#### IC 15-21

# ARTICLE 21. COMMERCIAL DOG BREEDER REGULATION

#### IC 15-21-1

# **Chapter 1. Application and Definitions**

#### IC 15-21-1-1

# **Application**

Sec. 1. (a) This article does not apply to:

- (1) an animal shelter;
- (2) a humane society;
- (3) an animal rescue operation;
- (4) a hobby breeder;
- (5) a person who breeds at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the person's dogs as sport dogs for hunting purposes; or
- (6) a person who breeds at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the person's dogs as service dogs or as dogs for use by the police or the armed forces.
- (b) As used in this section, "animal rescue operation" means a person or organization:
  - (1) that accepts within one (1) year:
    - (A) more than twelve (12) dogs; or
    - (B) more than nine (9) dogs and more than three (3) unweaned litters of puppies;

that are available for adoption for human companionship as pets or as companion animals in permanent adoptive homes and that are maintained in a private residential dwelling; or

(2) that uses a system of private residential dwellings as foster homes for the dogs.

The term does not include a person or organization that breeds dogs.

(c) As used in this section, "hobby breeder" means a person who maintains fewer than twenty (20) unaltered female dogs that are at least twelve (12) months of age.

As added by P.L.111-2009, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.1-2010, SEC.66.

# IC 15-21-1-2

# **Definitions**

Sec. 2. The definitions in sections 3 through 7 of this chapter apply throughout this article.

As added by P.L.111-2009, SEC.4.

# IC 15-21-1-3

#### "Board"

Sec. 3. "Board" refers to the Indiana state board of animal health established by IC 15-17-3-1.

As added by P.L.111-2009, SEC.4.

## IC 15-21-1-4

## "Commercial dog breeder"

Sec. 4. "Commercial dog breeder" means a person who maintains more than twenty (20) unaltered female dogs that are at least twelve (12) months of age.

As added by P.L.111-2009, SEC.4.

## IC 15-21-1-5

# "Commercial dog broker"

Sec. 5. "Commercial dog broker" means a person:

- (1) who is a Class "B" licensee under 9 CFR 1.1; and
- (2) who sells at least five hundred (500) dogs in a calendar year. *As added by P.L.111-2009, SEC.4.*

# IC 15-21-1-6

## "Person"

Sec. 6. "Person" means an individual, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or other business entity. *As added by P.L.111-2009, SEC.4.* 

#### IC 15-21-1-7

## "Veterinarian"

Sec. 7. "Veterinarian" means an individual licensed as a veterinarian under IC 25-38.1.

As added by P.L.111-2009, SEC.4.