



Volusia County Animal Services

Thinking of
having a
litter?



Cat and dog breeders in Volusia County are required to obtain a **Hobby Breeder Permit** from Volusia County Animal Services to ensure the protection of the animals and the consumer.

What is a Hobby Breeder?

Hobby breeder means a person who shelters, breeds, and trains a single breed of dog or cat, to conform to an approved standard of competition. The owner of a hobby breeder facility must be in good standing and have registration privileges intact with the appropriate national animal registry. The owner must have three years documented experience in show clubs and participation in show trials. [Volusia County Code of Ordinances Chapter 14 Section 14-56 Hobby Breeders](#)

How do I obtain a Hobby Breeder Permit?

Contact our office Monday through Friday (386/248-1790) to schedule a Hobby Breeder inspection. An Animal Control Officer will come to your property and determine if you are an eligible Hobby Breeder.

What is the cost of a Hobby Breeder Permit?

There is a yearly fee of \$150.00. The property will be reinspected annually by an ACO and an invoice sent out.

What are the Criteria for an eligible Hobby Breeder?

- Your property must be within these zoning classifications: A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4, RR, RA, MH-3, MH-4 MH8.

*Member with a National Animal Registry

- Minimum of 3 years documented experience in show clubs and show trials.
- Do not produce more than two litters or 20 puppies or kittens in a year.
- Dogs and cats are identifiable by either a tattoo or microchip implant.
- Facility inspected by the Animal Control Authority.
- License fee (\$150.00) paid to Volusia County Animal Services.
- The Hobby breeder must have a plan to accept returned animals from new owner or assist with placement of animal.

