



Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners  
Division of Animal Care and Control  
7100 Belvedere Road  
West Palm Beach, FL 33411

## FAQ's about Hobby Breeder Permits

### **Palm Beach County Ordinance 98-22 Section 4-2 Definition for:**

**Hobby breeder** shall mean any person who intentionally or unintentionally causes or allows the breeding or studding of a dog or a cat or engages in the breeding of up to two (2) litters of dogs or cats or nineteen (19) dogs or cats per household or premises per one-year period.

1. **Do I need a Hobby Breeder Permit?** A hobby breeder is anyone who intentionally or unintentionally breeds up to 2 litters or 19 kittens/puppies per year. Even if the resulting pregnancy was accidental, you must obtain a permit in order to sell or give away or otherwise place the puppies or kittens.
2. **I own a male; do I still need a permit?** Persons who own stud dogs or stud cats for breeding in Palm Beach County must also obtain a breeders permit.
3. **I have a Free Hobby Breeders Permit, do I still need to renew every year?** Yes, all permits must be renewed annually.
4. **How much does a permit cost?** The fee for a permit is \$150.00 annually (except for those breeders who applied for their permits prior to August 1, 2008). All Hobby Breeder permits expire one year from issue and must be renewed prior to expiration.
5. **What is a "Quarterly Placement Report"?** on a quarterly basis (4 times a year), the Hobby Breeder shall provide the division with the name, address and telephone number of all new owners of any dog, puppy, cat or kittens. Directions on how to submit a Quarterly Placement Report online will be mailed to you with your permit.
6. **What if I sell an animal to someone outside the county?** The owner information of animals placed outside of Palm Beach County does need to be reported, and should be reported as part of a litter born in the previous quarter on your Quarterly Placement report.
7. **Do I have to list my permit number in ads to sell or place animals?** Yes, the permit number must be listed on all advertisements, literature, postings, or signs concerning the free giveaway or sale of puppies, dogs, kittens or cats of the permit holder.
8. **How can I get more information about permits?** You can view the Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control Ordinance of 1998 online at <http://www.pbcgov.com/publicsafety/animalcare/>. See Ordinance 98-22 under the drop menu titled "Info". You will also see "Breeders Permits" once you've clicked on that section you can look for **Section 4-29 "Hobby Breeder Permits"**. If you have other questions choose "Contact Us" from the drop box fill in the boxes, from the "Subject" drop box select "Enforcement/Field Services", write your comments in the "Message" box and click "Submit".
9. **Do my animals need tags if I have a Hobby Breeder permit?** Yes, cats 4 months of age and dogs 6 months of age or older are required to have a County Rabies Tag.
10. **Are there any other things I need to know as a Hobby Breeder?** Yes, Florida State Statute 828.29 sec (4) requires that any dog or cat offered for sale must be no younger than 8 weeks of age and 828.29 sec (3)(a) have an Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (Health Certificate).