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Dog Seller and Dog Facility Operator Inspection

s.173.41, Wis. Stats and ch.16, Wis. Admin. Code

Inspection: Dog Seller Routine Inspection

Inspection Date: 10/26/2016

Inspector: Colin Benell

Legal Entity: Ridglan Farms, Inc.

License # / DBA: 267262-DS / Ridglan Farms, Inc.

Location: 10489 W. Blue Mounds Rd, Blue Mounds, WI 53517

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Inspection of your operation on revealed the following results.

Regulation	Result	Comment
0. General License Information, s. ATCP 16.02, Wis. Adm. Code		
General License Information		
0.1.1 Dog seller license and report are posted in a prominent place.	Compliant	See report
0.1.2 Dog Seller license number is in advertisements.	Compliant	See report
I. Record Keeping, s. ATCP 16.14, Wis. Adm. Code		
General Dog Records		
1.1.1. Records present and in written or readily readable electronic form.	Compliant	
1.1.2. Records retained for at least 5 years and / or made available to the department.	Compliant	
Locations at Which Dogs are Kept		
1.2.1. Address of each location where dogs are kept.	Compliant	
1.2.2. Name of individual responsible for administering that location.	Compliant	
1.2.3. Name and address of home custody provider, if applicable.	Not applicable	
Dog Records		
1.3.1. Breed of dog recorded.	Compliant	
1.3.2. Sex of dog recorded.	Compliant	
1.3.3. Date of birth recorded.	Compliant	
1.3.4. Approximate age of dog recorded.	Compliant	
1.3.5. Color of dog recorded.	Compliant	
1.3.6. Distinct markings on dog recorded.	Compliant	
1.3.7. Location at which dog is kept (including home custody provider, if applicable) recorded.	Compliant	
1.3.8. Record of official individual animal identification (tag, tattoo, microchip) if any assigned.	Compliant	
1.3.9. Statement that the dog was born under license holder's custody or legal control, if that is the case.	Compliant	
1.3.10. Dog was not born under the license holder's custody / control, date on which license holder acquired custody or control.	Compliant	
1.3.11. Dog was not born under the license holder's custody / control, name and address of person from whom dog was acquired.	Compliant	

1.3.12. Dog was not born under the license holder's custody / control, person's USDA animal care facility license or registration number (if any).	Compliant	
1.3.13. If dog is no longer under the license holder's custody or control, date on which the dog left custody / control of licensee.	Compliant	
1.3.14. If dog is no longer under the license holder's custody or control, disposition of dog.	Compliant	
1.3.15. If dog is no longer under the license holder's custody or control, identity of the person whom assumed custody / control.	Compliant	
1.3.16. CVI that accompanied dog when it entered or left the licensee's custody / control.	Compliant	
1.3.17. Records include vaccination information.	Compliant	
1.3.18. Records include observation information.	Compliant	
1.3.19. Records include any treatment that occurred & who administered the healthcare.	Compliant	
1.3.20. Breed registration records kept if applicable.	Compliant	

Behavior and Socialization Plan

1.4.1. Behavior and socialization plan which meets requirements of 4.5.1 – 4.5.5	Compliant	
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II. Dog Sales; Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, s. ATCP 16.16, Wis. Adm. Code

Dogs Sold are Accompanied by a Valid CVI

2.1.1. Dogs sold are accompanied by a valid CVI.	Compliant	
2.1.2. CVI contains signature of certified veterinarian.	Compliant	
2.1.3. CVI is a valid form issued by the department.	Compliant	
2.1.4. CVI contains name and address of seller.	Compliant	
2.1.5. CVI contains the number, breed, sex and age of dog(s).	Compliant	
2.1.6. CVI contains information regarding whether the dog is spayed, neutered or sexually intact.	Compliant	
2.1.7. Dog(s) vaccination record contains the type of vaccine.	Compliant	
2.1.8. Dog(s) vaccination record contains the manufacturer of the vaccine,	Compliant	
2.1.9. Dog(s) vaccination record contains the serial and lot numbers of the vaccine.	Compliant	
2.1.10. Dog(s) vaccination record contains the date administered & person administering.	Compliant	
2.1.11. Information required for import under ss. ATCP 10.06(4) and ATCP 10.80, Wis. Adm. Code	Not Applicable	
2.1.12. Valid negative Brucellosis test if dog(s) sold at public auction & is not spayed / neutered.	Not Applicable	
2.1.13. Veterinarian statement, signature and date of signature on CVI.	Compliant	
2.1.14. Valid issuance and expiration dates.	Compliant	
2.1.15. Distribution of CVI copies to buyer, seller and issuing veterinarian.	Compliant	
2.1.16. Re-issued CVIs updated, as necessary and copies distributed to buyer, seller an issuing veterinarian.	Not applicable	
2.1.17. CVI incorporating information from prior CVI includes a statement identifying prior CVI.	Not applicable	

III. Age at Which Dogs May be Sold, s. ATCP 16.18, Wis. Adm. Code

Dog(s) Sale and Custody Transfer Meets Necessary Criteria

3.1.1. Dog is at least 7 weeks old.	Compliant	Approved variance
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IV. Dog Care; General, s. ATCP 16.20, Wis. Adm. Code

Food and Water

4.1.1. Feeding frequency adequate.	Compliant	
4.1.2. Size of ration and / or nutritional content adequate.	Compliant	
4.1.3. Wholesome, uncontaminated and / or palatable.	Compliant	

4.1.4. Amount and quality of fresh water adequate.	Compliant	
4.1.5. Food and water containers suitable.	Compliant	
4.1.6. Adequate sanitization of food and water containers.	Compliant	

Animal Health and Veterinary Care

4.2.1. Proper handling.	Compliant	
4.2.2. Daily body, mobility and behavior checks completed.	Compliant	
4.2.3. Dogs suspected of communicable disease are isolated.	Compliant	
4.2.4. Adequate grooming. (nails trimmed, no hair matting)	Compliant	
4.2.5. Veterinarian exams or adherence to veterinarian recommendations.	Compliant	
4.2.6. Sick or injured dogs receiving timely veterinarian care or humanely euthanized.	Compliant	

Exercise

4.3.1. Daily access to exercise area where a running stride can be achieved.	Compliant	
4.3.2. Supervised physical activity.	Compliant	

Dog Grouping and Separation

4.4.1. Compatible grouping of dogs.	Compliant	
4.4.2. Females in season appropriately separated.	Compliant	
4.4.3. Aggressive dogs separated.	Compliant	
4.4.4. Puppies under 4 months appropriately separated.	Compliant	

Behavior and Socialization

4.5.1. Daily contact with other compatible dogs without good cause.	Compliant	
4.5.2. Daily positive human contact and socialization other than feeding time.	Compliant	See notes
4.5.3. Play objects or other forms of inanimate enrichment in primary enclosure.	Compliant	See notes
4.5.4. Dogs have contact, activity, enrichment.	Compliant	
4.5.5. Written plan for meeting behavior and socialization requirements.	Compliant	

V. Dogs Kept Indoors, s. ATCP 16.22, Wis. Adm. Code

5.1.1. Enclosure is structurally sound and maintained in good repair.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
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Floors and Interior Surfaces

5.2.1. Enclosure does not have dirt floor.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.2.2. Metal wire mesh floor is coated and / or has adequate gauge to prevent injury	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.2.3. Floor openings small enough to prevent dog's foot from passing through.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.2.4. Floor and interior surfaces keep dogs clean, dry, and safe from injuries.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.2.5. Floor and interior surfaces regularly cleaned and sanitized.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)

Stacked Primary Enclosures

5.3.1. Floor of top enclosure is not higher than 52 inches from floor of room, when enclosures are stacked.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.3.2. Stacked enclosures adequate for safe handling, ventilation, temperature control, easy cleaning, sanitation and easy inspection.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.3.3. Front side of stacked enclosures ventilated and / or have solid floor that can be easily cleaned and sanitized.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.3.4. Stacked enclosures stable when filled to maximum capacity with dogs.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.3.5. Dog(s) in stacked enclosures not exposed to excreta, urine, dirt or debris falling from higher enclosures.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)

Primary Enclosures for One or More Dogs that Get at Least 30 Minutes of Exercise Each Day

5.4.1. Floor area of enclosure adequate for largest dog.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.4.2. Floor area of enclosure adequate to accommodate all dogs in the enclosure without crowding.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.4.3. Height of enclosure adequate for tallest dog.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.4.4. Dogs have adequate time (at least 30 minutes) per day in run or exercise area.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.4.5. Run or exercise area of adequate size to achieve running stride.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)

Primary Enclosures for One or More Dogs that Get at Least 120 Minutes of Exercise Each Day

5.5.1. No more than one dog is kept in enclosure.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.5.2. Floor area of enclosure is adequate for size of dog.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.5.3. Height of enclosure adequate for size of dog.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.5.4. Dogs have adequate time (at least 120 minutes per day) in run or exercise area.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.5.5. Run or exercise area of adequate size for achieving running stride.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)

Whelping Enclosure

5.6.1. Enclosure appropriate for breed.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.6.2. Appropriate solid floor in area accessible to puppies.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.6.3. Height of enclosure is adequate for the dam to stand normally.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.6.4. Length and width of enclosure adequate for the dam to lay down, and stretch out to allow all pups to nurse.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.6.5. Size of enclosure is adequate for number and temperament of puppies.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.6.6. Enclosure includes an area that is only accessible to dam and large enough for dam.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)

Nursery Enclosure

5.7.1. Large enough to allow all puppies to turn around, stand up, lie down and exercise normal postural movements.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.7.2. Large enough to encourage socialization and exercise.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)

Temporary Enclosure for One Dog

5.8.1. Dog is kept in enclosure for no more than 12 hours.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.8.2. No more than one dog is kept in enclosure.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.8.3. Floor area & height of enclosure adequate for the dog.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)

Lighting, Temperature, and Ventilation

5.9.1. Adequate light for proper care, maintenance and inspection and / or diurnal lighting cycle.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.9.2. Adequate heating and cooling to protect dogs from temperatures and humidity that may be injurious to their health.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.9.3. Adequate fresh or filtered air to maintain health of dogs and minimize odor, drafts, ammonia levels and moisture.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)

Cleaning and Sanitation

5.10.1. Excreta removed daily or more often as needed.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.10.2. Enclosures and areas cleaned rinsed and sanitized appropriately to be free of dirt, debris and disease hazards.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.10.3. Primary enclosure cleaned and sanitized before new dog placed in it.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.10.4. Dogs removed from primary enclosure before it is cleaned and sanitized and / or are returned to the area after it is dry.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.10.5. Solid surface or bedding is appropriate for breed and maintained in clean, dry condition.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)

VI. Dogs Kept Outdoors, s. ATCP 16.24, Wis. Adm. Code**Dogs Kept in Outdoor Primary Enclosure**

6.1.1. Dog's breed, age, health and / or physical condition suited to outdoor temperatures and conditions.	Not applicable	
6.1.2. Dog(s) acclimated to outdoor temperatures and variations that may occur in primary enclosure.	Not applicable	

Outdoor Primary Enclosure; Minimum Area

6.2.1. Size of enclosure meets requirements for an individual dog.	Not applicable	
6.2.2. Size of enclosure meets requirements for additional dogs.	Not applicable	

Outdoor Primary Enclosure; Construction

6.3.1. Constructed and / or maintained to prevent escape.	Not applicable	
6.3.2. Roof or overhead screen of appropriate height.	Not applicable	

Shelter, Shade, and Wind block

6.4.1. Outdoor primary enclosure contains at least one dog shelter that complies with dog shelter requirements below.	Not applicable	
6.4.2. Adequate to shade all dogs in primary enclosure from direct sunlight during all sunlight hours without crowding.	Not applicable	
6.4.3. Adequate to shelter all dogs in primary enclosure from wind.	Not applicable	

Dog Shelter

6.5.1. Made with durable material with 4 sides, a roof and solid flat floor.	Not applicable	
6.5.2. Interior accessible by all dogs in primary enclosure.	Not applicable	
6.5.3. Large enough to prevent crowding.	Not applicable	
6.5.4. Large enough to allow tallest dog to stand.	Not applicable	
6.5.5. Adequate to prevent injury, retain or dissipate enough body heat, allow dogs to remain clean and dry and / or provide reasonable protection from predators.	Not applicable	

Tethering

6.6.1. Appropriate for breed.	Not applicable	
6.6.2. Dog can tolerate based on age, health and / or physical condition.	Not applicable	
6.6.3. Dog can easily enter and lie down in a dog shelter that complies with dog shelter requirements above.	Not applicable	
6.6.4. Dog is not a pregnant or nursing female.	Not applicable	
6.6.5. Tether cannot become entangled with an object.	Not applicable	
6.6.6. Tether has an anchor swivel.	Not applicable	
6.6.7. Tether is at least 6 feet long and of sufficient length for size of dog.	Not applicable	
6.6.8. Tether is attached to a non-tightening collar or harness of sufficient size.	Not applicable	
6.6.9. Tether is used for a dog at an animal control facility or animal shelter for no more than 4 hours in a day, complies with above tethering requirements, and has caretaker on premises.	Not applicable	

Runs and Exercise Areas

6.7.1. More than 30 minutes a day of access to run or exercise area.	Not applicable	
6.7.2. Adequate size for dog's size and temperament (considering number of dogs using at a given time) and large enough to achieve a running stride.	Not applicable	
6.7.3. Adequate to shade all dogs from direct sunlight during hours in use without crowding.	Not applicable	

Facility Maintenance

6.8.1. Excreta removed from outdoor primary enclosures daily or more often as necessary.	Not applicable	
6.8.2. Pests and parasites controlled as necessary to maintain dog health and comfort.	Not applicable	
6.8.3. Bedding maintained in clean, dry condition or bedding is not provided but solid resting place is appropriate for dog's breed, age, health & physical condition.	Not applicable	

6.8.4. Facilities maintained to protect health / safety of dogs.	Not applicable	
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VII. Transporting Dogs, s. ATCP 16.26, Wis. Adm. Code

Portable Enclosures

7.1.1. Constructed of a water-resistant and cleanable material.	Compliant	
7.1.2. Adequate to keep dogs clean and dry.	Compliant	
7.1.3. Adequate to protect dog's health and safety.	Compliant	
7.1.4. Adequate ventilation openings.	Compliant	
7.1.5. Securely closed when in use.	Compliant	
7.1.6. Cleaned and sanitized frequently enough.	Compliant	
7.1.7. Positioned for each dog to have access to sufficient air for normal breathing.	Compliant	
7.1.8. Positioned for emergency removal of dogs.	Compliant	
7.1.9. Positioned to protect dog from excreta falling from above.	Compliant	
7.1.10. Secured as necessary to prevent reasonably foreseeable movement that may injure dogs.	Compliant	

Care of Dogs During Transport

7.2.1. Dogs protected from hypothermia or hyperthermia.	Compliant	
7.2.2. Adequate space to turn, stand and lie down (except in transport for training, trialing and hunting).	Compliant	
7.2.3. Food and water in accordance with s. ATCP 16.20(1), Wis. Adm. Code.	Compliant	
7.2.4. Dogs separated from each other if required by s. ATCP 16.20(5), Wis. Adm. Code	Compliant	
7.2.5. Dogs visually inspected every 4 hours.	Compliant	
7.2.6. Dogs removed from vehicle at least once every 12 hours and allowed to urinate, defecate and exercise. (Unless vehicle is equipped for such needs)	Compliant	
7.2.7. Dogs removed from vehicle in a timely fashion upon reaching destination.	Compliant	

Transport Vehicles

7.3.1. Vehicle equipped to provide fresh or filtered air without injurious drafts to all dogs transported in the vehicle.	Compliant	
7.3.2. Cargo space construction and maintenance adequate to minimize the ingress of exhaust from the vehicle's engine.	Compliant	

Ridglan Farms, Inc.

- License type: Dog Seller (Dog Breeder/ Dog Breeding Facility)
- Breed(s): Beagle
- Website: <http://www.ridglan.com>
- Hours of operation: Upon appointment
- Previous inspection: 9/24/2014 (routine)
- Veterinarian/ veterinary care provider:
 - Veterinarian onsite (Ridglan Farms, Inc.)

Facility Information:

Ridglan Farms, Inc. (RF) operates as a 'Dog Breeder' within the state who is also licensed with the US Department of Agriculture (#35-A-0009). RF breeds and sells beagles for the purposes of biomedical research.

Dogs are kept in four separate buildings on the property. Each of these buildings has artificial lighting, mechanical ventilation, and temperature control. Dogs are primarily separated between the buildings based upon their age class.

PRIMARY ENCLOSURES – Adult and sub-adult dogs are kept in various size enclosures. Many adult dogs are kept in two-level, stacked enclosures constructed of metal fencing and mesh flooring (floor area: approximately 8 ft², 2' x 4'). Other adult dogs may be kept in enclosures constructed of metal fencing, fiberglass panels, and a mesh flooring (floor area: approximately 25 ft², 5' x 5'). Younger stock are kept in enclosures constructed of chain-link fencing and mesh flooring (floor area: approximately 80 ft², 8' x 10').

WHELPING / ENCLOSURES – One of the buildings serves as the facility's nursery with approximately 20 nursery rooms. Each of these isolated rooms has two-levels of stacked enclosures for dams and their litters. Each of these enclosures is constructed of metal fencing, fiberglass panels, and a mesh flooring (floor area: approximately 16 ft², 4' x 4'). Dams whelp and nurse their litters in large plastic bins. After puppies are weaned they are moved to different buildings. Nursery enclosures in these buildings are constructed of chain-link fencing and a mesh flooring (floor area: approximately 25 ft², 5' x 5').

EXERCISE – Dogs are not removed from enclosures for exercise. Partitions between smaller enclosures are removed daily to allow for space to achieve a running stride. Other enclosures are large enough to allow dogs to achieve a running stride.

OUTDOOR FACILITIES – This facility has no outdoor enclosures.

- This facility has two approved variances on file with the Department, ATCP 16.18(1) and ATCP 16.20(3)(c)3.
- Some dogs on the property may be participants in research and have no breeding purpose.

Inspection summary:

October 26, 2016 (11:45 am) - Colin Benell (Companion Animal Inspector, DATCP) conducted a routine inspection of the dog breeding facility and relevant dog records at 10489 W. Blue Mounds Road in Blue Mounds, WI. Benell was accompanied by Amber Becker (Regulatory Specialist, DATCP) for training purposes. During the inspection of the facility Benell and Becker were assisted and accompanied by the Facility manager/veterinarian. The Office manager assisted during the records review. For the inspection of the facility RF provided a Tyvec suit, boot covers, and ear protection. During this inspection non-compliance was found which requires corrective action.

Dog inventory: 1,429 (over 6 months of age); 1,422 (under 6 months of age)

A FOLLOW-UP inspection shall be done to verify that corrective actions have been taken to address areas of non-compliance (see 'inspection result' below). Licensee is to email photographs of enclosure improvements by 11/15/2016 to complete the inspection.

Violation(s):

ATCP 16.20 Dog care; general. The following standards of care apply to all dogs kept pursuant to a license under s. ATCP 16.02 (1), including any dogs that the license holder consigns to a home custody provider:

(3) Housing and transportation.

(c) Paragraph (a) does not apply to a facility that is used only for the purpose of breeding, raising and selling dogs for scientific research, provided that all of the following apply:

4. The dogs are kept in enclosures that comply with 9 CFR, Chapter I, subchapter A (animal welfare).

9 CFR, Chapter 1, Subchapter A (Animal Welfare Act)

§ 3.6 - Primary enclosures.

Primary enclosures for dogs and cats must meet the following minimum requirements:

General requirements.

(2) Primary enclosures must be constructed and maintained so that they:

(x) Have floors that are constructed in a manner that protects the dogs' and cats' feet and legs from injury, and that, if of mesh or slatted construction, do not allow the dogs' and cats' feet to pass through any openings in the floor;

- Puppies within multiple nursery rooms were found to be upon coated, non-solid flooring with round openings; approximately 1.5" x 1.0" in size (see pictures 1-2). Within one of the nursery rooms each of the occupied enclosures were housing a dam and her litter of young puppies. Within several enclosures the feet and legs of puppies were found to be repeatedly passing through the floor openings (see pictures 3-4). In these instances the legs of puppies were observed to have passed completely below the mesh flooring up to the puppy's chest. Puppies were observed to have noticeable difficulty standing or moving comfortably and naturally upon the floored surface due to the large size of the openings. No injuries were observed.



Picture 1: Mesh flooring within whelping enclosure.



Picture 2: Puppies on top of same mesh flooring.



Pictures 3-4: Note white feet and legs of puppies passing through floor openings (view from below flooring). Pictures taken from two separate enclosures.

Inspection result:

The following corrective actions must be taken as soon as possible or no later than November 15, 2016:

- Floors within whelping enclosures must be constructed at all times in a manner that do not allow puppies' feet to pass through any openings in the floor as required under § 3.6(2)(x), CFR.

Photographs of the corrections must be submitted to Benell via email (colin.benell@wisconsin.gov) by 11/15/2016 to complete the follow-up inspection.

Discussion:

Floor openings – During the inspection Benell demonstrated to the facility manager that puppies' feet and legs were passing through the gaps in the flooring. Benell explained to the facility manager that within other licensed facilities in the state such findings would be a violation of ATCP Chapter 16. Benell explained that he was aware that RF was exempt from ATCP 16.22 according to ATCP 16.20(3)(a). Benell stated that under ATCP 16.20(3)(c)4 required provisions under CFR Chapter 1 must be met instead. Benell took photographs and stated that he was going to determine whether such flooring was compliant with CFR Chapter 1 following the inspection. The facility manager replied that in such instances the flooring was permitted by his USDA inspector as it allowed for better sanitation. Benell was then shown sheets of a floor covering with smaller gaps that was not in use. The facility manager stated that these sheets have been used in the past, but that they require very regular cleaning. Benell told the facility manager that he would contact him following the inspection.

On 10/31/2016 Benell spoke on the phone with the facility manager. The facility manager stated that he had reviewed CFR following the inspection and intended to take corrective action to address the non-compliance. The facility manager stated that RF would resume using the floor covering with smaller gaps and safely secure the material. The facility manager stated that he would provide photographs for the follow-up inspection within the coming days.

Notes:

- All records reviewed by Benell appeared complete and accurate. Dogs sold appeared to be covered under valid CVIs under ATCP 16.16(1). Dogs sold appeared to be at least 7 weeks of age or compliant with the approved variance under ATCP 16.18(1). All facilities were observed to be in good condition and clean. All facilities had adequate temperature, lighting, and ventilation. All observed dogs on premises were found to be in good body condition, well groomed, and in good health (or receiving appropriate veterinary care). All observed dogs were found to have adequate access to food and water.
 - Small portions of mesh flooring within some enclosures was found to have its coating removed. The facility manager stated that such damage is patched or the flooring is replaced as necessary.
 - Several observed dogs within the facility were being treated for foot health problems.
 - A number of adult dogs in the facility were displaying prominent stereotypical behaviors; such as: circling, pacing, and wall bouncing. This was discussed with the facility manager and office manager following the inspection. The facility manager stated that RF would consider Benell's recommendations. See 'recommendations' below.
- Benell informed the facility manager and office manager that a copy of the most recent inspection report needed to be posted prominently in addition to the Dog Sellers (DS) license in accordance with ATCP 16.12(5)(b). Only the DS license was posted. The facility manager stated that the matter would be addressed.
- Benell informed the facility manager that RF's DS license number must be posted on their website in accordance with ATCP 16.02(5). The facility manager stated that the matter would be addressed.

Recommendations:

- Efforts should be taken to address dog's abnormal, stereotypical behaviors. Such behaviors are an indicator of the dog's welfare. Modifications to housing and husbandry practices should be evaluated, such as: keeping adult dogs in pairs and providing additional forms of effective inanimate enrichment.

****A copy of this report must be posted in a prominent location at your facility in accordance with ATCP 16.12(5)(b)****

Inspector / Consultant Signature



10/31/2016

Owner / Operator / Manager Signature

A copy of this report was mailed to the licensee on 10/31/16



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OFFICE USE ONLY

OFFICIAL WARNING NOTICE

Issued under s. 93.06(10), Wis. Stats.

NAME RIDGLAN FARMS, INC.	DATE OF VIOLATION 10/26/2016
STREET ADDRESS 10489 W BLUE MOUNDS RD	INCIDENT LOCATION OR ADDRESS DOG BREEDING FACILITY
CITY / STATE / ZIP BLUE MOUNDS, WI 53517	LICENSE OR PERMIT NUMBER 267262-DS

VIOLATION(S) (describe):

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9 CFR, Chapter 1, Subchapter A (Animal Welfare Act)

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In violation of Wis. Admin. Code section(s) ATCP:
ATCP 16.20(3)(c)4 – HOUSING & TRANSPORTATION

In violation of Wis. Stats. section(s):

By this date, notify the Department representative listed below, in writing or by telephone, of the actions you have taken to correct and prevent future violations of law.


Where the above violation can be corrected, correction must be made by (date): November 15, 2016.

- Floors within whelping enclosures must be constructed at all times in a manner that do not allow puppies' feet to pass through any openings in the floor as required under § 3.6(2)(x), CFR.

Photographs of the corrections must be submitted to Benell via email (colin.benell@wisconsin.gov) by 11/15/2016 to complete a follow-up inspection.

This is an official notice that you are operating in violation of the law(s) of the State of Wisconsin described above. This notice will be forwarded to department offices in Madison for review and evaluation. Further violations of law may result in penalties. Chapters 93 and 95, Wis. Stats., provide penalties for violations of the law, which are listed on the back of this form.

WARNING NOTICE ISSUED BY

NAME  COLIN BENELL	ADDRESS / CITY / STATE / ZIP 2811 AGRICULTURE DR. PO BOX 8911 MADISON, WI 53708
SIGNATURE & TITLE COMPANION ANIMAL INSPECTOR	TELEPHONE NUMBER (608) 575-3207
FAX NUMBER (608) 224-4871	DATE ISSUED 10/31/2016

COPY OF ABOVE WARNING NOTICE RECEIVED BY

I understand that this is an official notice that will be placed in department files. Any further violations of these laws may result in immediate penalties (see back of form). You may appeal this decision by requesting a hearing on this decision before the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP). A request for such a hearing must be in the form of a written petition filed with the DATCP Secretary within 10 days of receipt of this notice. The written petition must state the legal and factual grounds for your hearing request, including identification of the facts you dispute, why you dispute them, the factual basis for the dispute and the remedy you are requesting. An appeal does not stop this action.

NAME	TITLE
SIGNATURE	DATE RECEIVED

FORM DISTRIBUTION: Copy 1 (Office of State Veterinarian) Copy 2 (Consultant/Inspector) Copy 3 (Violator)

Personal information you provide may be used for purposes other than that for which it was originally collected – sec.15.04(1)(m), Wis. Stats.

LAW	STATUTE	PENALTY
Rabies	95.21(10)	Failure to obtain rabies vaccination: forfeiture of not less than \$50 nor more than \$100 Refusal to comply with orders or quarantines: fine of not less than \$100, nor more than \$1000, or imprisoned not more than 60 days or both. Other violations: forfeiture of up to \$50.
Animal Markets	95.68(9),	Conducting business after revocation: fine of not less than \$500, nor more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not to exceed 6 months or both
Animal Dealers	95.69(9)	Conducting business after revocation: fine of not less than \$500, nor more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not to exceed 6 months or both
Animal Truckers	95.71(9)	Conducting business after revocation: fine of not less than \$500, nor more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not to exceed 6 months or both
All other violations of law or department orders	95.99(1)	First offense: fine of not more than \$1,000; subsequent offense fined not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000, or imprisoned not more than 6 months or both
	95.99(2)	Injunction restraining violation of Statute or Rule
	95.99(3)	First offense: forfeiture of not less than \$200, nor more than \$5,000; 2 nd or subsequent offense within 5 years, forfeiture not less than \$400 nor more than \$5,000 [in lieu of criminal penalty under (1)]

In addition to the above, the division may seek action against any license or registration you hold at the department.



Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Division of Animal Health

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Dog Seller and Dog Facility Operator Inspection

s.173.41, Wis. Stats and ch.16, Wis. Admin. Code

Inspection: Dog Seller Follow-up Inspection

Inspection Date: 11/4/2016

Inspector: Colin Benell

Legal Entity: Ridglan Farms, Inc.

License # / DBA: 267262-DS / Ridglan Farms, Inc.

Location: 10489 W. Blue Mounds Rd, Blue Mounds, WI 53517

Personal information you provide may be used for purposes other than that for which it was originally collected s.15.04(1)(m), Wis. Stats.

Inspection of your operation on revealed the following results.

Regulation	Result	Comment
0. General License Information, s. ATCP 16.02, Wis. Adm. Code		
General License Information		
0.1.1 Dog seller license and report are posted in a prominent place.	Compliant	See previous report
0.1.2 Dog Seller license number is in advertisements.	Compliant	See previous report
I. Record Keeping, s. ATCP 16.14, Wis. Adm. Code		
General Dog Records		
1.1.1. Records present and in written or readily readable electronic form.	Compliant	
1.1.2. Records retained for at least 5 years and / or made available to the department.	Compliant	
Locations at Which Dogs are Kept		
1.2.1. Address of each location where dogs are kept.	Compliant	
1.2.2. Name of individual responsible for administering that location.	Compliant	
1.2.3. Name and address of home custody provider, if applicable.	Not applicable	
Dog Records		
1.3.1. Breed of dog recorded.	Compliant	
1.3.2. Sex of dog recorded.	Compliant	
1.3.3. Date of birth recorded.	Compliant	
1.3.4. Approximate age of dog recorded.	Compliant	
1.3.5. Color of dog recorded.	Compliant	
1.3.6. Distinct markings on dog recorded.	Compliant	
1.3.7. Location at which dog is kept (including home custody provider, if applicable) recorded.	Compliant	
1.3.8. Record of official individual animal identification (tag, tattoo, microchip) if any assigned.	Compliant	
1.3.9. Statement that the dog was born under license holder's custody or legal control, if that is the case.	Compliant	
1.3.10. Dog was not born under the license holder's custody / control, date on which license holder acquired custody or control.	Compliant	
1.3.11. Dog was not born under the license holder's custody / control, name and address of person from whom dog was acquired.	Compliant	

1.3.12. Dog was not born under the license holder's custody / control, person's USDA animal care facility license or registration number (if any).	Compliant	
1.3.13. If dog is no longer under the license holder's custody or control, date on which the dog left custody / control of licensee.	Compliant	
1.3.14. If dog is no longer under the license holder's custody or control, disposition of dog.	Compliant	
1.3.15. If dog is no longer under the license holder's custody or control, identity of the person whom assumed custody / control.	Compliant	
1.3.16. CVI that accompanied dog when it entered or left the licensee's custody / control.	Compliant	
1.3.17. Records include vaccination information.	Compliant	
1.3.18. Records include observation information.	Compliant	
1.3.19. Records include any treatment that occurred & who administered the healthcare.	Compliant	
1.3.20. Breed registration records kept if applicable.	Compliant	

Behavior and Socialization Plan

1.4.1. Behavior and socialization plan which meets requirements of 4.5.1 – 4.5.5	Compliant	
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II. Dog Sales; Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, s. ATCP 16.16, Wis. Adm. Code

Dogs Sold are Accompanied by a Valid CVI

2.1.1. Dogs sold are accompanied by a valid CVI.	Compliant	
2.1.2. CVI contains signature of certified veterinarian.	Compliant	
2.1.3. CVI is a valid form issued by the department.	Compliant	
2.1.4. CVI contains name and address of seller.	Compliant	
2.1.5. CVI contains the number, breed, sex and age of dog(s).	Compliant	
2.1.6. CVI contains information regarding whether the dog is spayed, neutered or sexually intact.	Compliant	
2.1.7. Dog(s) vaccination record contains the type of vaccine.	Compliant	
2.1.8. Dog(s) vaccination record contains the manufacturer of the vaccine,	Compliant	
2.1.9. Dog(s) vaccination record contains the serial and lot numbers of the vaccine.	Compliant	
2.1.10. Dog(s) vaccination record contains the date administered & person administering.	Compliant	
2.1.11. Information required for import under ss. ATCP 10.06(4) and ATCP 10.80, Wis. Adm. Code	Not Applicable	
2.1.12. Valid negative Brucellosis test if dog(s) sold at public auction & is not spayed / neutered.	Not Applicable	
2.1.13. Veterinarian statement, signature and date of signature on CVI.	Compliant	
2.1.14. Valid issuance and expiration dates.	Compliant	
2.1.15. Distribution of CVI copies to buyer, seller and issuing veterinarian.	Compliant	
2.1.16. Re-issued CVIs updated, as necessary and copies distributed to buyer, seller an issuing veterinarian.	Not applicable	
2.1.17. CVI incorporating information from prior CVI includes a statement identifying prior CVI.	Not applicable	

III. Age at Which Dogs May be Sold, s. ATCP 16.18, Wis. Adm. Code

Dog(s) Sale and Custody Transfer Meets Necessary Criteria

3.1.1. Dog is at least 7 weeks old.	Compliant	Approved variance
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IV. Dog Care; General, s. ATCP 16.20, Wis. Adm. Code

Food and Water

4.1.1. Feeding frequency adequate.	Compliant	
4.1.2. Size of ration and / or nutritional content adequate.	Compliant	
4.1.3. Wholesome, uncontaminated and / or palatable.	Compliant	

4.1.4. Amount and quality of fresh water adequate.	Compliant	
4.1.5. Food and water containers suitable.	Compliant	
4.1.6. Adequate sanitization of food and water containers.	Compliant	

Animal Health and Veterinary Care

4.2.1. Proper handling.	Compliant	
4.2.2. Daily body, mobility and behavior checks completed.	Compliant	
4.2.3. Dogs suspected of communicable disease are isolated.	Compliant	
4.2.4. Adequate grooming. (nails trimmed, no hair matting)	Compliant	
4.2.5. Veterinarian exams or adherence to veterinarian recommendations.	Compliant	
4.2.6. Sick or injured dogs receiving timely veterinarian care or humanely euthanized.	Compliant	

Exercise

4.3.1. Daily access to exercise area where a running stride can be achieved.	Compliant	
4.3.2. Supervised physical activity.	Compliant	

Dog Grouping and Separation

4.4.1. Compatible grouping of dogs.	Compliant	
4.4.2. Females in season appropriately separated.	Compliant	
4.4.3. Aggressive dogs separated.	Compliant	
4.4.4. Puppies under 4 months appropriately separated.	Compliant	

Behavior and Socialization

4.5.1. Daily contact with other compatible dogs without good cause.	Compliant	
4.5.2. Daily positive human contact and socialization other than feeding time.	Compliant	See previous report
4.5.3. Play objects or other forms of inanimate enrichment in primary enclosure.	Compliant	See previous report
4.5.4. Dogs have contact, activity, enrichment.	Compliant	
4.5.5. Written plan for meeting behavior and socialization requirements.	Compliant	

V. Dogs Kept Indoors, s. ATCP 16.22, Wis. Adm. Code

5.1.1. Enclosure is structurally sound and maintained in good repair.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
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Floors and Interior Surfaces

5.2.1. Enclosure does not have dirt floor.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.2.2. Metal wire mesh floor is coated and / or has adequate gauge to prevent injury	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.2.3. Floor openings small enough to prevent dog's foot from passing through.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.2.4. Floor and interior surfaces keep dogs clean, dry, and safe from injuries.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.2.5. Floor and interior surfaces regularly cleaned and sanitized.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)

Stacked Primary Enclosures

5.3.1. Floor of top enclosure is not higher than 52 inches from floor of room, when enclosures are stacked.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.3.2. Stacked enclosures adequate for safe handling, ventilation, temperature control, easy cleaning, sanitation and easy inspection.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.3.3. Front side of stacked enclosures ventilated and / or have solid floor that can be easily cleaned and sanitized.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.3.4. Stacked enclosures stable when filled to maximum capacity with dogs.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.3.5. Dog(s) in stacked enclosures not exposed to excreta, urine, dirt or debris falling from higher enclosures.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)

Primary Enclosures for One or More Dogs that Get at Least 30 Minutes of Exercise Each Day

5.4.1. Floor area of enclosure adequate for largest dog.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.4.2. Floor area of enclosure adequate to accommodate all dogs in the enclosure without crowding.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.4.3. Height of enclosure adequate for tallest dog.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.4.4. Dogs have adequate time (at least 30 minutes) per day in run or exercise area.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.4.5. Run or exercise area of adequate size to achieve running stride.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)

Primary Enclosures for One or More Dogs that Get at Least 120 Minutes of Exercise Each Day

5.5.1. No more than one dog is kept in enclosure.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.5.2. Floor area of enclosure is adequate for size of dog.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.5.3. Height of enclosure adequate for size of dog.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.5.4. Dogs have adequate time (at least 120 minutes per day) in run or exercise area.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.5.5. Run or exercise area of adequate size for achieving running stride.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)

Whelping Enclosure

5.6.1. Enclosure appropriate for breed.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.6.2. Appropriate solid floor in area accessible to puppies.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.6.3. Height of enclosure is adequate for the dam to stand normally.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.6.4. Length and width of enclosure adequate for the dam to lay down, and stretch out to allow all pups to nurse.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.6.5. Size of enclosure is adequate for number and temperament of puppies.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.6.6. Enclosure includes an area that is only accessible to dam and large enough for dam.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)

Nursery Enclosure

5.7.1. Large enough to allow all puppies to turn around, stand up, lie down and exercise normal postural movements.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.7.2. Large enough to encourage socialization and exercise.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)

Temporary Enclosure for One Dog

5.8.1. Dog is kept in enclosure for no more than 12 hours.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.8.2. No more than one dog is kept in enclosure.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.8.3. Floor area & height of enclosure adequate for the dog.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)

Lighting, Temperature, and Ventilation

5.9.1. Adequate light for proper care, maintenance and inspection and / or diurnal lighting cycle.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.9.2. Adequate heating and cooling to protect dogs from temperatures and humidity that may be injurious to their health.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.9.3. Adequate fresh or filtered air to maintain health of dogs and minimize odor, drafts, ammonia levels and moisture.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)

Cleaning and Sanitation

5.10.1. Excreta removed daily or more often as needed.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.10.2. Enclosures and areas cleaned rinsed and sanitized appropriately to be free of dirt, debris and disease hazards.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.10.3. Primary enclosure cleaned and sanitized before new dog placed in it.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.10.4. Dogs removed from primary enclosure before it is cleaned and sanitized and / or are returned to the area after it is dry.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)
5.10.5. Solid surface or bedding is appropriate for breed and maintained in clean, dry condition.	Not applicable	See ATCP 16.20(3)(c)

VI. Dogs Kept Outdoors, s. ATCP 16.24, Wis. Adm. Code**Dogs Kept in Outdoor Primary Enclosure**

6.1.1. Dog's breed, age, health and / or physical condition suited to outdoor temperatures and conditions.	Not applicable	
6.1.2. Dog(s) acclimated to outdoor temperatures and variations that may occur in primary enclosure.	Not applicable	

Outdoor Primary Enclosure; Minimum Area

6.2.1. Size of enclosure meets requirements for an individual dog.	Not applicable	
6.2.2. Size of enclosure meets requirements for additional dogs.	Not applicable	

Outdoor Primary Enclosure; Construction

6.3.1. Constructed and / or maintained to prevent escape.	Not applicable	
6.3.2. Roof or overhead screen of appropriate height.	Not applicable	

Shelter, Shade, and Wind block

6.4.1. Outdoor primary enclosure contains at least one dog shelter that complies with dog shelter requirements below.	Not applicable	
6.4.2. Adequate to shade all dogs in primary enclosure from direct sunlight during all sunlight hours without crowding.	Not applicable	
6.4.3. Adequate to shelter all dogs in primary enclosure from wind.	Not applicable	

Dog Shelter

6.5.1. Made with durable material with 4 sides, a roof and solid flat floor.	Not applicable	
6.5.2. Interior accessible by all dogs in primary enclosure.	Not applicable	
6.5.3. Large enough to prevent crowding.	Not applicable	
6.5.4. Large enough to allow tallest dog to stand.	Not applicable	
6.5.5. Adequate to prevent injury, retain or dissipate enough body heat, allow dogs to remain clean and dry and / or provide reasonable protection from predators.	Not applicable	

Tethering

6.6.1. Appropriate for breed.	Not applicable	
6.6.2. Dog can tolerate based on age, health and / or physical condition.	Not applicable	
6.6.3. Dog can easily enter and lie down in a dog shelter that complies with dog shelter requirements above.	Not applicable	
6.6.4. Dog is not a pregnant or nursing female.	Not applicable	
6.6.5. Tether cannot become entangled with an object.	Not applicable	
6.6.6. Tether has an anchor swivel.	Not applicable	
6.6.7. Tether is at least 6 feet long and of sufficient length for size of dog.	Not applicable	
6.6.8. Tether is attached to a non-tightening collar or harness of sufficient size.	Not applicable	
6.6.9. Tether is used for a dog at an animal control facility or animal shelter for no more than 4 hours in a day, complies with above tethering requirements, and has caretaker on premises.	Not applicable	

Runs and Exercise Areas

6.7.1. More than 30 minutes a day of access to run or exercise area.	Not applicable	
6.7.2. Adequate size for dog's size and temperament (considering number of dogs using at a given time) and large enough to achieve a running stride.	Not applicable	
6.7.3. Adequate to shade all dogs from direct sunlight during hours in use without crowding.	Not applicable	

Facility Maintenance

6.8.1. Excreta removed from outdoor primary enclosures daily or more often as necessary.	Not applicable	
6.8.2. Pests and parasites controlled as necessary to maintain dog health and comfort.	Not applicable	
6.8.3. Bedding maintained in clean, dry condition or bedding is not provided but solid resting place is appropriate for dog's breed, age, health & physical condition.	Not applicable	

6.8.4. Facilities maintained to protect health / safety of dogs.	Not applicable	
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VII. Transporting Dogs, s. ATCP 16.26, Wis. Adm. Code

Portable Enclosures

7.1.1. Constructed of a water-resistant and cleanable material.	Compliant	
7.1.2. Adequate to keep dogs clean and dry.	Compliant	
7.1.3. Adequate to protect dog's health and safety.	Compliant	
7.1.4. Adequate ventilation openings.	Compliant	
7.1.5. Securely closed when in use.	Compliant	
7.1.6. Cleaned and sanitized frequently enough.	Compliant	
7.1.7. Positioned for each dog to have access to sufficient air for normal breathing.	Compliant	
7.1.8. Positioned for emergency removal of dogs.	Compliant	
7.1.9. Positioned to protect dog from excreta falling from above.	Compliant	
7.1.10. Secured as necessary to prevent reasonably foreseeable movement that may injure dogs.	Compliant	

Care of Dogs During Transport

7.2.1. Dogs protected from hypothermia or hyperthermia.	Compliant	
7.2.2. Adequate space to turn, stand and lie down (except in transport for training, trialing and hunting).	Compliant	
7.2.3. Food and water in accordance with s. ATCP 16.20(1), Wis. Adm. Code.	Compliant	
7.2.4. Dogs separated from each other if required by s. ATCP 16.20(5), Wis. Adm. Code	Compliant	
7.2.5. Dogs visually inspected every 4 hours.	Compliant	
7.2.6. Dogs removed from vehicle at least once every 12 hours and allowed to urinate, defecate and exercise. (Unless vehicle is equipped for such needs)	Compliant	
7.2.7. Dogs removed from vehicle in a timely fashion upon reaching destination.	Compliant	

Transport Vehicles

7.3.1. Vehicle equipped to provide fresh or filtered air without injurious drafts to all dogs transported in the vehicle.	Compliant	
7.3.2. Cargo space construction and maintenance adequate to minimize the ingress of exhaust from the vehicle's engine.	Compliant	

Ridglan Farms, Inc.

- License type: Dog Seller (Dog Breeder/ Dog Breeding Facility)
- Breed(s): Beagle
- Website: <http://www.ridglan.com>
- Hours of operation: Upon appointment
- Previous inspection: 10/26/2016 (routine)
- Veterinarian/ veterinary care provider:
 - Veterinarian onsite (Ridglan Farms, Inc.)

Facility Information:

Ridglan Farms, Inc. (RF) operates as a 'Dog Breeder' within the state who is also licensed with the US Department of Agriculture (#35-A-0009). RF breeds and sells beagles for the purposes of biomedical research.

Dogs are kept in four separate buildings on the property. Each of these buildings has artificial lighting, mechanical ventilation, and temperature control. Dogs are primarily separated between the buildings based upon their age class.

PRIMARY ENCLOSURES – Adult and sub-adult dogs are kept in various size enclosures. Many adult dogs are kept in two-level, stacked enclosures constructed of metal fencing and mesh flooring (floor area: approximately 8 ft², 2' x 4'). Other adult dogs may be kept in enclosures constructed of metal fencing, fiberglass panels, and a mesh flooring (floor area: approximately 25 ft², 5' x 5'). Younger stock are kept in enclosures constructed of chain-link fencing and mesh flooring (floor area: approximately 80 ft², 8' x 10').

WHELPING / ENCLOSURES – One of the buildings serves as the facility's nursery with approximately 20 nursery rooms. Each of these isolated rooms has two-levels of stacked enclosures for dams and their litters. Each of these enclosures is constructed of metal fencing, fiberglass panels, and a mesh flooring (floor area: approximately 16 ft², 4' x 4'). Dams whelp and nurse their litters in large plastic bins. After puppies are weaned they are moved to different buildings. Nursery enclosures in these buildings are constructed of chain-link fencing and a mesh flooring (floor area: approximately 25 ft², 5' x 5').

EXERCISE – Dogs are not removed from enclosures for exercise. Partitions between smaller enclosures are removed daily to allow for space to achieve a running stride. Other enclosures are large enough to allow dogs to achieve a running stride.

OUTDOOR FACILITIES – This facility has no outdoor enclosures.

- This facility has two approved variances on file with the Department, ATCP 16.18(1) and ATCP 16.20(3)(c)3.
- Some dogs on the property may be participants in research and have no breeding purpose.

Inspection summary:

October 26, 2016 (11:45 am) - Colin Benell (Companion Animal Inspector, DATCP) conducted a routine inspection of the dog breeding facility and relevant dog records at 10489 W. Blue Mounds Road in Blue Mounds, WI. Benell was accompanied by Amber Becker (Regulatory Specialist, DATCP) for training purposes. During the inspection of the facility Benell and Becker were assisted and accompanied by the Facility manager/veterinarian. The Office manager assisted during the records review. For the inspection of the facility RF provided a Tyvec suit, boot covers, and ear protection. During this inspection non-compliance was found which required corrective action. Photographs of corrections were to be emailed to Benell by 11/15/2016 to complete a follow-up inspection.

October 31, 2016 – An Official Warning Notice was issued to RF.

November 4, 2016 (1:53 pm) - Benell received an email from RF with four photographs attached. The photographs demonstrated how whelping enclosures were improved to comply with § 3.6(2)(x), 9 CFR, Chapter 1, Subchapter A and ATCP 16.20(3)(c)4.

Correction of Violation from 10/26/2016 inspection:

ATCP 16.20(3)(c)4 – HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION

Puppies were found to be kept in several whelping enclosures that did not comply with 9 CFR, Chapter I, subchapter A (animal welfare). Puppies' feet and legs were found to pass through the floor openings in mesh flooring.

- On November 4, 2016 RF emailed Benell photographs of the corrective action that had been taken (see pictures 1-4). RF had begun placing a flooring material with much smaller openings on top of the flooring documented in the previous report. This flooring with smaller openings was assessed by Benell on 10/26/2016 and found to be appropriate for use. Based upon this assessment and a review of the provided photographs these smaller openings would prevent the feet of young puppies from passing through.

Based upon these findings this violation has been appropriately corrected. No further action required.



Picture 1: Smaller openings (RF) **Picture 2:** Puppies on new flooring (taken by RF).



Pictures 3-4: Puppies on flooring with smaller openings. Note size of paws relative to size of gaps (taken by RF).

Notes:

- This was a focused inspection. A physical inspection of the facility was not completed for this follow-up inspection. A review of photographs was utilized to determine compliance. Check boxes above show findings from the follow-up inspection and 10/26/2016 routine inspection.
- See previous report for 'notes.'

Recommendations:

- Efforts should be taken to address dog's abnormal, stereotypical behaviors. Such behaviors are an indicator of the dog's welfare. Modifications to housing and husbandry practices should be evaluated, such as: keeping adult dogs in pairs and providing additional forms of effective inanimate enrichment.

****A copy of this report must be posted in a prominent location at your facility in accordance with ATCP 16.12(5)(b)****

Inspector / Consultant Signature

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Caitlin Ball".

11/7/2016

Owner / Operator / Manager Signature

A copy of this report was emailed to the licensee on 11/7/16

Ondercin, Christopher J - DATCP

From: Rick <rickvan@mhtc.net>
Sent: Friday, November 4, 2016 1:53 PM
To: Benell, Colin T - DATCP
Subject: Corrections following inspection
Attachments: photo 1.JPG; photo 3.JPG; photo 4.JPG; photo 5.JPG

Attached are photographs of corrections made by License #267262-DS following the inspection on 26Oct16 by Colin Benell.







