347.57 DEFINITIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Terms.** The definitions in this section apply to sections 347.57 to 347.64.

Subd. 2. **Animal.** "Animal" means a dog or a cat.

Subd. 3. **Board.** "Board" means the Board of Animal Health.

Subd. 4. **Cat.** "Cat" means a mammal that is wholly or in part of the species Felis domesticus. An adult cat is a cat 28 weeks of age or older. A kitten is a cat under 28 weeks of age.

Subd. 5. **Commercial breeder.** "Commercial breeder" means a person who possesses or has an ownership interest in animals and is engaged in the business of breeding animals for sale or for exchange in return for consideration, and who possesses ten or more adult intact animals and whose animals produce more than five total litters of puppies or kittens per year.

Subd. 6. **Confinement area.** "Confinement area" means a structure used or designed for use to restrict an animal to a limited amount of space, such as a room, pen, cage, kennel, compartment, crate, or hutch.

Subd. 7. **Dog.** "Dog" means a mammal that is wholly or in part of the species *Canis familiaris*. An adult dog is a dog 28 weeks of age or older. A puppy is a dog under 28 weeks of age.

Subd. 8. **Facility.** "Facility" means the place used by a commercial breeder for breeding animals, and includes all buildings, property, confinement areas, and vehicles.

Subd. 9. **Local animal control authority.** "Local animal control authority" means an agency of the state, county, municipality, or other political subdivision of the state that is responsible for animal control operations in its jurisdiction.

Subd. 10. **Person.** "Person" means a natural person, firm, partnership, corporation, or association, however organized.

Subd. 11. **Possess.** "Possess" means to have custody of or have control over.

Subd. 12. **Veterinarian.** "Veterinarian" means a veterinarian in good standing and licensed in the state of Minnesota.

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