Establishing Standards for Care & Welfare of Dogs in Commercial Breeding Facilities



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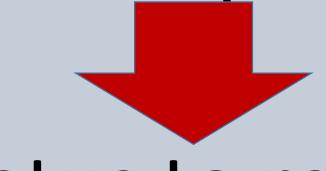
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Aim: Create & test science-based care standards for dog well-being in commercial breeding (CB) kennels.



The Problem

- High US demand for purebred dogs
- Negative perceptions of CB
- Lack of research to inform policy & best practice
- Insufficient legislative emphasis on dog well-being needs
- Perceived industry failure to selfregulate
- Sub-standard, repeat offender breeders
- Lack of transparency
- o Real welfare problems



Impetus to regulate

Voluntary Standards Program

- Inclusive, science-based, scaleneutral
- Pilot test program (24 kennels)
 - Implementation
 - Welfare status of dogs
- *Breeder Education
- *3rd party auditing & certification

Housing Health Genetics Sanitation Veterinary care Flooring Nutrition Outdoor access Retirement Dental health Rehoming **Behavior** Reproduction Socialization Age of breeding onset/termination Exercise Litter numbers/quality Breeding Enrichment frequency Caretaker interaction

Research Program

- Effects of flooring on dog foot health, kennel & dog cleanliness
- Prevalence and scoring of periodontal disease in CB facilities
- Field-ready behavior & welfare assessment metrics
- *Assessment of fear & distress
- Management & rehoming practices
- Public perceptions of dog breeding, welfare, sources of acquisition

For more information:

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