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GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

## **DSPersonallyOwnedDogs**

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Policy regarding dog sellers and personally owned dogs of the legal entity.

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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Dog Seller-Personally Owned Dogs of Legal Entity</b>
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**BACKGROUND**

Persons licensed to sell or breed dogs under ch. ATCP 16, Wis. Admin. Code, must meet certain requirements specified in rule.

Under s. ATCP 16.12 (2) and (3), Wis. Admin. Code, the department is required to inspect each licensed location. Among other things, the department inspects dog records, facilities, and general dog care.

In many cases the legal entity of the dog seller/facility license may own personal dogs that are not to be adopted or sold.

**POLICY**

Dogs that are personally owned by a license holder are not subject to inspection requirements under ch. ATCP 16, Wis. Admin. Code, provided those dogs are kept distinguishably separate from dogs kept pursuant to a dog seller/facility license.

If personally owned dogs are kept together and indistinguishable from dogs kept pursuant to the license (eg, kept in the same facility and intermingled) those dogs must be kept in compliance with the rule.

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