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A BILL

To amend sections 956.01, 956.02, 956.03, 956.04, 1
956.05, 956.051, 956.06, 956.07, 956.08, 956.10, 2
956.11, 956.13, 956.14, 956.18, 956.181, 956.19, 3
956.20, 956.21, and 956.22; to enact sections 4
956.031 and 956.041; and to repeal section 5
956.12 of the Revised Code to revise the law 6
governing high volume dog breeders and other 7
dog-related professionals and facilities. 8

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 956.01, 956.02, 956.03, 956.04, 9
956.05, 956.051, 956.06, 956.07, 956.08, 956.10, 956.11, 956.13, 10
956.14, 956.18, 956.181, 956.19, 956.20, 956.21, and 956.22 be 11
amended and sections 956.031 and 956.041 of the Revised Code be 12
enacted to read as follows: 13

Sec. 956.01. As used in this chapter: 14

"Accredited veterinarian" means a veterinarian accredited 15

by the United States department of agriculture. 16

"Adult dog" means a dog that is twelve months of age or 17
older. 18

"Animal rescue for dogs" means an individual or 19
organization recognized by the director of agriculture that 20
keeps, houses, and maintains dogs and that is dedicated to the 21
welfare, health, safety, and protection of dogs, provided that 22
the individual or organization does not operate for profit, does 23
not sell dogs for a profit, does not breed dogs, does not sell 24
dogs to a dog broker or pet store, and does not purchase more 25
than nine dogs in any given calendar year unless the dogs are 26
purchased from a dog warden appointed under Chapter 955. of the 27
Revised Code, a humane society, or another animal rescue for 28
dogs. "Animal rescue for dogs" includes an individual or 29
organization that offers spayed or neutered dogs for adoption 30
and charges reasonable adoption fees to cover the costs of the 31
individual or organization, including, but not limited to, costs 32
related to spaying or neutering dogs. 33

"Animal shelter for dogs" means a facility that keeps, 34
houses, and maintains dogs such as a dog pound operated by a 35
municipal corporation, or by a county under Chapter 955. of the 36
Revised Code, or that is operated by a humane society, animal 37
welfare society, society for the prevention of cruelty to 38
animals, or other nonprofit organization that is devoted to the 39
welfare, protection, and humane treatment of dogs and other 40
animals. 41

"Boarding kennel" means an establishment operating for 42
profit that keeps, houses, and maintains dogs solely for the 43
purpose of providing shelter, care, and feeding of the dogs in 44
return for a fee or other consideration. 45

"Breeding dog" means an ~~unneutered~~, unspayed adult female dog that is primarily ~~harbored or housed on property that is the dog's primary residence~~ used for producing offspring.

"Dog broker" means a person who buys, sells, or offers to sell dogs at wholesale for resale to another or who sells or gives one or more dogs to a pet store annually. "Dog broker" does not include an animal rescue for dogs, an animal shelter for dogs, a humane society, a medical kennel for dogs, a research kennel for dogs, a pet store, or a veterinarian.

"Enrichment" means any modification in the environment of a confined dog that seeks to enhance the dog's physical and psychological well-being by providing stimuli that meets the dog's breed-specific needs.

"Exercise" means activity that allows a dog to extend to full stride, play, and engage in other types of mentally stimulating and social behaviors.

"High volume breeder" means an establishment that keeps, houses, and maintains ~~adult six or more breeding dogs that produce at least nine litters of puppies in any given calendar year and, in return for a fee or other consideration, sells sixty or more adult dogs or puppies per calendar year~~ and does at least one of the following:

(1) In return for a fee or other consideration, sells five or more adult dogs or puppies in any calendar year to dog brokers or pet stores;

(2) In return for a fee or other consideration, sells forty or more puppies in any calendar year to the public; or

(3) Keeps, houses, and maintains, at any given time in a calendar year, more than forty puppies that are under four

months of age, that have been bred on the premises of the 75
establishment, and that have been primarily kept, housed, and 76
maintained from birth on the premises of the establishment. 77

"Humane society" means an organization that is organized 78
under section 1717.05 of the Revised Code. 79

~~"Dog retailer" means a person who buys, sells, or offers~~ 80
~~to sell dogs at wholesale for resale to another or who sells or~~ 81
~~gives one or more dogs to a pet store annually. "Dog retailer"~~ 82
~~does not include an animal rescue for dogs, an animal shelter~~ 83
~~for dogs, a humane society, a medical kennel for dogs, a~~ 84
~~research kennel for dogs, a pet store, or a veterinarian.~~ 85

"Environmental division of the Franklin county municipal 86
court" means the environmental division of the Franklin county 87
municipal court created in section 1901.011 of the Revised Code. 88

"Medical kennel for dogs" means a facility that is 89
maintained by a veterinarian and operated primarily for the 90
treatment of sick or injured dogs. 91

"Pet store" means an individual retail store to which both 92
of the following apply: the store sells dogs to the public; and 93
with regard to the sale of a dog from the store, the sales 94
person, the buyer of a dog, and the dog for sale are physically 95
present during the sales transaction so that the buyer may 96
personally observe the dog and help ensure its health prior to 97
taking custody. "Pet store" does not include an animal rescue 98
for dogs, an animal shelter for dogs, a humane society, a 99
medical kennel for dogs, or a research kennel for dogs. 100

"Puppy" means a dog that is under twelve months of age. 101

"Research kennel for dogs" means a facility housing dogs 102
that is maintained exclusively for research purposes. 103

"Thermoneutral zone" means the range of ambient 104
temperature in which a dog is able to maintain normal body 105
temperature without a change in metabolic rate. 106

"Veterinarian" means either a veterinarian licensed in 107
this state under Chapter 4741. of the Revised Code or a 108
veterinarian licensed out of this state by an applicable state 109
entity. 110

Sec. 956.02. All of the following are not required to 111
obtain a license under this chapter or comply with any other 112
requirements of this chapter and rules adopted under it: 113

(A) Medical kennels for dogs,~~research;~~ 114

(B) Research kennels for dogs,~~animal;~~ 115

(C) Animal shelters for dogs that are operated by a 116
municipal corporation~~,~~ or by a county under Chapter 955. of the 117
Revised Code~~,~~ and veterinarians are not required to obtain a 118
~~license under this chapter or comply with any other requirements~~ 119
~~of this chapter and rules adopted under it;~~ 120

(D) Animal shelters for dogs that are operated by a humane 121
society; 122

(E) Veterinarians that provide clinical care and are not 123
engaged in the practice of dog breeding. 124

Sec. 956.03. (A) The director of agriculture shall adopt 125
rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code 126
establishing all of the following: 127

(1) Requirements and procedures governing high volume 128
breeders, including the licensing and inspection of and record 129
keeping by high volume breeders, in addition to the requirements 130
and procedures established in this chapter~~.~~ The rules shall 131

include a requirement that a high volume breeder keep and 132
maintain a record of veterinary care for each dog kept, housed, 133
and maintained by the high volume breeder. The rules shall 134
require the records to be kept and maintained for three years 135
after the care is provided by a veterinarian. 136

(2) Requirements and procedures for conducting background 137
investigations of each applicant for a license issued under 138
section 956.04 of the Revised Code in order to determine if the 139
applicant has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the 140
violations specified in division (A) (2) of section 956.15 of the 141
Revised Code; 142

(3) Requirements and procedures governing dog 143
~~retailers~~brokers, including the licensing of and record keeping 144
by dog ~~retailers~~brokers, in addition to the requirements and 145
procedures established in this chapter; 146

(4) The form of applications for licenses issued under 147
this chapter and the information that is required to be 148
submitted in the applications ~~and the~~; 149

(5) The form of an application for ~~registering~~ 150
registration and registration renewal as an animal rescue for 151
dogs under this chapter and the information that is required to 152
be provided with a registration or registration renewal, 153
including the name and address of each foster home that an 154
animal rescue for dogs utilizes; 155

~~(5)~~ (6) A requirement that each high volume breeder submit 156
to the director, with an application for a high volume breeder 157
license, evidence of insurance or, in the alternative, evidence 158
of a surety bond payable to the state to ensure compliance with 159
this chapter and rules adopted under it. The face value of the 160

insurance coverage or bond shall be in the following amounts: 161

(a) Five thousand dollars for high volume breeders 162
keeping, housing, and maintaining not more than twenty-five 163
adult dogs; 164

(b) Ten thousand dollars for high volume breeders keeping, 165
housing, and maintaining at least twenty-six adult dogs, but not 166
more than fifty adult dogs; 167

(c) Fifty thousand dollars for high volume breeders 168
keeping, housing, and maintaining more than fifty adult dogs. 169

The rules shall require that the insurance be payable to 170
the state or that the surety bond be subject to redemption by 171
the state, as applicable, upon a suspension or revocation of a 172
high volume breeder license for the purpose of paying for the 173
maintenance and care of dogs that are seized or otherwise 174
impounded from the high volume breeder in accordance with this 175
chapter. 176

~~(6)~~ (7) (a) For high volume breeders, standards of care 177
governing all of the following: 178

(i) Housing; 179

(ii) Nutrition; 180

(iii) Exercise; 181

(iv) Grooming; 182

(v) Biosecurity and disease control; 183

(vi) Waste management; 184

(vii) Whelping; 185

(viii) Any other general standards of care for dogs. 186

(b) In adopting rules under division (A) ~~(6)~~ (7) (a) of this 187
section, the director shall consider the following factors, 188
without limitation: 189

(i) Best management practices for the care and well-being 190
of dogs; 191

(ii) Biosecurity; 192

(iii) The prevention of disease; 193

(iv) Morbidity and mortality data; 194

(v) Generally accepted veterinary medical standards and 195
ethical standards established by the American veterinary medical 196
association; 197

(vi) Standards established by the United States department 198
of agriculture under the federal animal welfare act as defined 199
in section 959.131 of the Revised Code. 200

~~(7)~~ (8) Procedures for inspections conducted under section 201
956.10 of the Revised Code in addition to the procedures 202
established in that section, and procedures for making records 203
of the inspections; 204

~~(8)~~ (9) (a) A requirement that an in-state retailer of a 205
puppy or adult dog provide to the purchaser the complete name, 206
address, and telephone number of all high volume breeders, dog 207
~~retailers~~ brokers, and private owners that kept, housed, or 208
maintained the puppy or adult dog prior to its coming into the 209
possession of the retailer or proof that the puppy or adult dog 210
was acquired through an animal rescue for dogs, animal shelter 211
for dogs, or humane society, or a valid health certificate from 212
the state of origin pertaining to the puppy or adult dog; 213

(b) A requirement that an out-of-state retailer of a puppy 214

or adult dog that is conducting business in this state provide 215
to the purchaser a valid health certificate from the state of 216
origin pertaining to the puppy or adult dog and the complete 217
name, address, and telephone number of all breeders, 218
~~retailers~~brokers, and private owners that kept, housed, or 219
maintained the puppy or adult dog prior to its coming into the 220
possession of the retailer or proof that the puppy or adult dog 221
was acquired through an animal rescue for dogs, animal shelter 222
for dogs, or humane society in this state or another state. 223

~~(9)~~ (10) A requirement that a high volume breeder or a dog 224
~~retailer~~broker who advertises the sale of a puppy or adult dog 225
include with the advertisement the vendor number assigned by the 226
tax commissioner to the high volume breeder or to the dog 227
~~retailer~~broker if the sale of the puppy or dog is subject to 228
the tax levied under Chapter 5739. of the Revised Code; 229

~~(10)~~ (11) A requirement that a licensed high volume 230
breeder and a licensed dog ~~retailer~~broker comply with Chapter 231
5739. of the Revised Code. The rules shall authorize the 232
director to suspend or revoke a license for failure to comply 233
with that chapter. The director shall work in conjunction with 234
the tax commissioner for the purposes of rules adopted under 235
this division. 236

~~(11)~~ (12) Requirements and procedures governing pet 237
stores, including requirements and procedures governing the 238
initial licensing of pet stores and the renewal of pet store 239
licenses; 240

~~(12)~~ (13) The application form for a license issued under 241
division (A) of section 956.21 of the Revised Code and the 242
information that is required to be submitted in the application; 243

~~(13)~~ (14) Requirements governing permanent implanted 244
identification microchips for dogs to be sold at a pet store and 245
by a dog ~~retailer~~broker; 246

~~(14)~~ (15) Any other requirements and procedures that are 247
determined by the director to be necessary for the 248
administration and enforcement of this chapter and rules adopted 249
under it. However, rules adopted under this division shall not 250
establish additional requirements and procedures governing 251
animal rescues for dogs other than those adopted under division 252
(A) ~~(4)~~ (5) of this section. 253

(B) The director of agriculture may adopt rules in 254
accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing 255
disease testing protocols and vaccination requirements for dogs 256
to be sold at a pet store. 257

Sec. 956.031. In addition to complying with rules adopted 258
under section 956.03 of the Revised Code, a high volume breeder 259
shall do all of the following with regard to a dog that is kept, 260
housed, and maintained by the breeder: 261

(A) Unless otherwise directed by a veterinarian, provide 262
the dog, twice each day, with food that is all of the following: 263

(1) Sufficient to maintain normal body condition and 264
weight; 265

(2) Unspoiled and uncontaminated; 266

(3) Provided in accordance with a nutritional plan 267
recommended by a veterinarian; 268

(4) Served in receptacles that are clean and sanitary. 269

A high volume breeder may temporarily withhold food when 270
directed by a veterinarian to do so. 271

(B) Each day provide access to a continuous supply of 272
potable water in clean and sanitary receptacles that is of 273
sufficient quality and quantity to ensure maintenance of normal 274
body condition and growth unless otherwise directed by a 275
veterinarian. 276

(C) Keep or confine the dog in a primary enclosure that 277
complies with all of the following: 278

(1) The interior of the enclosure is at least six inches 279
higher than the head of the tallest dog housed in the enclosure 280
when the dog is in a normal standing position. 281

(2) It allows each dog housed in the enclosure to turn in 282
a complete circle, lie down, and fully extend its limbs. 283

(3) It is not stacked on top of another primary enclosure. 284

(4) It is cleaned at least once per day to remove excreta, 285
dirt, grime, and other waste. 286

(D) On and after December 31, 2021, keep or confine the 287
dog in a primary enclosure that has a minimum floor space in 288
square inches equal to the following: (the length of the dog 289
housed in the enclosure in inches, as measured from the tip of 290
the nose to the base of the tail, + nine inches)^2 multiplied by 291
two. For each additional dog that is kept or confined in a 292
primary enclosure, the enclosure shall have additional floor 293
space in square inches equal to the following: (length of each 294
additional dog housed in the enclosure in inches, as measured 295
from the tip of the nose to the base of the tail, + nine 296
inches)^2. 297

(E) On and after December 31, 2021, ensure that the 298
minimum floor space provided in accordance with division (D) of 299
this section is solid or consists of slats. If the floor space 300

consists of slats, the high volume breeder shall ensure that all 301
of the following apply: 302

(1) The spaces between the slats are not more than one- 303
half inch in width. 304

(2) The slats are not less than three and one-half inches 305
in width. 306

(3) All of the slats run in the same direction. 307

(4) The floor is level. 308

(F) On and after December 31, 2021, ensure that all 309
flooring complies with the following: 310

(1) It consists of materials that can be cleaned and 311
sanitized; are safe for the breed, size, and age of the dog; are 312
free from protruding sharp edges; and are designed so that the 313
paw of the dog is unable to extend through or become caught in 314
the flooring. 315

(2) If the flooring surface consists of a material that is 316
not solid, it has a solid resting area that can accommodate the 317
full length of the dog while lying down. 318

(3) It does not sag, bend, or bounce. 319

(4) It does not consist of wire made of metal, including 320
metal wire that is coated with another material. 321

(G) If the high volume breeder is using an indoor primary 322
enclosure to house the dog, ensure that the enclosure is located 323
in a facility that permits regulation of temperature, 324
ventilation, and lighting, including diurnal lighting. The high 325
volume breeder shall ensure that the lighting is sufficient, 326
either through natural or artificial means, to observe the 327

physical condition of the dog and to permit inspection and 328
cleaning of the dog and the primary enclosure. 329

(H) Use an outdoor primary enclosure to house the dog only 330
if a veterinarian approves such use; 331

(I) If the high volume breeder is using an outdoor primary 332
enclosure to house the dog as provided in division (H) of this 333
section and if climatic or ambient temperatures pose a threat to 334
the health and welfare of the dog, take effective measures to 335
eliminate the threat. If the high volume breeder has to take 336
such measures, the high volume breeder shall consider the dog's 337
age, breed, overall health, and acclimation to the environment. 338
The high volume breeder shall not use an outdoor primary 339
enclosure to house the dog if the dog is unable to tolerate the 340
prevalent temperatures within the dog's thermoneutral zone. 341

(J) House the dog with other dogs, except for reasons of 342
health, biosecurity, breeding, and behavioral issues. 343

(K) If the dog is a puppy that is four months or younger, 344
house the dog with an adult dog only if the adult dog is the 345
puppy's dam or foster dam; 346

(L) If the dog is a female, breed the dog only if the dog 347
has maintained a normal body condition and has been declared 348
healthy by a veterinarian following a physical examination; 349

(M) If the dog is a female, ensure that the dog does not 350
produce more than eight litters in its lifetime; 351

(N) Provide a clean, dry whelping area for each dam and 352
her nursing puppies. The high volume breeder shall ensure that 353
the area fully accommodates all puppies, allows the dam to lie 354
fully recumbent and stand, and permits the dam to temporarily 355
move away from her puppies as she chooses. The high volume 356

breeder shall ensure that no other animals inhabit the whelping 357
area other than the dam and her puppies. 358

(O) Provide the dog with an opportunity for daily exercise 359
of at least thirty minutes. However, this requirement does not 360
apply to an expectant female dog, postpartum female dog, or any 361
other dog as directed by a veterinarian. 362

(P) Provide the dog an opportunity to safely access the 363
outdoors during daylight hours; 364

(Q) Provide the dog with daily environmental enrichment in 365
the dog's primary enclosure; 366

(R) Provide human interaction with the dog for at least 367
fifteen minutes each day in addition to interaction that occurs 368
during feeding and cleaning time. The interaction, at a minimum, 369
shall include verbal and tactile stimulation in a positive and 370
beneficial manner. 371

(S) Provide the dog appropriate medical care by a 372
veterinarian, including prompt treatment for any significant 373
disease, illness, or injury; 374

(T) If the dog is an adult dog, provide the dog with an 375
annual physical examination by a veterinarian; 376

(U) Comply with a vaccination and parasite control program 377
that is provided by a veterinarian and that is consistent with 378
recommendations of the American veterinarian medical association 379
or the American animal hospital association; 380

(V) If a surgical or euthanasia procedure is required, use 381
a veterinarian to perform the procedure. 382

Sec. 956.04. (A) (1) No person shall operate a high volume 383
breeder in this state without a high volume breeder license 384

issued by the director of agriculture in accordance with this 385
section and rules adopted under section 956.03 of the Revised 386
Code. 387

(2) The director shall not issue a license under this 388
section unless the director determines that the applicant will 389
operate or will continue to operate the high volume breeder in 390
accordance with this chapter and rules adopted under it. 391

(B) In determining whether an establishment is a high 392
volume breeder requiring a license under this chapter, the 393
director shall determine if, in any given year, the 394
establishment is a high volume breeder as defined in section 395
956.01 of the Revised Code. All facilities that are located at 396
an individual postal address shall be licensed as one high 397
volume breeder. Not more than one license shall be issued under 398
this section for any given postal address. 399

(C) A person who is proposing to operate a new high volume 400
breeder shall submit an application for a license to the 401
director at least ninety days before commencing operation of the 402
high volume breeder. The application shall be submitted in the 403
form and with the information required by rules adopted under 404
section 956.03 of the Revised Code and shall include with it at 405
least all of the following: 406

(1) An affidavit signed under oath or solemn affirmation 407
of the number of adult dogs that are kept, housed, and 408
maintained by the applicant at the location that is the subject 409
of the application; 410

(2) An estimate of the number of puppies to be kept, 411
housed, and maintained and of the number of litters of puppies 412
or total number of puppies to be produced during the term of the 413

license; 414

(3) Photographic evidence documenting the facilities where 415
dogs will be kept, housed, and maintained by the applicant. The 416
director may conduct an inspection of the facilities that are 417
the subject of an application in addition to reviewing 418
photographic evidence submitted by an applicant for a license. 419

(4) A signed release permitting the performance of a 420
background investigation regarding the applicant in accordance 421
with rules adopted under section 956.03 of the Revised Code; 422

(5) Proof that the applicant has established a veterinary- 423
client-patient relationship as described in section 4741.04 of 424
the Revised Code. 425

(D) During the month of December, but before the first day 426
of January of the next year, a person who is proposing to 427
continue the operation of a high volume breeder shall obtain a 428
license for the high volume breeder from the director for the 429
following year. The person shall apply for the license in the 430
same manner as for an initial license, except that the person 431
does not need to include with the application the photographic 432
evidence required under division (C) (3) of this section. 433

~~(E) The owner or operator of a high volume breeder that is 434
in operation on March 13, 2013, shall submit to the director an 435
application for a high volume breeder license not later than 436
three months after March 13, 2013. The director shall issue or 437
deny the application for a license within ninety days after the 438
receipt of the completed application. 439~~

~~(F)~~ A person who has received a license under this 440
section, upon sale or other disposition of the high volume 441
breeder, may have the license transferred to another person with 442

the consent of the director, provided that the transferee 443
otherwise qualifies to be licensed as a high volume breeder 444
under this chapter and rules adopted under it and does not have 445
a certified unpaid debt to the state. 446

~~(G)~~ (F) An applicant for a license issued under this 447
section shall demonstrate that the high volume breeder that is 448
the subject of the application complies with standards 449
established in rules adopted under section 956.03 of the Revised 450
Code. 451

Sec. 956.041. (A) As used in this section, "out-of-state 452
dog breeder" means a dog breeder located outside of this state 453
that, if located in this state, would be a high volume breeder. 454

(B) A dog broker or the owner or operator of a pet store 455
that seeks to purchase a dog from an in-state high volume 456
breeder or out-of-state dog breeder, prior to completing the 457
transaction, shall request the breeder to sign a document 458
prescribed and provided by the director of agriculture. The 459
document shall state that the in-state high volume breeder or 460
out-of-state dog breeder is in compliance with the standards of 461
care established in rules adopted under section 956.03 and in 462
section 956.031 of the Revised Code. The broker or owner or 463
operator shall keep and maintain the signed document. If the in- 464
state high volume breeder or out-of-state dog breeder does not 465
provide the signed document, the broker or owner or operator 466
shall not purchase the dog. 467

The broker or owner or operator shall allow the director 468
to inspect the signed document during normal business hours. 469
With respect to a pet store, the requirements established under 470
this section are in addition to the requirements established 471
under section 956.20 of the Revised Code. 472

(C) No dog broker or owner or operator of a pet store 473
shall knowingly sell a dog unless the broker or owner or 474
operator has obtained a signed document with respect to the dog 475
as required under division (B) of this section. The director 476
shall not assess a civil penalty under section 956.13 of the 477
Revised Code against a dog broker or the owner or operator of a 478
pet store for a violation of this division if the broker or 479
owner or operator has obtained such a document with regard to 480
the dog. 481

(D) The director shall adopt rules in accordance with 482
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that establish requirements and 483
procedures governing the administration and enforcement of this 484
section. 485

Sec. 956.05. (A) (1) No person shall act as or perform the 486
functions of a dog ~~retailer-broker~~ in this state without a dog 487
~~retailer-broker~~ license issued by the director of agriculture in 488
accordance with this section and rules adopted under section 489
956.03 of the Revised Code. 490

(2) The director shall not issue a license under this 491
section unless the director determines that the applicant will 492
act as or perform the functions of a dog ~~retailer-broker~~ in 493
accordance with this chapter and rules adopted under it. 494

(B) A person who is proposing to act as or perform the 495
functions of a dog ~~retailer-broker~~ shall submit an application 496
for a license to the director. During the month of December, but 497
before the first day of January of the next year, a person who 498
is proposing to continue to act as or perform the functions of a 499
dog ~~retailer-broker~~ shall obtain a license from the director for 500
the following year. 501

~~(C) A person who is acting as or performing the functions of a dog retailer on the effective date of this section shall submit to the director an application for a dog retailer license not later than three months after the effective date of this section. The director shall issue or deny the application for a license within ninety days after the receipt of the completed application.~~

Sec. 956.051. (A) No dog ~~retailer~~broker shall negligently sell, deliver, barter, auction, broker, give away, or transfer a live dog to a pet store in this state unless the dog was obtained from one of the following sources:

- (1) An animal rescue for dogs;
- (2) An animal shelter for dogs;
- (3) A humane society;
- (4) A qualified breeder as defined in section 956.19 of the Revised Code.

(B) No dog ~~retailer~~broker shall negligently sell, deliver, barter, auction, broker, give away, or transfer to a pet store in this state any of the following:

- (1) A dog that is less than eight weeks old;
- (2) A dog without a health certificate ~~of veterinarian inspection~~ signed by an accredited veterinarian;
- (3) A dog that does not have a permanent implanted identification microchip that is approved for use by the director of agriculture under rules adopted under section 956.03 of the Revised Code;
- (4) A dog to a person who is younger than eighteen years

of age as verified by valid photo identification; 529

(5) A dog acquired from a qualified breeder as defined in 530
section 956.19 of the Revised Code unless the dog ~~retailer~~ 531
broker provides to the person acquiring the dog, at a time prior 532
to the transaction for the acquisition of the dog, a written 533
certification that includes all of the following information: 534

(a) The name of the breeder that bred the dog; 535

(b) The address, if available, of the breeder that bred 536
the dog; 537

(c) The United States department of agriculture license 538
number of the breeder that bred the dog, if applicable, and a 539
copy of the most current United States department of agriculture 540
inspection report for the breeder; 541

(d) The dog's birth date, if known; 542

(e) The date that the pet store took possession of the 543
dog; 544

(f) The breed, gender, color, and any identifying marks of 545
the dog; 546

(g) A document signed by an accredited veterinarian that 547
describes any known disease, illness, or congenital or 548
hereditary condition that adversely affects the health of the 549
dog at the time of examination; 550

(h) A document signed by the dog ~~retailer~~ broker 551
certifying that all information required to be provided to the 552
person acquiring the dog under this section is accurate. A dog 553
~~retailer~~ broker shall keep a copy of the certification for a 554
period of at least two years from the date of the acquisition. 555
The dog ~~retailer~~ broker shall make the copy of the certification 556

available for inspection or duplication by the department of 557
agriculture. 558

(C) No dog ~~retailer-broker~~ shall recklessly alter or 559
provide false information on a certification provided in 560
accordance with division (B) (5) of this section. 561

(D) This section does not apply to any dog that is being 562
sold, delivered, bartered, auctioned, given away, brokered, or 563
transferred from the premises where the dog was bred and reared. 564

Sec. 956.06. (A) (1) No person shall operate an animal 565
rescue for dogs without first registering with the director of 566
agriculture in accordance with rules adopted under section 567
956.03 of the Revised Code. ~~No~~ A registration is valid for one 568
year. 569

(2) A registration may be renewed. An application for 570
renewal shall be submitted to the director at least ninety days 571
prior to the expiration of the registration. 572

(3) The director shall not charge a registration fee ~~shall~~ 573
~~be charged~~ to an animal rescue for dogs. ~~The~~ However, if a 574
person fails to renew a registration prior to its expiration, 575
the director shall charge the person a late renewal fee of two 576
hundred dollars. 577

(B) The director shall maintain a database of all persons 578
that are registered to operate an animal rescue for dogs in this 579
state. 580

Sec. 956.07. (A) A person who is applying for ~~a~~ an annual 581
license to operate a high volume breeder or to act as or perform 582
the functions of a dog ~~retailer-broker~~ under section 956.04 or 583
956.05 of the Revised Code, as applicable, shall include with 584
the application for a license a nonrefundable license 585

application fee. ~~For the purpose of calculating the application~~ 586
~~fee for a high volume breeder, the sale of one dog from a litter~~ 587
~~constitutes the sale of a litter.~~ The application fees are as 588
follows: 589

(1) For a high volume breeder: 590

(a) One hundred fifty dollars if the high volume breeder 591
annually sells at least ~~nine~~ forty, but not more than ~~fifteen~~ 592
~~litters~~ sixty puppies to the public; 593

(b) Two hundred fifty dollars if the high volume breeder 594
annually sells at least ~~sixteen~~ sixty-one, but not more 595
than ~~twenty-five litters~~ one hundred fifty puppies to the public; 596

(c) Three hundred fifty dollars if the high volume breeder 597
annually sells at least ~~twenty-six~~ one hundred fifty-one, but 598
not more than ~~thirty-five litters~~ two hundred fifty puppies to 599
the public; 600

(d) Five hundred dollars if the high volume breeder 601
annually sells at least ~~thirty-six~~ two hundred fifty-one, but 602
not more than ~~forty-five litters~~ three hundred fifty puppies to 603
the public; 604

(e) Seven hundred fifty dollars if the high volume breeder 605
annually sells ~~forty-six~~ three hundred fifty-one or more ~~litters~~ 606
puppies to the public; 607

(f) If divisions (A) (1) (a) to (e) of this section do not 608
apply, one hundred and fifty dollars if either of the following 609
applies: 610

(i) The high volume breeder sells five or more adult dogs 611
or puppies to a dog broker or pet store. 612

(ii) The high volume breeder keeps, houses, and maintains, 613

at any given time in a calendar year, more than forty puppies 614
that are under four months of age, that have been bred on the 615
premises of the establishment, and that have been primarily 616
kept, housed, and maintained from birth on the premises of the 617
establishment. 618

(2) For a dog ~~retailer~~broker, five hundred dollars. 619

(B) Money collected by the director of agriculture from 620
each application fee submitted under this section shall be 621
deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the high volume 622
breeder kennel control license fund created in section 956.18 of 623
the Revised Code. The director shall use fifty dollars of the 624
application fee submitted by a high volume breeder under this 625
section or an amount equal to the fee charged for the 626
registration of a kennel under section 955.14 of the Revised 627
Code in the county in which the high volume breeder is located 628
or will be located, whichever is greater, to reimburse that 629
county. The county auditor shall deposit the transferred money 630
into that county's dog and kennel fund created under section 631
955.20 of the Revised Code. 632

Sec. 956.08. (A) No person operating as a high volume 633
breeder ~~or acting as or performing the functions of a dog~~ 634
~~retailer~~ shall fail to comply with applicable standards 635
established by the director of agriculture in rules adopted 636
under section 956.03 of the Revised Code or with section 956.031 637
of the Revised Code. 638

(B) No person acting as or performing the functions of a 639
dog broker shall fail to comply with applicable requirements 640
established by the director in rules adopted under section 641
956.03 of the Revised Code. 642

(C) No person registered as an animal rescue for dogs 643
under section 956.06 of the Revised Code shall sell a dog to a 644
dog broker or pet store. 645

Sec. 956.10. (A) (1) At least once annually, the director 646
of agriculture or the director's authorized representative shall 647
inspect a high volume breeder that is subject to licensure under 648
this chapter and rules adopted under section 956.03 of the 649
Revised Code to ensure compliance with this chapter and rules 650
adopted under it, including the standards of care established in 651
rules adopted under that section. 652

(2) The director or the director's authorized 653
representative shall inspect a boarding kennel when the director 654
or the director's authorized representative has received 655
information that the boarding kennel is breeding dogs and may be 656
subject to licensure under this chapter and rules adopted under 657
section 956.03 of the Revised Code. 658

(B) The director or the director's authorized 659
representative may do any of the following: 660

(1) Upon receiving a complaint, inspect a high volume 661
breeder that is subject to licensure under this chapter and 662
rules adopted under section 956.03 of the Revised Code to ensure 663
compliance with this chapter and rules adopted under it; 664

(2) Upon the request of a member of the public, a public 665
official, or an animal shelter for dogs, inspect any facility at 666
which a person is acting as or performing the functions of a dog 667
~~retailer broker~~ to ensure such compliance; 668

(3) Upon receiving a complaint, inspect an animal rescue 669
for dogs to ensure compliance with section 956.06 of the Revised 670
Code and applicable rules adopted under section 956.03 of the 671

Revised Code; 672

(4) Conduct an inspection under this section during 673
regular business hours without providing notice in advance. 674

(C) Inspections shall be conducted in accordance with 675
rules adopted under section 956.03 of the Revised Code. A record 676
of each inspection shall be made by the director or the 677
director's authorized representative who is responsible for the 678
inspection in accordance with those rules. 679

(D) The director or the director's authorized 680
representative, upon proper identification and upon stating the 681
purpose and necessity of an inspection, may enter at reasonable 682
times on any public or private property, real or personal, to 683
inspect or investigate and to examine or copy records in order 684
to determine compliance with this chapter and rules adopted 685
under it. The director, the director's authorized 686
representative, or the attorney general upon the request of the 687
director may apply to the appropriate court in the county in 688
which inspection will occur for an appropriate court order or 689
search warrant as necessary to achieve the purposes of this 690
chapter and rules adopted under it. 691

(E) No owner or operator of a high volume breeder, person 692
acting as or performing the functions of a dog ~~retailer~~broker, 693
owner or operator of a boarding kennel, or owner or operator of 694
an animal rescue for dogs shall interfere with an inspection or 695
refuse to allow the director or the director's authorized 696
representative full access to all areas where dogs are kept or 697
cared for. If entry is refused or inspection or investigation is 698
refused, hindered, or thwarted by a high volume breeder or dog 699
~~retailer~~broker, the director may suspend or revoke the breeder's 700
or ~~retailer's~~broker's license in accordance with this chapter. 701

(F) (1) The director may enter into a contract or agreement 702
with a veterinarian to conduct inspections under this section. 703
The veterinarian shall be considered the director's authorized 704
representative for the purposes of this section. 705

(2) A veterinarian with whom the director has entered into 706
a contract or agreement under division (F) (1) of this section 707
may inspect a high volume breeder with whom the veterinarian has 708
established a veterinary-client-patient relationship as 709
described in section 4741.04 of the Revised Code only every 710
other year. 711

(3) If the director determines that a veterinarian with 712
whom the director has entered into a contract or agreement under 713
division (F) (1) of this section has falsified any information 714
submitted to the director pursuant to an inspection, the 715
director shall inform the veterinary medical licensing board 716
created by Chapter 4741. of the Revised Code of the 717
falsification. 718

(G) (1) If entry that is authorized by division (D) of this 719
section is refused or if an inspection or investigation is 720
refused, hindered, or thwarted by intimidation or otherwise and 721
if the director, an authorized representative of the director, 722
or the attorney general applies for and obtains a court order or 723
a search warrant under division (D) of this section to conduct 724
the inspection or investigation, the owner or operator of the 725
premises where entry was refused or inspection or investigation 726
was refused, hindered, or thwarted, if found guilty of violating 727
this chapter or rules adopted under it, is liable to the 728
director for ~~the~~ all of the following: 729

(a) The reasonable costs incurred by the director for the 730
regular salaries and fringe benefit costs of personnel assigned 731

to conduct the inspection or investigation from the time the 732
court order or search warrant was issued until the court order 733
or search warrant is executed; ~~for the~~ 734

(b) The salary, fringe benefits, and travel expenses of 735
the director, an authorized representative of the director, or 736
the attorney general incurred in obtaining the court order or 737
search warrant; and ~~for expenses~~ 738

(c) Expenses necessarily incurred for the assistance of 739
local law enforcement officers in executing the court order or 740
search warrant. ~~In~~ 741

(2) In the application for a court order or a search 742
warrant, the director, the director's authorized representative, 743
or the attorney general may request and the court, in its order 744
granting the court order or search warrant, may order the owner 745
or operator of the premises, if found guilty of violating this 746
chapter or rules adopted under it, to reimburse the director for 747
any of ~~those the~~ costs described in division (G) (1) of this 748
section that the court finds reasonable. From money recovered 749
under this division, the director shall ~~reimburse the~~ do all of 750
the following: 751

(a) Reimburse the attorney general for the costs incurred 752
by the attorney general in connection with proceedings for 753
obtaining the court order or search warrant, ~~shall reimburse the~~ 754
; 755

(b) Reimburse the political subdivision in which the 756
premises is located for the assistance of its law enforcement 757
officers in executing the court order or search warrant, ~~and~~ 758
~~shall deposit;~~ 759

(c) Deposit the remainder in the state treasury to the 760

credit of the high volume breeder kennel control license fund 761
created in section 956.18 of the Revised Code. 762

(H) A dog warden appointed under Chapter 955. of the 763
Revised Code or an agent of a humane society entering on public 764
or private property to make investigations and inspections in 765
accordance with Chapter 955. or 1717. of the Revised Code, as 766
applicable, shall report any violations of this chapter and 767
rules adopted under it to the director or the director's 768
authorized representative. 769

Sec. 956.11. (A) The director of agriculture may enter 770
into contracts or agreements with an animal rescue for dogs, an 771
animal shelter for dogs, a boarding kennel, a veterinarian, a 772
board of county commissioners, or a humane society for the 773
purposes of this section. 774

(B) (1) If the director or the director's authorized 775
representative determines that a dog is being kept by a high 776
volume breeder or dog ~~retailer~~ broker in a manner that 777
materially violates this chapter or rules adopted under it, the 778
director may impound the dog and order it to be seized by an 779
animal rescue for dogs, an animal shelter for dogs, a boarding 780
kennel, a veterinarian, a board of county commissioners, or a 781
humane society with which the director has entered into a 782
contract or agreement under division (A) of this section. Upon 783
receiving the order from the director, the animal rescue for 784
dogs, animal shelter for dogs, boarding kennel, veterinarian, 785
board of county commissioners, or humane society shall seize the 786
dog and keep, house, and maintain it. 787

(2) The director or the director's authorized 788
representative shall give written notice of the impoundment by 789
posting a notice on the door of the premises from which the dog 790

was taken or by otherwise posting the notice in a conspicuous 791
place at the premises from which the dog was taken. The notice 792
shall provide a date for an adjudication hearing, which shall 793
take place not later than five business days after the dog is 794
taken and at which the director shall determine if the dog 795
should be permanently relinquished to the custody of the 796
director. 797

(C) The owner or operator of the applicable high volume 798
breeder or the person acting as or performing the functions of a 799
dog ~~retailer~~ broker may appeal the determination made at the 800
adjudication hearing in accordance with section 119.12 of the 801
Revised Code, except that the appeal may be made only to the 802
environmental division of the Franklin county municipal court. 803

(D) If, after the final disposition of an adjudication 804
hearing and any appeals from that adjudication hearing, it is 805
determined that a dog shall be permanently relinquished to the 806
custody of the director, the dog may be adopted directly from 807
the animal rescue for dogs, animal shelter for dogs, boarding 808
kennel, veterinarian, county dog pound, or humane society where 809
it is being kept, housed, and maintained, provided that the dog 810
has been spayed or neutered unless there are medical reasons 811
against spaying or neutering as determined by a veterinarian. 812
The animal rescue for dogs, animal shelter for dogs, boarding 813
kennel, veterinarian, county dog pound, or humane society may 814
charge a reasonable adoption fee. The fee shall be at least 815
sufficient to cover the costs of spaying or neutering the dog 816
unless it is medically contraindicated. Impounded dogs shall be 817
returned to persons acquitted of any alleged violations. 818

Sec. 956.13. (A) The director of agriculture, after 819
providing an opportunity for an adjudication hearing under 820

Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, may assess a civil penalty 821
against a person who has violated or is violating sections 822
956.01 to 956.18 of the Revised Code or rules adopted under ~~it~~ 823
~~if all of the following occur:~~ 824

~~(1) The person has received a notice and been notified of~~ 825
~~the violation by certified mail or personal service as required~~ 826
~~in section 956.12 of the Revised Code.~~ 827

~~(2) After the time period for correcting the violation~~ 828
~~specified in the notice has elapsed, the director or the~~ 829
~~director's authorized representative has determined that the~~ 830
~~violation has not been corrected, and the director has issued a~~ 831
~~notice of an adjudication hearing pursuant to division (A)(3) of~~ 832
~~this section.~~ 833

~~(3) The director affords the person an opportunity for an~~ 834
~~adjudication hearing under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to~~ 835
~~challenge the director's determination that the person is not in~~ 836
~~compliance with this chapter or rules adopted under it, the~~ 837
~~imposition of the civil penalty, or both. A person may waive the~~ 838
~~opportunity for an adjudication hearing.~~ 839

~~(B) If the opportunity for an adjudication hearing is~~ 840
~~waived or if, after an adjudication hearing, the director~~ 841
~~determines that a violation of this chapter or a rule adopted~~ 842
~~under it has occurred or is occurring, the director may assess a~~ 843
~~civil penalty. The civil penalty may be appealed in accordance~~ 844
~~with section 119.12 of the Revised Code, except that the civil~~ 845
~~penalty may be appealed only to the environmental division of~~ 846
~~the Franklin county municipal court section 956.03 of the~~ 847
~~Revised Code.~~ 848

~~(C)~~ (B) A person who is assessed a civil penalty under 849

this section is liable for a civil penalty of not more than two 850
thousand five hundred dollars for a first violation, not more 851
than ~~two~~ five thousand ~~five hundred~~ dollars for a second 852
violation, and not more than ten thousand dollars for a third or 853
subsequent violation. 854

Each day that a violation continues constitutes a separate 855
violation. 856

~~(D)~~ (C) Any person assessed a civil penalty under this 857
section shall pay the amount prescribed to the department of 858
agriculture. The department shall remit all money collected 859
under this section to the treasurer of state for deposit in the 860
high volume breeder kennel control license fund created under 861
section 956.18 of the Revised Code. 862

Sec. 956.14. The attorney general, upon the request of the 863
director of agriculture, may bring an action for injunction 864
against a person who has violated or is violating this chapter, ~~or~~ 865
~~or rules adopted under it, or a notice issued under section~~ 866
~~956.12 of the Revised Code.~~ An action for injunction shall be 867
filed in the appropriate court in the county in which the 868
violation is alleged to have occurred. The court shall grant 869
such injunctive relief upon a showing that the person against 870
whom the action is brought has violated or is violating this 871
chapter, ~~or rules adopted under it, or a notice issued under it.~~ 872
The court shall give precedence to such an action over all other 873
cases. 874

Sec. 956.18. (A) All money collected by the director of 875
agriculture from late renewal fees under section 956.06, license 876
fees under section 956.07, and civil penalties assessed under 877
section 956.13 of the Revised Code shall be deposited in the 878
state treasury to the credit of the high volume breeder kennel 879

control license fund, which is hereby created. The fund shall 880
also consist of money appropriated to it. 881

(B) The director shall use the money in the fund for the 882
purpose of administering sections 956.01 to 956.18 of the 883
Revised Code and rules adopted under ~~it~~ section 956.03 of the 884
Revised Code that apply to those sections. 885

Sec. 956.181. (A) All money collected by the director of 886
agriculture from license fees under section 956.21 and civil 887
penalties assessed under section 956.22 of the Revised Code 888
shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the 889
pet store license fund, which is hereby created. The fund shall 890
also consist of money appropriated to it. 891

(B) The director shall use the money in the fund for the 892
purpose of administering sections 956.19 to 956.23 of the 893
Revised Code and rules adopted under ~~it~~ section 956.03 of the 894
Revised Code as those rules apply to those sections. 895

Sec. 956.19. As used in section 956.20 of the Revised 896
Code, a "qualified breeder" means either of the following: 897

(A) A breeder that keeps, houses, and maintains female 898
adult dogs that is not a high volume breeder as defined in 899
section 956.01 of the Revised Code. 900

(B) A high volume breeder located in or out of this state 901
that meets all of the following requirements: 902

(1) The breeder is licensed by the United States 903
department of agriculture under 7 U.S.C. 2133 and, if 904
applicable, a state agency. 905

(2) The breeder has not been issued a report of a direct 906
noncompliance violation by the United States department of 907

agriculture under the federal animal welfare act, as defined in 908
section 959.131 of the Revised Code, for a period of three years 909
prior to offering for sale, delivering, bartering, auctioning, 910
brokering, giving away, transferring, or selling a dog. 911

(3) The breeder has not had three or more noncompliance 912
violations documented in any report issued by the United States 913
department of agriculture under the federal animal welfare act, 914
as defined in section 959.131 of the Revised Code, for a period 915
of twelve months prior to offering for sale, delivering, 916
bartering, auctioning, brokering, giving away, transferring, or 917
selling a dog. 918

(4) The breeder has been issued a dog ~~retailer~~broker 919
license under section 956.05 of the Revised Code. 920

Sec. 956.20. (A) No owner, manager, or employee of a pet 921
store shall negligently display, offer for sale, deliver, 922
barter, auction, broker, give away, transfer, or sell any live 923
dog from a pet store to a person unless the dog was obtained 924
from one of the following sources: 925

(1) An animal rescue for dogs; 926

(2) An animal shelter for dogs; 927

(3) A humane society; 928

(4) A dog ~~retailer~~broker, provided that, if the dog 929
~~retailer~~broker originally obtained the dog from a breeder, the 930
breeder is a qualified breeder; 931

(5) A qualified breeder. 932

(B) No owner, manager, or employee of a pet store shall 933
negligently sell, deliver, barter, auction, broker, give away, 934
or transfer any of the following: 935

- (1) A dog that is less than eight weeks old; 936
- (2) A dog without a health certificate ~~of veterinarian~~
~~inspection~~ signed by an accredited veterinarian; 937
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- (3) A dog that does not have a permanent implanted 939
identification microchip that is approved for use by the 940
director of agriculture under rules adopted under section 956.03 941
of the Revised Code; 942
- (4) A dog to a person who is younger than eighteen years 943
of age as verified by valid photo identification; 944
- (5) A dog acquired from a qualified breeder or a dog 945
~~retailer~~ broker unless the owner, manager, or employee provides 946
to the person acquiring the dog, at a time prior to the 947
transaction for the acquisition of the dog, a written 948
certification that includes all of the following information: 949
- (a) The name of the breeder that bred the dog; 950
- (b) The address, if available, of the breeder that bred 951
the dog; 952
- (c) The United States department of agriculture license 953
number of the breeder that bred the dog, if applicable, and a 954
copy of the most current United States department of agriculture 955
inspection report for the breeder; 956
- (d) The dog's birth date, if known; 957
- (e) The date that the pet store took possession of the 958
dog; 959
- (f) The breed, gender, color, and any identifying marks of 960
the dog; 961
- (g) A document signed by an accredited veterinarian that 962

describes any known disease, illness, or congenital or 963
hereditary condition that adversely affects the health of the 964
dog at the time of examination; 965

(h) A document signed by the owner, manager, or employee 966
of the pet store certifying that all information required to be 967
provided to the person acquiring the dog under division (B) (5) 968
of this section is accurate. A pet store shall keep a copy of 969
the certification for a period of at least two years from the 970
date of the acquisition. The owner, manager, or an employee of 971
the pet store shall make the copy of the certification available 972
for inspection or duplication by the department of agriculture. 973

(6) A dog acquired from a qualified breeder or a dog 974
~~retailer~~ broker unless all of the following information 975
regarding the dog is available to the general public at the pet 976
store: 977

(a) The name of the breeder that bred the dog; 978

(b) The address, if available, of the breeder that bred 979
the dog; 980

(c) The United States department of agriculture license 981
number of the breeder that bred the dog, if applicable; 982

(d) The dog's birth date, if known; 983

(e) The breed of the dog. 984

(C) No owner, manager, or employee of a pet store shall 985
recklessly alter or provide false information on a certification 986
provided in accordance with division (B) (5) of this section. 987

(D) This section does not apply to any dog that is being 988
sold, delivered, bartered, auctioned, given away, brokered, or 989
transferred from the premises where the dog was bred and reared. 990

Sec. 956.21. (A) The director of agriculture may issue a 991
pet store license to an owner or operator of a pet store when 992
the owner or operator does all of the following: 993

(1) Applies for a license in accordance with this section 994
and rules adopted under ~~it~~ section 956.03 of the Revised Code; 995

(2) Affirms in writing that the owner or operator will 996
maintain compliance with the applicable requirements established 997
under section 959.20 of the Revised Code; 998

(3) Submits with the application for a pet store license a 999
fee of five hundred dollars. 1000

(B) The director of agriculture may deny, suspend, or 1001
revoke a license issued under this section for a violation of 1002
division (A), (B), or (C) of section 956.20 of the Revised Code 1003
or rules adopted under ~~that~~ section 956.03 of the Revised Code. 1004
The denial, suspension, or revocation of a license is not 1005
effective until the licensee is given written notice of the 1006
violation, a reasonable amount of time to correct the violation, 1007
if possible, and an opportunity for a hearing. 1008

The director also may refuse to issue a license under 1009
division (B) of this section if the applicant has violated 1010
division (A), (B), or (C) of section 956.20 of the Revised Code 1011
or the rules adopted under ~~this~~ section 956.03 of the Revised 1012
Code during the thirty-six-month period prior to submitting an 1013
application for the license. 1014

(C) Any license issued under this section is valid for a 1015
period of one year from the date of issuance. A pet store 1016
license must be renewed annually in the manner provided in rules 1017
adopted under ~~this~~ section 956.03 of the Revised Code. 1018

(D) Money collected by the director of agriculture from 1019

each application fee submitted under this section shall be 1020
deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the pet store 1021
license fund created in section 956.181 of the Revised Code. 1022

(E) No owner, operator, or manager of a pet store shall 1023
negligently display, offer for sale, deliver, barter, auction, 1024
broker, give away, transfer, or sell any live dog from a pet 1025
store in this state unless a license has been issued for the pet 1026
store by the director of agriculture in accordance with this 1027
section and rules adopted under ~~it~~ section 956.03 of the Revised 1028
Code. 1029

Sec. 956.22. (A) The director of agriculture, after 1030
providing an opportunity for an adjudication hearing under 1031
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, may assess a civil penalty 1032
against a person ~~that violates who has violated or is violating~~ 1033
division (A), (B), or (C) of section 956.20 of the Revised Code 1034
or division (E) of section 956.21 of the Revised Code ~~if all of~~ 1035
~~the following occur:~~ 1036

~~(1) The person has received a notice and been notified of~~ 1037
~~the violation by certified mail or personal service under~~ 1038
~~section 956.12 of the Revised Code.~~ 1039

~~(2) After the time period for correcting the violation~~ 1040
~~specified in the notice has elapsed, the director or the~~ 1041
~~director's authorized representative has determined that the~~ 1042
~~violation has not been corrected, and the director has issued a~~ 1043
~~notice of an adjudication hearing pursuant to division (A) (3) of~~ 1044
~~this section.~~ 1045

~~(3) The director affords the person an opportunity for an~~ 1046
~~adjudication hearing under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to~~ 1047
~~challenge the director's determination that the person is not in~~ 1048

~~compliance with this chapter or rules adopted under it, the~~ 1049
~~imposition of the civil penalty, or both. A person may waive the~~ 1050
~~opportunity for an adjudication hearing.~~ 1051

~~(B) If the opportunity for an adjudication hearing is~~ 1052
~~waived or if, after an adjudication hearing, the director~~ 1053
~~determines that a violation of this chapter or a rule adopted~~ 1054
~~under it has occurred or is occurring, the director may assess a~~ 1055
~~civil penalty. The civil penalty may be appealed in accordance~~ 1056
~~with section 119.12 of the Revised Code, except that the civil~~ 1057
~~penalty may be appealed only to the environmental division of~~ 1058
~~the Franklin county municipal court.~~ 1059

~~(C)~~ (B) The person who is assessed a civil penalty under 1060
this section is liable for a civil penalty of not more than two 1061
thousand five hundred dollars for a first violation, not more 1062
than ~~two~~ five thousand ~~five hundred~~ dollars for a second 1063
violation, and not more than ten thousand dollars for a third or 1064
subsequent violation. 1065

~~(D)~~ (C) Any person assessed a civil penalty under this 1066
section shall pay the amount prescribed to the department of 1067
agriculture. The department shall remit all money collected 1068
under this section to the treasurer of state for deposit in the 1069
pet store license fund created under section 956.181 of the 1070
Revised Code. 1071

Section 2. That existing sections 956.01, 956.02, 956.03, 1072
956.04, 956.05, 956.051, 956.06, 956.07, 956.08, 956.10, 956.11, 1073
956.13, 956.14, 956.18, 956.181, 956.19, 956.20, 956.21, and 1074
956.22 and section 956.12 of the Revised Code are hereby 1075
repealed. 1076

Section 3. An unexpired dog retailer license that was 1077

issued under section 956.05 of the Revised Code, as that section 1078
existed prior to the effective date of this act, remains valid 1079
until its expiration date as if the license is a dog broker 1080
license. If the licensee applies to renew the license after the 1081
effective date of this section, the Director of Agriculture 1082
shall renew the license as a dog broker license if the person is 1083
eligible for such renewal. 1084

Section 4. The Director of Agriculture shall establish 1085
appropriate procedures for renewing the registration of a person 1086
operating as an animal rescue for dogs under section 956.06 of 1087
the Revised Code who was so registered prior to the effective 1088
date of this section. The procedures shall include an 1089
appropriate time within which the person shall renew the 1090
registration, which shall not be later than two hundred seventy- 1091
five days after the effective date of this section. 1092