



Legislation Text

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Agenda Item Name:

Pet Breeder Regulation

Presenter:

Alachua County Animal Services

Description:

Presentation of regulatory ordinances in other jurisdictions and staff recommendations for Board consideration.

Recommended Action:

Authorize advertisement of an ordinance establishing a Breeder's License program with the following standards:

- Differential licensing for all animals, with costs established in the fee schedule, to curb "accidental breeders" and incentivize sterilization
- A breeder's permit program for hobby, and commercial, breeders of dogs subject to:
 - 1) Retention of all veterinary and transaction records for 1 year from sale;
 - 2) Consent to inspections of premises housing breeding operations and animals;
 - 3) Standards of husbandry and veterinary care for animals;
 - 4) Maximum number of adult intact animals at a breeding facility;
 - 5) Fees (established by fee schedule) depending on intensity of breeding

Prior Board Motions:

April 16, 2019

The Board directed staff to:

- 1) Bring back examples of breeder license ordinance programs from the southeast and Florida so the Board can discuss at the first available Policy Meeting prior to the drafting of the ordinance
- 2) Inform the Board of enforceability of the State of Florida Regulations.

Fiscal Consideration:

None

Background:

Topic has been discussed on several occasions as it relates to costs incurred by the County to house, provide care for, and rehome unwanted animals. It has also been discussed in relation to its effect on public safety with breeding having been a component of several recent aggressive dog cases. Finally on April 16, 2019 the board directed staff to bring back example ordinances regulating pet breeding from other jurisdictions.