

Large-Scale Dog Breeding Kennel Registration Frequently Asked Questions

1. When did this program start?

The large-scale dog breeding kennel program went into effect on March 29, 2017.

2. I already have a kennel license from my county or local government agency. Do I still need a state kennel registration?

Yes, a local kennel license does not exempt a kennel from needing to be registered with the state if your kennel operation meets the state requirements.

3. If I get a state kennel registration, do I still need a kennel license from my county or local government?

Yes, you still need to be in compliance with local requirements.

4. I have more than 15 intact female dogs (that have previously whelped) on my property and I do breed dogs but I do not own all the dogs being housed on my property. Do I still need a large-scale dog breeding kennel registration license?

Yes, you need a large-scale dog breeding kennel registration from the State of Michigan.

5. I have more than 15 intact female dogs (that have previously whelped) on my property and I do breed dogs, but I keep the dogs in two or more separate buildings. Do I still need a large-scale dog breeding kennel registration license?

Yes, you need a large-scale dog breeding kennel registration from the State of Michigan.

6. I breed dogs and have fewer than 15 intact female dogs (that have previously whelped) on my property most of the time but I do have female dogs brought to my kennel for breeding. Over the course of a year, there would be more than 15 intact female dogs (that have previously whelped) at my kennel – they are just not all here at the same time. Do I need a state kennel registration license?

Yes, you need a large-scale dog breeding kennel registration from the State of Michigan.

- 7. I have fewer than 15 intact female dogs (that have previously whelped) and I do breed. I would like to have a large-scale dog breeding kennel registration license. Can I get one?**

No, large-scale dog breeding kennel registrations are only issued to facilities that meet all the requirements in 1969 PA 287 and Regulation 151.

- 8. Your FAQs do not answer my questions. How do I contact you to get my questions answered?**

Questions can be sent to mdard-breedingkennels@michigan.gov or call 800-292-3939.