



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 DIVISION OF ANIMAL HEALTH
CANINE BRUCELLOSIS-FREE CERTIFICATION

Uniform methods for the establishment and maintenance of certified canine Brucellosis-free facilities as recommended by the Missouri Department of Agriculture.

SECTION I. FACILITY CERTIFICATION

1. Certified canine Brucellosis-free status must include all canines six months of age and older on the premise and testing must be completed as follows:
 *For initial certification, a facility must have at least two consecutive negative blood tests for antibodies to *Brucella canis* between 30-45 days apart.
2. Canine brucellosis test must be done at a state approved laboratory using the tests specified by the state veterinarian.
3. The blood sample must be collected by an Accredited veterinarian.

SECTION II. FACILITY RE-CERTIFICATION

For re-certification, all canines six months of age and older on the premise must have a negative blood test for antibodies to *Brucella canis* every 10 to 14 months to maintain continuous certification. A 30 day grace period, during which a facility may be reinstated with a single-negative blood test for antibodies to *Brucella canis*, is allowed.

SECTION III. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Any serological positive canines must have blood samples submitted for culture to a state approved laboratory.
2. All additions to the facility must have a negative blood test for antibodies to *Brucella canis* within 30 days prior to entry and 30-60 days after they enter, and must remain in quarantine until testing is completed.
3. Must maintain a closed facility as defined below. Or, have two negative blood test for antibodies to *Brucella canis* of all non-resident canines not less than 30 or more than 60 days prior to being bred to a canine residing in the facility. If non-resident canines are to be housed at the facility during the testing period, they should remain in quarantine until testing is completed.
4. A facility must maintain a quarantine area and practice appropriate biosecurity measures as directed by the attending veterinarian.
5. Must remove all culture positive dogs from the premise in an approved method as determined by the state veterinarian.

SECTION IV. DEFINITIONS

1. Premise - Housing facility means any land, premises, shed, barn, building, trailer or other structure or area, housing or intended to house animals.
2. Closed facility - A breeding facility which does not use outside stud service and does not provide stud service for females originating outside the facility.

I have carefully read the foregoing and hereby agree to comply with all stipulations as set forth, and to cooperate in providing the necessary assistance and facilities to test the animals properly.

VETERINARIAN SIGNATURE	OWNER SIGNATURE	DATE
FACILITY NAME (IF ANY)	ADDRESS	
TOWN/CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE

Please complete and return to:
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