

Breeder’s License Survey in Florida

	Main Points
Broward County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Covers any person engaged in sale, stud, or breeding of cats or dogs</li><li>• Requires permit from Division, good for 1 year</li><li>• Requires heightened record keeping</li><li>• Allows for random inspections</li><li>• Revocable permit if certain violations (such as cruelty)</li></ul>
Citrus County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Yearly fee</li><li>• Mandatory spay/neuter of cats unless exemptions met (breeder, pedigree, medical, etc.)</li></ul>
Collier County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Standards of care for animal related businesses and breeders, standards for proper animal husbandry</li><li>• Requires operational permit, requires records for animals housed</li><li>• Requires examinations and certificates for animals being sold (similar to state law)</li></ul>
Jacksonville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Covers pet shops and animal dealers (sale of more than 20 animals a year)</li><li>• Requires permit, won’t be issued to individuals with certain animal related violations</li><li>• Permit allows random inspections</li><li>• Records of all transactions to Division</li><li>• Vet care standards for the animals</li><li>• Treats Hobby Breeders separately (may sell up to 20 animals a year)</li><li>• Hobby breeder requires permit and bi-annual inspection and establishes husbandry standards</li><li>• Excessive Unsterilized Animals code – Creates escalating permit for more than 5 unsterilized animals</li></ul>
Miami-Dade County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Breeder, pet dealer, hobby breeder license</li><li>• Allows inspection of premises and records</li><li>• Revocable if not compliant with State law or county code</li></ul>
Palm Beach County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Commercial breeder (&gt;20) and hobby breeder (Up to 19)</li><li>• Regulates pet shops and pet dealers</li><li>• 1 year permit, inspections without notice</li><li>• No cat breeding unless pedigreed and registered</li><li>• No unsterilized animals without appropriate permit or exemption</li><li>• Operational and husbandry standards</li><li>• Provide records of transactions to Division</li></ul>
Pinellas County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regulates Pet dealerships and hobby breeders</li><li>• Hobby breeder sells no more than 20 animals a year</li><li>• Initial inspection and annual inspection</li><li>• Regulates location of sales (no parking lots, etc.)</li><li>• Submit records of sales to Department</li></ul>
Sarasota County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hobby breeder means someone selling dogs or cats from premises in which they were bred or reared</li><li>• Regulates location of sales, health exams</li></ul>
Seminole County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Breeder=any person that causes dogs or cats to produce</li><li>• Hobby breeder=1 litter per year</li><li>• Focus is on puppy mills</li><li>• No pet shop may offer dogs unless from animal shelter or rescue</li><li>• Doesn’t provide much, no scheme for hobby breeders</li></ul>
Volusia County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Need annual license to be hobby breeder</li><li>• Maximum number of adult animals at any time</li><li>• Facility and husbandry standards for hobby breeders</li><li>• Condition of license to allow inspection</li><li>• Mandatory spay and neuter unless unaltered animal permit or exemption (Pedigree, medical, breeder, etc.)</li><li>• Unaltered animal permit comes with microchip, notification of change in ownership</li></ul>