



The next DFOW General Membership Meeting will be
Wednesday, July 21, 2010

at

Gander Mountain in Germantown or
Patti's Groomery in Richfield. Details will be posted on
the DFOW Yahoo list when location is confirmed.

6:30 PM Board Meeting

7:00 General Membership

The City of Green Bay recently passed an awful code change to their animal laws. Thanks to inaccurate journalism, hobbyists only saw that they were going to regulate pet stores. Time and again we have cautioned our members to notify us when there is ANY possible change being considered for animal codes. We've also explained the importance of why our members need to monitor exactly what is going on at the local level. What actually passed had very little to do with pet stores, creates a financial hardship on hobbyists, and gives animal control entirely too much control. See page two for details.

On Wednesday July 7, 2010, there was another meeting for the breeder licensing advisory board. Meeting notes begin on page 4.

The animal rights groups have still been busy during this off session of the State Legislature. The latest push comes from the Animal Legal Defense Fund via WTMJ news media:

<http://www.todaystmj4.com/features/specialassignment/98109544.html>

The Animal Legal Defense Fund sent emails out to our legislators earlier this year, asking that an animal abuse registry be set up in the State of Wisconsin. Now they have the media behind them as well.

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**Always monitor your local
government agendas.
Notify DFOW regarding any changes
being considered to your local animal
ordinance. Doglaw@dfow.net**

Unfortunately, Wisconsin has become a target for the animal rights groups. We should say "is a target". Many towns, cities, and villages are seeking to create new laws pertaining to your right to have dogs. Pet limits, small quantity breeder licensing and breed specific bans are just a few of the issues facing dog owners in our State today. One municipality has decided that breeding two litters of pups over a two year period is not allowed unless you pay high fees and follow their new rules. This has just happened in the City of Green Bay.

Please stay on top of what your local communities are doing!

One animal rights person who doesn't even live in your community can show up at a meeting and before you know it, new laws are enacted.

The City of Green Bay has a new ordinance, effective June 15, 2010. Here are some excerpts from that new ordinance.....

Effective June 15, 2010

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 21-10

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND RECREATING SECTION 6.37,

GREEN BAY MUNICIPAL CODE,

RELATING TO ANIMAL ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN BAY DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 6.37, Green Bay Municipal Code, is hereby repealed and recreated as follows:

6.37 ANIMAL ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE

(1) DEFINITIONS. In this section, the following words and phrases have the designated meanings, unless a different meaning is expressly provided or the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

(c) "Breeding dog" means any dog which breeds more than once in a two year period.

(d) "Breeding service" means any business where a person causes or allows a dog to breed at least two or more times for compensation within a two-year period.

(e) "Foster home" means any place where a person cares for and houses animals upon request by an animal shelter, or by contract with an animal shelter.

(f) "Good faith effort" means to deliberately act in a manner which a reasonable and diligent person would act to fulfill a duty or follow a guideline.

(b) (g) "Grooming service" means any business where a person performs cosmetic or cleaning services on animals for compensation two or more times in a two year period.

(c) (h) "Pet shop" means any business where a person offers animals for either wholesale or retail sale.

Look at the definitions above - How many of you have bred a dog (male OR female) more than once in a two year period? Apparently it doesn't matter if you actually have puppies on the ground—**it is 'THE ACT OF BREEDING' THAT subjects you to unreasonable intact animal fees and licensing.**

And if you are a groomer we don't think we know any one that grooms less than two times in a two year period.... but if you do, you now have to have an animal establishment license.

The original intent that the local officials of the City of Green Bay were investigating, was the pet stores. The effort was being lead by the local Green Bay Humane Officer, Sharon Hensen and in November of 2008, she wanted to create a "pet shop" ordinance. In May of 2010, with Eileen Ribbons (who is not a resident of Green Bay) and Human Officer Hensen appearing at the committee meeting, not only have new laws been created for the pet stores, but it now entails the other intrusive code. As far as we know, NO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DOG HOBBYIST/ FANCIER GROUPS made an appearance at these meetings. Why is that you may wonder? Because the media had pushed the code changes as only applying to pet stores and fanciers fell asleep at the wheel.

Here is the link to the new ordinance.

<http://www.ci.green-bay.wi.us/clerk/forms/UpdatedOrdinances/2010/6-15-10.pdf> See page 6.

This is a very scary ordinance and we are sure that the animal rights activists are dancing in the streets celebrating their victory by pulling the wool over fanciers' eyes.

In order to get your animal establishment license, you need to pay \$100 per year and be approved by the LOCAL HUMANE OFFICER FIRST! You do realize that humane officers receive NO TRAINING specific to the diversity of dogs, don't you?

Plus, for those that operate a breeding service, and remember that means those who used a stud dog for financial consideration more than once in a two year period, or who raised more than one litter in a two year period, you will have to do the following:

BREEDING DOGS.

(a) Any person who operates a breeding service shall register all breeding dogs and pay the following registration fee for each breeding dog in addition to the fee for obtaining a animal establishment license:

1. For each male breeding dog: \$300.00.

2. For each female breeding dog: \$250.00.

(b) No dog may be used for breeding before reaching two (2) years of age, nor after reaching eight (8) years of age.

(c) No dog may be sold before reaching the age of eight (8) weeks.

(d) No person may operate a breeding service without having first obtained a seller's permit from the Wisconsin Department of Revenue.

Yes this ordinance is an animal rightist's dream ordinance. Forget the experts who know that some of the best and healthiest STUD DOGS ARE OVER 8 YEARS OF AGE, or that in certain cases, it is better for a bitch to be bred back-to-back if you know that you will be breeding your girl an additional time in the future. Hunting/working dogs are traditionally sold at 7 weeks of age and many people believe that they must get their puppy at this age in order to train it to be a successful hunting/working dog.

Local government boards have a tendency to listen to those that have good public speaking skills and if there is no one there to contradict what that person says, this Green Bay ordinance could soon pass in your location. All it takes is an outsider that seems credible and speaks well.

Please pay attention and don't let this happen in your neighborhood.



DFOW NOTES FROM THE BREEDER LICENSING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING OF July 7, 2010
The draft rules discussed can be found at: <http://www.dfow.net/breederlicensingdrafrules62510.pdf>

Advisory Board Members Present: Mike Marsch, Troy Anderson, Rick VanDomelen, Jackie Fogel, Kim Waugus, Cheryl Daniels, Yvonne Bellay, Doug Kratt – am, Pam McCloud – pm, Marie Verbrugge, Elaine Rhodes, Patty LaFave, Eileen Ribbens, Chuck Wegner, Melissa Mace–facilitated.

This meeting mainly covered the first draft rules that were released last month. It also covered the new updated timeline for the rule process:

July 7 - Review of Rules and Regulations. Cheryl Daniels will make changes per suggestions during this meeting.

July 21 - Rules and Regulations will be given to the DATCP lawyer for review. This process will make these rules consistent with other DATCP program rules/regulations.

Aug 11 - The DATCP Board will approve the hearing draft. Then the Clearing House will get the draft. Formal notice of dates for public hearing will be published. There will be a minimum of 4 hearings around the state.

September - Public Hearings around the state will be held. Places such as Eau Claire, Stevens Point, Green Bay, Madison, Milwaukee/Southeast Area. <IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT THAT DFOV MEMBERS ATTEND THESE MEETINGS—BE PREPARED! As the rules stand now, there are problem areas within the draft (including the DATCP attorney's interpretation of some details that are contrary to the STATE LEGAL COUNCIL'S MEMO regarding a letter of intent for the original bill that was issued to the bill's author in May of 2009).>

October - 10 days to 2 wks after the public hearings, DATCP needs to prepare a report that documents all written comments to responses to the public hearing issues and explain why or why not they did or did not make changes to the rules and regulations. This is referred to the hearing report.

Late October - There may be a meeting of the Dog Breeders Advisory Committee.

Nov 17 - Final Rule to be complete.

Dec 8 – Final meeting

April 1, 2011 - Final rules and regulations will be set to go. Small businesses will get an adjustment period of 2 months.

6/1/2011 - Rules and Regulations are in place.

5/30/ 2012 - One year after the program has been in place, the committee will be brought together to review the program.

Notes from the actual meeting:

Clarification was given regarding: If a County hires a place to act as an Animal Control Facility will it need to be regulated/licensed? Answer. YES. Will Internet places need to be regulated, Yes. (“A

person licensed as a dog seller shall include the license number in all published advertisement for dogs for sale.”)

CVI is dictated by statute language and the 30 days cannot be changed.

A question was asked about the suspensions of licenses. Cheryl discussed the language about suspension. There are rules for a “Summary Suspension”. Only imminent violations that threaten safety and health of the animals and that a suspension is NOT done for minor violations. If animals are confiscated, who pays for care? Cheryl and Yvonne told the group that if the person is found guilty, then they will have to pay.

There was a question regarding re-inspections with out notice. Melissa pointed out that usually the inspectors do call ahead as it’s a waste of time if they don’t have something set up in advance, but that there still not a lot of notice, maybe 24 hrs.

There was concern about who the inspectors are; What kind of training do they have? Do they have training in behavior? Also, are backgrounds checks done so that you don’t have someone’s personal or emotional agendas coming into your facilities??

Per Yvonne Bellay: (We suggest you read the DATCP selection process in the [April 2010 DFOW newsletter](#)) They don’t want people that will make the program non-functional. Training for job, standards of care, if they have questions then can get another staff person to confirm a situation. “We don’t want people with their own agenda”.

Cheryl commented that the initial inspections will be critical. She said that about 80-90 % of places are fine but there is a small group with problems per their experience with other activities inspected by DATCP, like cow, or other ag related programs. She said that they intend to get the folks inspected and licensed but there will be some that will require assistance in getting through the process and capable of passing the inspections and there will be some that will NOT be licensed. Yvonne mentioned that complaints are screened. If a complaint comes in and the complaint is about something that isn’t even regulated, then there is no action.

One individual wants to have something in the rules that specifies how a complaint driven inspection would be handled.

Primary and Secondary Facilities shall inspect primary and may inspect secondary. What about out of state ? No inspections at all.

It was announced to the group that there is a movement of truck loads of dogs coming in from the South. Will these people be considered licensed? The example she used was the Petsmart Charities that get dogs from various shelters and then bring them up here. According to Yvonne, the various shelters will need to be licensed and / or Petsmart Charities.

Record Keeping. Need to have lot # and manufacturer for vaccinations. Troy mentioned that this is going to be a lot of work to get this info and the info will be made up to fill in the blanks. Then there was mention about what a consumer can request and what is required to be given to the consumer. Troy mentioned that 5 years was a long time to retain record. One person had a problem with the language “knowingly accept dogs from unlicensed”. Cheryl took note of this and will clarify that language. One person talked about how , especially as breeders phase out or are not licensed yet, he will be seeing dogs surrendered that he knows will be coming from unlicensed folks.

Another concern talked about regards the name of person administering vaccinations. Some do not want to have the name of folks included here. However, it was pointed out that is in the statute language so can not be changed.

Melissa suggested they talk about Temporary Dog Market. It was pointed out that confusing language existed in 16.07 #4 of the draft rules. Also mentioned was that if a person is not required to be licensed then they will not have to have a CVI to sell their pups at a Temporary Market.

Standards of Care.

Discussed heat and chemical sanitization. Soap is considered a chemical. Cheryl feels that this language is needed. One person mentioned that he has been in contact with many Amish families and that they feel that they will NOT be subject to this licensing. It was pointed out that YES, the Amish will be subjected to the licensing and the DATCP folks said that they work with numerous Amish families in their other program like the dairy industry, and that they are regulated.

Another mentioned that some in her group were concerned that these new rules and regulations would be used by animal control officers when addressing other issues.

Cheryl mentioned that there will be background information provided in the training materials that the DATCP folks will be developing for use by them and for helping train the folks that will be regulated. The following sections can be followed in the "preliminary rules draft", which can be found on the DFOW website:

Section #2a of the rules draft - "Behavioral stress". Questions and concerns regarding the use of electronic collars, bark collars, electric fences and cropping and docking were expressed. Doug Kratt mentioned that docking and cropping is not a problem. However, that if there are visible wounds from electronic collars, then that would be a problem. It was suggested that the language "behavioral stress" should be eliminated from this section.

Section #2c – physical separation – what does this mean? It was discussed that this would pertain to what your veterinarian had recommended for the particular situation that was trying to be managed. One person suggested that the use of "body scoring" should be used. She also suggested that more need to be included pertaining to dental care. One person suggested that the vet examinations should be at least once per year, but another said that the language was adequate and it should be left open.

Section #2 g & h. Euthanize in legal and humane manner. The AVMA guidelines are to be referred to as to what constitutes "legal and humane".

Page 10 – Section #3 Indoor Facility.

One person mentioned that folks in her group were confused with some parts of this section. Another pointed out that her group mentioned that this would not work well if you consider your HOME as the primary enclosure. Mentioned the co-breeder scenario - it was mentioned that there is a primary location which is where the pups are actually sold from and that a secondary location, that would be subjected to inspections. (CONTRARY TO THE ORIGINAL LEGISLATIVE MEMO)

Page 10 , #3 a –1, 2 DEALING WITH EXERCISE REQUIREMENTS.

One person said that 60 minutes per day is NOT enough. Another said that it is unenforceable anyway. It was discussed, the question asked was "what's wrong with more time?" It was pointed out that it really isn't feasible in some cases. It was discussed about using 3 , 8 hours blocks. Another said that "you can't police this".

One person mentioned that as a group she doesn't see how the committee could possibly be endorsing that it's OK to have only 60 minutes per day be adequate time out of a primary enclosure. It was decided that they would stay with the two – 12 hours blocks. And then 2 hours per day outside.

Page 11 . #3 b. This is the enclosure sizes. Very contentious topic. It was discussed that the USDA standards are too small. Others believe them to be adequate. One of the DATCP representatives spoke up and said that there are many interests at this table and that the Department will be making the FINAL decision.

Discussed about the multiple dogs in an enclosure and how the size required should be calculated. The proposed is 2nd dog would be 100 % and 3rd dog would be 75%. (Note this info came from the MO and PA dog regulations.). One person suggested that the 2nd dog at 50% would be good.

Someone suggested that folks that are existing facilities should be allowed to “phase” in the new size requirements. But any new facility being built should be built accordingly. One person said that he was totally against a “phasing” in period. Melissa pointed how that these regulations will impact small businesses. One person suggested that she would agree with some “wiggle” room for existing facility to phase in over 3 – 5 years but that she actually wants to have even bigger enclosure sizes required.

Page 11 – c 1. Solid floor - where the pups are needs to be solid. #4 The dam shall have an opportunity to get away.

Page 12 – e. Vinyl coated . One group has a problem with vinyl. There are other types of flooring, such as solid floors. Also, if things erode then they will need to be fixed.

Page 12 – f 1. Stacking. No higher than 48” . This is not very high, but the group didn't say much about it.

Page 12 # 3. Must have solid floor but the sides should be “ventilated”.

Page 12 #g 1 – Diurnal lighting was discussed. Just means that cycling of light. Also mentioned ammonia. One individual wants to have a monitor device required with a specified limit. That the ammonia levels should be quantified. This was addressed and there are only limits specified for humans by OSHA and that there are no regulations for animals. One individual suggested that why not use the human levels as there are humans in the areas where the dogs are. Cheryl said that there is NO need to quantify the levels of smell. Another person then talked about the number of air exchanges and that should have a number too.

Clarified language for enclosure “dry” ... suggested wording is “no standing water”.

Page 13. Talked about dog shelter , protection from predators, include reasonable.

Page 13. C. Tethering. Suggested that a perimeter fencing be used. But this was not suggested as being a requirement. One person strongly objected to tethering. She believes that the only time tethering is an option is when cleaning the enclosures. Many hunters tether their dogs. One individual stated he does not want this group to have anything to do with starting an anti-tethering law. One person suggested if tethering that you need to have a perimeter fence. That it shouldn't be a REQUIREMENT but that it could be something that is recommended for those that are tethering dogs. Another person stated something about the tethering should allow a dog to get into a running

stride. Another individual suggested that there shouldn't be anything that is breed specific.

Page 15, d – 1. Daily removal of excreta. 24 hours was an appropriate time.

Page 15 - #5. Talked about the supervised tread mills vs. unsupervised. Not sure what “not goal-oriented” meant. This language will be removed.

Page 16. #7. One group wants this written plan thing removed. It was discussed as this plan is not to be some magic formula . It was suggested that actually paragraphs b-f would be considered the parts of the plan, so change to number 1-5, as being the sections to make up the plan.

Page 16 #8 Transportation. One group wasn't sure what “waterproof” was to mean. Suggested to change it to water resistant.

One person talked about the time for checking the dogs while in transport. The current proposed language was agreed to be OK. The only change is for # b-5. Change “immediately “ to “promptly” upon arrival.

It was stated that they need people to attend the public hearings if they have objections and if they can't or don't want to speak make sure they write and send to them. All will be read.

Timeline was then discussed and meeting was adjourned.



Even though the terminology “surfaces must be impervious to moisture” is not used in the draft, the intent is there. This whelping box, set up on carpeting in a home office would not meet the draft's current requirement that EVERYTHING in the room must be sanitized. So in home breeders that meet the criteria to be licensed would have to follow commercial standards of care.

Dog Federation of Wisconsin, Inc. Renewal Membership Form

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