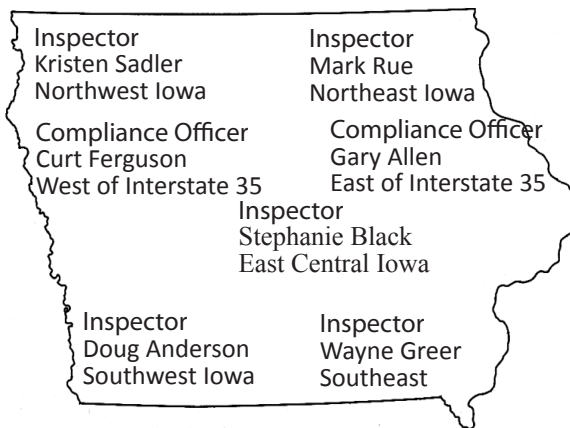


IDENTIFYING STATE INSPECTORS

Because federally licensed breeders in Iowa can now be inspected by state inspectors if they have reasonable cause to suspect animal care issues in the facility, it is important that you as, USDA or state licensed breeders can identify the five inspectors that are employed by the Iowa Department of Agriculture in the event one would arrive at your door. There are five inspectors and two compliance officers in the state of Iowa. They will typically work the area in which they are assigned and in which they reside. They may fill in for another inspector who is gone for vacation, illness, and etc. Their locations are marked on the map.



The inspectors and compliance officers will always be driving a car with state government license plates and a state logo will be on the car. They will be carrying a State of Iowa badge that looks similar to the one pictured here. If you are concerned that the person representing himself/herself as a State In-

pector or Compliance Officer is an imposter, you can also verify his/her identity by calling Katie at (515)281-6358. All breeders are aware that there have been times that animal rights' activists have been over zealous in their endeavors so it is a good idea to be take every precaution when inspectors arrive to make sure they are indeed who they say they are!

Update from laFed.....

Hopefully, licensed commercial dog and cat breeders in the state of Iowa are now aware of the changes in the Iowa law that are now in place as of March 10, 2010 at 11:30 AM. The following is a summary of the basic changes that will affect breeders. Please review these steps yourself and share them with all your breeder friends and acquaintances.

5 STEPS TO SUCCESS

UNDER THE NEW IOWA CODE 162

1. If you are not authorized and need to be, call the Iowa Dept. of Ag at 515-281-5321 and apply for an authorization application if you sell dogs or cats retail. If you sell wholesale, call and apply for a federal license. It is still the law that you must be regulated if you own more than three intact dogs and/or cats for breeding. (The state will not beat you up if you call!)
2. If you don't have a sales tax permit and sell retail, call the Dept. of Revenue at 1-866-503-3453 or 515-281-8453. If you are not collecting sales tax, start now. (They will love to give you a permit, but do it before they call you! This is not a new law. You were already supposed to be charging sales tax on retail sales!)
3. Authorized facilities that buy dogs and cats: stop buying animals from illegal facilities. As of 3/10/2010 at 11:30 AM, it became a violation of Iowa law. Refer these facilities to Step #1 to apply for their authorizations.
4. **DO NOT SELL OR SHIP SICK ANIMALS!** This includes parasites! (It was illegal to do so before, and it is still illegal!)
5. Look at your facility through the eyes of an inspector and review the regulations you must follow. If needed, bring it up to speed **BEFORE** you are inspected!

LET'S ALL BE THE BEST WE CAN BE!

Yes, the annual fees did go up to \$175 a year for many categories of commercial establishments. laFed worked hard to keep the fees manageable. Yes, there are now civil penalties along with criminal penalties for violating basic animal care standards. We have been assured by Secretary of Agriculture, Bill Northey, that the Department will be reasonable and facilities complying with the current regulations will not be subject to penalties. A couple of things to note in passage of this legislation is that shelters must also pay an annual fee to aid in inspection costs, and they also are subject to the same penalties for violations of animal care. If you have further questions about this legislation, please feel free to contact laFed for more information.

Joe Gerst, chairman