



**Cork County Council**

Inspection Report

Dog Breeding Establishment (DBE) already registered on Register of Dog Breeding Establishments

Pursuant to the Dog Breeding Establishments Act 2010

**Part 1 – Owner / Operator Details**

Company? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Title: _____ Company Reg No. _____ Charity? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Charity Reg No. _____	Cork County Council Registration No: _____
Surname / Company Name: _____	Other Name(s): _____
DBE Address: _____ _____ _____ Email Address: _____	Contact Telephone Details: Daytime: _____ Evening: _____ Mobile: _____ GPS/Eircode: _____

**Part 2 – Inspection Details**

Date of Inspection: ____ / ____ / ____	Time of Inspection: _____
Inspector(s): _____	
Owner's / Operator's rep(s) present: _____	

### **Part 3 – Construction and Maintenance Inspection**

Is the accommodation suitable under the following headings?  
(If not give details, further details can be attached on a separate page. All SOP's to be read):  
✓ - Yes X - No

#### 1. LOCATION (including isolation)

- Buildings Located away from** • Noise  • Pollution
- Isolation Facilities**
- Veterinary Treatment Area**
- Site Map Outlining All** • Buildings  • Yards  • Exercise Facilities  • Bait Boxes

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#### 2. CONSTRUCTION

- Kennel Buildings** • Concrete Block  • Wood  • Corrugated Sheets  • Metal
- Roofing** • Corrugated Sheets  • Tiles  • Slates  • Asphalt  • Min. Felt
- Fencing** • Wooden  • Chin Link  • Mesh  • Galvanised Metal
- Protect from** • Wind  • Rain
- Lighting** • Natural  • Electric
- Drainage** • Indoor  • Outdoor
- Surfaces - Impervious Materials - No Rust** • Walls  • Floors  • Beds 
  - Worktops  • Fencing
- Adequate Shade** • Kennels  • Runs  • Outside Exercise Areas
- Outdoor Runs Well Maintained**

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#### 3. SAFETY

- **CCTV**  • **Double Gates**  • **Double Doors**  • **Security Locks/Keypads**
- **Fire Extinguishers**  • **Fire Blankets**  • **Evacuation and Contingency Plan – SOP**

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#### 4. TEMPERATURE

Main Kennels 10c to 25c      Whelping Area 22c to 28c

- Thermometer**  • reading Main Kennels \_\_\_\_\_
- Thermometer**  • reading Whelping Kennels \_\_\_\_\_
- Thermometer**  • reading Isolation Kennels \_\_\_\_\_

**Heating System**  • **Cooling System**  • **Record of Temperatures kept**

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5. SIZE AND NUMBER OF OCCUPANTS

- Breeder  • Kennels  • Hunt  • Trainer  • Rescue  • Home-boarding

**Breeds Kept:**

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**Number of** • Bitches ♀ \_\_\_\_\_ • Dogs ♂ \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of** • Litters \_\_\_\_\_ • No of Pups in total \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of** • Bitches Neutered ♀ \_\_\_\_\_ • Dogs Neutered ♂ \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Dogs Privately Owned** • Bitches ♀ \_\_\_\_\_ • Dogs ♂ \_\_\_\_\_ Neutered

**Number of Long-Term Dogs in Rescue Not Rehoming**

• Bitches ♀ \_\_\_\_\_ • Dogs ♂ \_\_\_\_\_ Neutered

**Size of Kennels** (min Length 1.5m min Width 1.5m)

**Kennels housing Dogs** \_\_\_\_\_

**Kennels housing Pups** \_\_\_\_\_

**Whelping Area** \_\_\_\_\_

**Isolation Facilities** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dogs able to lie down flat without touching each other In and Out of Beds**

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6. NOISE

**Kennels housing Dogs** • Excessive Noise

**Kennels housing Pups** • Excessive Noise

**Whelping Area** • Excessive Noise

**Isolation Facilities** • Excessive Noise

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7. LIGHTING

**Kennels housing Dogs** • Natural Daylight  • Synthetic Light

**Kennels housing Pups** • Natural Daylight  • Synthetic Light

**Whelping Area** • Natural Daylight  • Synthetic Light

**Isolation Facilities** • Natural Daylight  • Synthetic Light

**Enough light to allow dogs to be Examined and Kennels Cleaned**

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8. VENTILATION

**Ventilation used** • Windows  • Doors  • Extraction Fans  • Other

**Kennels housing Dogs** • Excessive Smell  **Whelping Area** • Excessive Smell

**Isolation Facilities** • Excessive Smell  **Kennels housing Pups** • Excessive Smell

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9. BEDDING AND SLEEPING AREA

Acceptable bedding –  
Straw, Sawdust, Woodwool, Blankets, Rugs, Fleece, Cushions,  
Waterproof Dog Pad or Mat, Shredded Paper. Beds replaced if Chewed or Destroyed.

• **Distinct Sleeping Area**  • **Enclosed**  • **Raised Bed**  • **Distinct Toileting Area**   
• **Suitable size**  • **Absorbent Bedding**  • **Easily Cleaned**  • **Away from Draughts**

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10. CLEANING AND DISINFECTION

Disinfectant approved for use against Parvo and Enteric Viruses required.

**Disinfectant used** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tech Sheet for Disinfectant**

**Access to** • **Hot Water**  • **Cold Water**

**Hose points**  • **No of points** \_\_\_\_\_

**Kennels Cleaned Daily**

**Cleaning Program – SOP** • which also includes infection and outbreak procedures

**Faeces and Soiled Material Removed**  • **At least Twice a day**

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11. PEST CONTROL

**Suitable Pest Control Program in place – SOP**

**Bait Boxes seen and correspond with Site Map**

**Inspection sheet for Bait Boxes**

**Receipts for Purchase of Poison or Service Provided**

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## 12. WASTE DISPOSAL

Must comply with Local Authority Requirements.

- Suitable Waste Disposal System**  • Septic Tank  • Mains Sewerage  • Other
- Drainage System**
- General Bins**  • Provider \_\_\_\_\_
- Recycling**  • Provider \_\_\_\_\_
- Storage**  • Closed, Lidded, Leak Proof Containers
- Dedicated Waste Storage Area**

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## 13. EXERCISE, HABITUATION AND SOCIALISATION PLAN

Minimum of 2 Exercise Periods Daily, each at least 30 Minutes Duration with Training.

**Written Exercise, Habituation and Socialisation Programme – SOP**

**Exercise** • Lead walks  • Play Area  • Appropriate Exercise for Breeds

- How many times a day \_\_\_\_\_
- For how long \_\_\_\_\_

**Habituation** • Domestic Environment  • Domestic Noises

- Variety of Surfaces  • Interaction with Male and Female Handlers
- Variety Household Items  • Dogs Handled Daily

**Socialisation** • Pups Handled Regularly from Birth

- Pups Separated for short Periods of time from Bitch and Litter
- Items to Climb Around and Over
- Variety of Toys  • Play Games  • Swimming

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## 14. FOOD STORE

- Pest Proof Containers
- Secure from Contamination
- Sink with Cold Water
- Suitable Refrigeration if Necessary
- Guard against Extreme Temperatures
- Facilitate Orderly Feeding of Dogs
- Suitable Enclosed Room or Area

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15. EQUIPMENT AND WASHING FACILITY

- Sink with Draining Board**  • **Hot Water**  • **Cold Water**
- Suitable Eating and Drinking Vessels**  • **Clean**  • **In Good Order**
- Dishwasher**  • **Highest Temperature** \_\_\_\_\_
- Washing Machine**  • **Washing Powder Non-Bio**  • **Highest Temperature** \_\_\_\_\_
- Tumble Dryer**  • **Suitable Air-Drying Area**
- Power Hose**  • **To be used with Appropriate PPE**
- Colour Coded** - Mops, Brushes, Dust Pans & Buckets in separate Kennel Areas

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16. STAFF

D.B.E.'s with over 30 Bitches must at least have one member of personnel with formally Certified Training.  
Must have one person with overall responsibility for day to day activities.  
Recommended one fulltime equivalent per 25 Breeding Bitches.

- Work Force Plan – SOP**   
Appropriate personnel must be available on site at weekends and to cover sick leave, holidays, etc.
- Induction – SOP**   
Must outline what is required to do with all dogs on site & provide enough knowledge to carry out duties.
- Training – SOP**   
All personnel must be competent and trained in their responsibilities.

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17. HYGIENE

After Cleaning/Disinfection Kennels must be dry before Dogs are returned to them.

- Dog Kennels** • Kept Clean and in a good State of Repair
- Whelping Area** • Kept Clean and in a good State of Repair
- Isolation Area** • Kept Clean and in a good State of Repair
- Exercise Areas** • Kept Clean and in a good State of Repair

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18. CHEMICAL STORE

Safe Storage of Chemicals, Including Cleaning Agents and Disinfectants.

- **Suitable Safe Enclosed Room or Area**  • **Locked when not in use**

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## 19. ANIMAL CARE

All Dogs must be Protected from Excessive or Rough Handling;  
Handling should be Calm & Positive.

### **Animal Health Programme – SOP**

- Yearly Check Up by a Vet
- Vaccinations up to date
- Treated for endo and ecto parasites
- Dogs/Pups Weights Recorded

### **Written Food Plan – SOP**

- Breed Appropriate
- Age Appropriate
- Health Appropriate
- Meals a Day – One  or Two

### **Age Appropriate Food** • Pups • Adults • Lactating Bitches • Senior • High Energy/Working

### **Clean Fresh Water Available** • In Bowls • Approved Nipple Feeders

### **Footbath** • At Entrance • At Isolation with Handwash/Steriliser Station • Appropriate Disinfectant used

### **Basic Training for Dogs & Pups** • Walk on Lead • Return when Called • Comfortable with Handling • Comfortable with Brushing/Grooming

### **Grooming** • Breed Appropriate • Dirty Coats • Tangled • Unkempt

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## 20. BREEDING

Pups must not be removed from their Mothers before Six Weeks of Age.  
No Back to Back Breeding of Bitches.

### **Breeding Programme – SOP**

- Bitches No more than 6 Litters Each Between 1yr and 8yrs
- Not more than 3 Litters in 3 Years per Bitch
- Sires Mated Between 7 Months and 12 Years
- All Dogs Suitable for Breeding

### **Retirement Programme – SOP**

- All Dogs Retired and Neutered at Appropriate Ages
- Any Unsuitable Dogs for Breeding Neutered and Retired

### **Whelping Area** • Separate Pens • Whelping Boxes • Fresh Water Available • Bedding Absorbent

### **Separate Area for Bitches in Season**

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## 21. VETERINARY CARE

### Client of Veterinary Practice

- Details

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- Out of hours Details

### All Dogs and Pups Microchipped by a Registered Implanter

- Must be Third Party
- Details \_\_\_\_\_

### All Veterinary Visits, Treatments and Surgeries recorded

### All Medicines Administered Recorded

### Suitable and Secure Medicines Cabinet

 • Suitable Refrigeration if Necessary 

### Fully Maintained Canine First Aid Kit

### All Dogs for Export - Microchipped, Passported and Rabies Vaccination

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## 22. HEALTH CHECKS

Daily Checks can be carried out while Dogs are being Walk & Exercised.

### Veterinary Attention Obtained as Required

### Dogs suffering Infectious Diseases are Isolated

### All Dogs Checked over each day

### Whelping Bitches more than once a day

### All Dogs daily checked for

- General Health
- Eating
- Drinking
- Defecating
- Urinating
- Normal Appearance
- Normal Behaviour
- Normal Movement
- Signs of Illness
- All Abnormalities Record

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## 23. RECORDS OF IDENTIFICATION OF DOGS

DBE operators must establish and maintain detailed records for dogs and pups kept. **SOP**

- Births
- Deaths
- Microchip Certificates
- Sale/Rehoming
- Litter Records
- Movements and Reasons
- List of Breeding Bitches
- Complaints

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**24. GENERAL STANDARDS**

- Appropriate Accommodation** • Kennels  • Sheltered Sleeping Areas   
• Restricted Views from other Dogs   
• Protected from other Animals  • Resting Areas   
• Protected from Adverse Environmental Conditions

- Equipment** • Leads  • Collars  • Muzzles  • Harnesses   
• Indoor Play Area (household environment etc.)   
• Outdoor Play Area (climbing frames, balls, toys etc.)

- Free from** • Disease  • Distress  • Injury  • Fear  • Pain

- Breed Appropriate Environment** • Physical  • Behavioural  • Social

- Clean Fresh Water Available in all Areas**

- Temperament of Dogs** • Well Socialised  • Under Socialised

- Temperament of Pups** • Well Socialised  • Under Socialised

- General License** • Yes  • No

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**Part 4 – Declaration**

I/We, \_\_\_\_\_, having inspected the premises detailed in Part 1 in the functional area of Cork County Council, recommend that:  
(strike out as appropriate)

D.B.E. Certificate / General Licence  
be granted to

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with no more than \_\_\_\_\_ bitches capable of breeding to be kept.

CONDITIONS FOR REGISTRATION Yes  • No

If yes, please state:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Signed: _____	Print Name: _____
Position: _____	Date: ____/____/____

**Risk Assessment Form – DBE Inspections**

Name of DBE: \_\_\_\_\_ Reg Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/20\_\_\_\_ Inspector: \_\_\_\_\_

					<b>Total</b>
<b>1. Number Bitches on premises</b>	6-18 40	19-30 30	31-100 20	>100 0	
<b>2. Type of Premises</b>	Hunt Club 40	Charity 20	Boarding Kennel 20	Commercial DBE 20	
<b>3. Compliance History</b>	Enforcements issued None – 10 Yes - 0	Proactive to carry out Improvements 20	Effective response to Inspection 10	Slow or ineffective response 0	
<b>4. Records &amp; microchipping</b>	Satisfactory 40	90% compliant 20	Unsatisfactory 0		
<b>5. Animal Health and Husbandry</b>	Healthy, no disease outbreaks, dry unsoiled bedding 40	Some disease issues /some bed soiling 20	Poor disease control /bed soiling 0		
<b>6. Exercise &amp; Socialisation</b>	Excellent 40	Good 20	Satisfactory 0		
<b>7. Facilities</b> <small>Access to runs, Structures, ventilation etc.</small>	Excellent 40	Good 20	Satisfactory 0		
<b>8. Staffing</b>	1 Staff Member / 20 bitches 40	1 Staff Member / 30 bitches 20	1 Staff Member / 40 Bitches 0		
<b>9. Risk Score</b>	Low Risk >240	Medium Risk 200-240	High Risk 160- 200	Very High Risk < 160	
					<b>Total Score</b>
<b>10. Frequency of Inspection</b>	Low Risk 1 /Year	Medium Risk 2-4 times /Years	High Risk 4-6 times /Years	Very High Risk 6-12 times/years	

via <https://help.dogs.ie/knowledge-base/dog-breeding-establishment/>

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- All DBEs with > 30 bitches must be given a minimum Medium Risk rating
- All DBEs with > 100 bitches must be given a minimum High-Risk rating
- All frequency ratings stated are minimum and may be increased at the discretion of the Local Authority Vet or Dog Warden.