

Summary of Proposed Rule Changes

The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation proposes changes to the rules at 16 TAC, Chapter 91, Dog or Cat Breeders Program.

What are the proposed rule changes?

The proposed rules:

- Require breeders to be licensed beginning January 1, 2024, if they possess five or more intact adult female dogs or cats and are in the business of breeding them for direct or indirect sale or exchange, regardless of the number of animals sold per year;
- Create a new exemption from licensing for those breeding dogs primarily for breed or conformation shows or similar events; and expand existing exemptions;
- Impose a new license fee category for breeders who possess 5-10 intact adult females and are in the business of breeding them for sale; and
- Make minor changes to the requirements for licensees, and update and clarify the rules.

When and where can I view the proposed rule changes?

The proposed rule changes will be published in the September 22, 2023, [issue of the Texas Register](#). **This link will NOT work until September 22, 2023.** Beginning on that date the link will take you to the *Texas Register* issue. Scroll down to the Proposed Rules section and look for the heading Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, Dog or Cat Breeders Program, to view these proposed rule changes.

Comments on the proposed rule changes may be submitted [online](#). The Department will accept comments on the proposed rule changes until **October 23, 2023**.