be provided.

**Utilities:** The facility has wiring and plumbing in good working order, not subject to any dangerous situation for persons or animals, and in compliance with all building codes where applicable.

**Storage:** All storage is to be kept orderly, clean and non-expired.

- ✓ Dog Food is stored in a manner that prevents contamination and spoilage.
- ✓ Medication, Pharmaceuticals and First Aid are stored in a healthy manor.
- ✓ Cleaning Supplies are stored separate from food, medical supplies and dogs.

**Maintenance Plan:** Maintain a plan for repairs that cannot be readily attended to.

**Temperature & Ventilation:** Housing facilities must be maintained such that these factors do not cause adverse conditions or health risks to the dogs. This includes sick, infirm, quarantined, young, prenatal or geriatric dogs.

**Lighting:** Lighting shall allow for a seasonal diurnal cycle in geographic region of the kennel. This may be achieved through natural or artificial cycle. If artificial, the minimal and maximum diurnal light cycles on earth to which a dog may naturally survive may be accepted.

**Thermometers:** Shall be displayed in every facility room housing dogs.

**Shelter from the elements:** Protection from adverse environmental conditions will be readily available at all times, i.e., outside runs, play yards, etc.

**Transportation:** All aspects of the United States Animal Welfare Act.

## **Evaluation Process**

If at any time the applicant struggles with being in compliance with licensing IKAP has an Evaluation Process in place to assist you. A form that can be used in this process is available in the application section of this program. It can be used as a tool to assist dog breeders in recognizing the areas in which they may need assistance.

# Contacts

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Please submit your application to the following:

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