

CHAPTER 128  
DOGS FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH  
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**641—128.1(145B) Application.** An institution as defined in Iowa Code section 145B.1 may make application to the department for authority to request dogs from a pound. Such application shall be on a form furnished by the department, and will include the following:

**128.1(1)** Name and principal function of institution;

**128.1(2)** The name and title of its principal officer or manager;

**128.1(3)** The names and qualifications of the principal persons in charge of research or teaching involving the use of dogs;

**128.1(4)** The names and qualifications of the principal persons in charge of dog care;

**128.1(5)** A description of the physical facilities available for the care and custody of dogs;

**128.1(6)** A general statement of the use proposed to be made of dogs.

**641—128.2(145B) Investigation and authorization of applicant.** The department may make such investigation of the applicant as it deems necessary, and if satisfied that the institution is fit and proper and that the public interest would be served by so doing, the department will issue its authorization to the institution. The authorization will be in writing.

**641—128.3(145B) Expiration of authorization.** An authorization will expire on June 30 of each year, but an institution may at any time apply for further authorization as provided herein for initial authorization.

**641—128.4(145B) Minimum requirements for animal care.** Authorized institutions shall at all times and in all respects comply with Iowa Code section 145B.5 and shall further comply with the following minimum requirements for the care and comfort of animals:

**128.4(1)** All dogs used for experimental purposes must be lawfully acquired and their retention shall be in strict compliance with the law.

**128.4(2)** Research projects involving live dogs must be performed by, or under the immediate supervision of, a qualified biological scientist.

**128.4(3)** The housing, care and feeding of all experimental dogs shall be supervised by a qualified veterinarian or other biological scientist competent in such matters.

**128.4(4)** Rooms in which dogs are to be housed shall be provided with a floor which can be kept clean, and the room shall be adequately lighted and ventilated. The temperature shall be held within reasonable limits. Cages should be of sufficient size to permit the dogs to stand and lie in a normal position. It is generally conceded that dogs maintained for long periods are in better physiological condition if they exercise regularly. Dogs housed out of doors should be given adequate protection from direct sunlight or inclement weather.

**128.4(5)** The food and water supplied to all experimental dogs, subject to the nature of the research, must be palatable, and of sufficient quantity and proper quality to maintain the dogs in good health.

**128.4(6)** In any operation likely to cause greater discomfort than the attending anesthetization, the dog shall first be anesthetized and be maintained in that condition until the operation is ended. Whenever anesthesia would defeat the purpose of the experiment, the experiment must be approved and directly supervised by the principal person in charge of the research as named in 128.1(145B).

**641—128.5(145B) Investigation of noncompliance.** An institution reporting to a public body the noncompliance of any pound with the provisions of Iowa Code chapter 145B shall forthwith send a duplicate of such notice or report to the department. The department will make such investigation as is

necessary, and notify the complaining institution and the public body receiving the report of the result of such investigation.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code section 145B.2.

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