

Breeder's License Survey in Florida

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