

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Large-Scale Dog Breeding Kennels Report Required by MCL 287.339d

Amendments to the Pet Shops, Dog Pounds, and Animal Shelters Act, PA 287 of 1969 pertaining to Large-Scale Dog Breeding Kennels became effective on March 29, 2017 and included an annual reporting requirement to the Senate and House standing committees on appropriations until September 30, 2019. See requested report information below covering the period from October 2018 through September 2019:

- (a) The number of registrations issued to large-scale dog breeding kennels under section 6(3).
 - Twelve registrations have been issued to large-scale dog breeding kennels.
- (b) The approximate number of breeding animals housed at each large-scale dog breeding kennel described in subdivision (a).
 - The approximate average number of breeding animals housed at each registered kennel is 38 females and 12 males.
- (c) The number of inspections of large-scale dog breeding kennels performed by the department or a partner of the department.
 - Department staff performed 14 kennel inspections.
- (d) The number of complaints received regarding large-scale dog breeding kennels.
 - The Department received four complaints regarding large-scale dog breeding kennels.
- (e) The number of pending or assessed penalties arising from the complaints described in subdivision (d).
 - None.
- (f) Recommendations regarding all the following:
 - (i) Department staffing levels.
 - No additional FTE's were provided with the new regulatory program; however, a significant amount of staff time and effort has been put into developing, administering, and implementing the new program along with a reprioritization of work to comply with the requirements. \$14,010.09 was expended in FY19 (10/1/18-9/21/19) to administer the program and \$18,776.01 for field staff inspections and education, totaling \$32,786.10.
 - (ii) Annual registration fees for large-scale dog breeding kennels.
 - Annual registration fees (\$500 per registration) may be appropriate, however the fees collected (\$6,000 total) are insufficient to cover the cost of administering and conducting additional kennel inspections to assure compliance (see above). To sufficiently administer this program, the Department recommends reviewing the current funding model to provide enough resources to support.
 - (iii) Best practices for working with partners to assist in identifying and resolving noncompliant large-scale dog breeding kennels.
 - Continue to partner with local animal control and animal law enforcement in identifying and resolving noncompliant large-scale dog breeding kennels. It is easiest for the Department to identify potential large-scale dog breeding kennels when there is a local kennel license program mandated by ordinance and kennels are classified by type.