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Case Number	143266
Inspection Type	
☐ Complaint	☒ Follow-up
☐ Routine	☐ Pre-Licensing
☐ Re-inspection \$400	

DOG SELLER INSPECTION REPORT

s. 173.41, Wis. Stats. Ch. ATPC 16, Wis. Admin. Code

LICENSE NUMBER 267262		DATE OF INSPECTION 09-16-2024	
The entity is:	☐ An animal control facility	☐ An animal shelter	☒ A dog breeder
		☐ A dog dealer	☒ A research facility
LEGAL ENTITY Ridglan Farms, Inc.		DOING BUSINESS AS (if different) Ridglan Farms, Inc.	
LOCATION ADDRESS STREET 10489 W BLUE MOUNDS RD		CITY Blue Mounds	STATE WI
		ZIP 53517	
BUSINESS PHONE: (608) 437-8670		EMAIL ridglan@mhtc.net	
Is there an active variance in place for this dog seller?			Yes
More than one location under this license?			No
Does this entity operate more than one licensed location? (separate licenses)			No
Other locations at which dogs are kept or raised by another non licensed entity? (HCPs)			No

I. GENERAL LICENSE REQUIREMENTS S. ATPC 16.02

Check the appropriate box for **Compliant (C)**, **Non-Compliant (N/C)** or **Not Applicable (N/A)** with State regulations.

1. Dog Seller license is posted in a prominent place.	(4)	Compliant
2. Dog Seller license number is in advertisements.	(5)	Compliant
3. Dog seller has posted in a prominent place a copy of the most recent inspection report related to that location [16.12(5)(b)]		Compliant

II. RECORD KEEPING S. ATPC 16.14

1. Records present and in written or readily readable electronic form.	(1)	Compliant
2. Records retained for at least 5 years and made available to the department.	(1)	Compliant
3. Complete records are kept of each location at which dogs are kept: If noncompliant, check the items that were OMITTED from the records ☐ Address of each location where dogs are kept ☐ Name of individual responsible for administering that location ☐ Name and address of home custody provider, if applicable	(2)	Compliant
4. Complete records are kept for each dog, including dog(s) the person keeps with a home custody provider: 3)(a)-(i) If noncompliant, check the items that were OMITTED from the records ☐ Breed of dog recorded ☐ Sex of dog recorded ☐ Date of birth or approximate age recorded ☐ Color of dog recorded ☐ Distinct markings on dog recorded ☐ Official individual animal identification (tag, tattoo, microchip) and any other ID, if any assigned ☐ Statement that the dog was born under license holder's custody or legal control, if that is the case		Compliant

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.

Completing this form is mandatory per s. ATPC 16.12(5)(a) and (b). Failure to comply may be subject to civil forfeitures and/or imprisonment.

If dog was not born under the license holder's custody/control, all of the following: (check info omitted) ☐ Date on which license holder acquired custody or control ☐ Name and address of person from whom dog was acquired ☐ Person's USDA animal care facility license or registration number (if any) If dog is no longer under the license holder's custody or control, all of the following: (check info omitted) ☐ Date on which the dog left custody/control of licensee ☐ Disposition of dog ☐ Identity of the person whom assumed custody / control ☐ CVI that accompanied dog when it entered or left the licensee's custody/control Vaccination information ☐ Vaccine Manufacturer ☐ Vaccine Serial Number ☐ Vaccine Lot Number ☐ Date of vaccine administration ☐ Person who administered vaccine Other information ☐ Breed registration records kept, if applicable ☐ Health records including treatment and observation that occurred & who administered the healthcare	
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III. DOG IMPORTS, s. ATCP 16.19, 10.80		
1. Dogs imported to Wisconsin ATCP 10.80 If noncompliant, check the items that were NOT COMPLIANT ☐ Dog is accompanied by a valid CVI ☐ Dog has a current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian ☐ A veterinarian statement, signature and date of signature ☐ Valid issuance and expiration dates.		Compliant

IV. DOGS SOLD / CVI REQUIRED, s. ATCP 16.15, 16.16, 16.18		
1. Records present and in written or readily readable electronic form.	(1)	Compliant
2. CVI is a valid form provided or approved by the department.	ATCP 16.16(3)	Compliant
3. Dogs sold are accompanied by a valid CVI provided or approved by the Department containing all of the following information ATCP 16.16(1)&(4)(a)-(h) If noncompliant, check the items that were OMITTED from the records: ☐ Name and address of seller. (4)(a) ☐ The number, breed, sex and age of dog(s). ☐ Whether the dog is spayed, neutered or sexually intact. Vaccinations administered by the veterinarian completing the CVI, including the following:(check info omitted) ☐ The type of vaccine ☐ The manufacturer of the vaccine ☐ The serial and lot numbers of the vaccine ☐ The date administered & veterinarian administering the vaccine Other requirements: ☐ If dog was imported to Wis., it must have a CVI. ☐ A veterinarian statement, signature and date of signature. ☐ Valid issuance and expiration dates. ATCP 16.16(5)		Compliant
4. The CVI is distributed to buyer, seller and issuing veterinarian.	ATCP 16.15(1) & 16.16(6)	Compliant
5. Re-issued CVIs are valid and new seller keeps a copy and provides a copy to the buyer.	(7)(a)	Compliant
6. CVI incorporating information from prior CVI includes a statement identifying prior CVI, and is issued by a veterinarian. (the pertinent info incorporated from prior certificate on this certificate has been copied from)	(7)(b)	Compliant
7. CVI is only written or updated by a veterinarian		Compliant

V. DOG CARE; GENERAL ATCP 16.20		
1. Food and water		
If noncompliant, check the items that were NOT COMPLIANT (1)(a)-(f) ☐ Feeding frequency adequate (at least once a day). ☐ Size of ration and nutritional content adequate (based on dog's age, condition, size, weight). ☐ Wholesome, uncontaminated, palatable & stored properly. ☐ Amount and quality of fresh water adequate. ☐ Food and water containers suitable ☐ Adequate sanitization of food and water containers (at least once a week)		Compliant
2. Animal health and veterinary care		
If noncompliant, check the items that were NOT COMPLIANT (2)(a)-(f) ☐ Dogs are handled properly and in a humane manner ☒ Daily body, mobility and behavior checks are completed by caretaker ☐ Dogs suspected of communicable disease are isolated ☐ Dogs are adequately groomed to maintain health, comfort, and welfare ☒ Dogs are examined by a licensed veterinarian for adequate health care and licensee adheres to veterinarian recommendations ☐ Sick or injured dogs receive timely veterinarian care or humanely euthanized		Non-Compliant
3. Exercise		
If noncompliant, check the items that were NOT COMPLIANT (4) ☐ Daily access to exercise area is provided where a running stride can be achieved ☐ Dogs are not left unattended while performing repetitive physical activity (treadmill) unless for good cause		Compliant
4. Dog grouping and separation		
If noncompliant, check the items that were NOT COMPLIANT (5)(a)-(d) ☐ Compatible grouping of dogs ☐ Females in season appropriately separated from intact males ☐ Aggressive dogs are separated ☐ Puppies under 4 months appropriately separated		Compliant
5.. Behavior and socialization		
If noncompliant, check the items that were NOT COMPLIANT (6)(a)-(e) ☐ Daily contact with other compatible dogs is provided unless there is good cause ☒ Daily positive human contact and socialization provided other than feeding time ☐ Play objects or other forms of inanimate enrichment in primary enclosure is provided unless denied for good cause ☒ Dogs have contact, activity, and enrichment, unless there is good cause ☐ There is a written plan for meeting these behavioral and socialization requirements		Non-Compliant
6. Whelping enclosures		
If noncompliant, check the items that were NOT COMPLIANT (7) ☐ Enclosure is appropriate for breed ☐ Enclosure has solid floor in area accessible to puppies ☐ Enclosure is tall enough for the dam to stand normally and comfortably ☐ Enclosure is large enough for dam to lie down and stretch out for all puppies to nurse ☐ Enclosure is large enough for the number and temperament of the puppies ☐ Enclosure includes area that is only accessible to and large enough for dam ☐ Enclosure must be indoors unless variance is granted from the department		Compliant

7. Nursery enclosures (weaning-4 months) If noncompliant, check the items that were NOT COMPLIANT (8) ☐ Enclosure is large enough to allow all puppies to turn around, stand up, lie down and exercise normal postural movements ☐ Enclosure is large enough to encourage socialization and exercise ☐ The Enclosure is indoors, unless outdoor temperatures are adequate, there is adequate shade for all dogs in the nursery, and there is no inclement weather	Compliant
8. Temporary enclosure for one dog If noncompliant, check the items that were NOT COMPLIANT (9) ☐ Dog is kept in enclosure for no more than 12 hours ☐ No more than one dog is kept in the enclosure at a time ☐ Enclosure is large enough for the dog (length, height, able to turn around)	Compliant
9. Run or exercise area If noncompliant, check the items that were NOT COMPLIANT (10) ☐ Area is large enough for the dog's size and temperament, considering the number of dogs that may use the area at the same time, and is large enough to achieve a running stride ☐ If outdoors, a shaded area that is large enough to shade all dogs using the area without crowding, during all hours the area is in use.	Compliant
10. Dogs 5 months or older are vaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian or veterinary technician under s.453.05(2)(d) 95.21(2)(a)	Compliant

VI. DOGS KEPT INDOORS ATCP 16.22

1. Primary enclosures If noncompliant, check the items that were NOT COMPLIANT (am) (1)(b) ☐ Enclosure is structurally sound and maintained in good repair ☐ Enclosure has dirt floor (dirt floors are prohibited) ☐ Metal wire mesh floor is coated and has adequate gauge to prevent injury ☐ Floor openings are small enough to prevent dog's foot from passing through ☐ Floor and interior surfaces keep dogs clean, dry, and safe from injuries ☐ Floor and interior surfaces regularly cleaned and sanitized	Compliant
2. Stacked primary enclosures If noncompliant, check the items that were NOT COMPLIANT (1)(c) ☐ Floor of top enclosure is not higher than 52" from floor of room ☐ Stacked arrangement provides for safe dog handling, adequate ventilation and temperature control, easy cleaning and sanitization and inspection. ☐ Front side of stacked enclosures are ventilated and have solid floor, or floor with a solid catch pan, for easy cleaning/sanitization ☐ Stacked enclosures are stable when filled to maximum capacity with dogs	Compliant
3. Primary enclosures for one or more dogs that get at least 30 minutes of exercise a day If noncompliant, check the items that were NOT COMPLIANT (2) ☐ Floor area of enclosure meets size requirements for the largest dog ☐ Floor area of enclosure meets size requirements for additional dogs ☐ Height of enclosure is adequate for tallest dog ☐ Each dog in primary enclosure has access for at least 30 minutes each day to a run or exercise area that complies with ATCP 16.20(10)	Compliant

4. Primary enclosures for one or more dogs that get at least 120 minutes of exercise a day If noncompliant, check the items that were NOT COMPLIANT (3) ☐ No more than one dog is kept in the enclosure ☐ Floor area of enclosure is adequate for the size of dog ☐ Height of enclosure adequate for the size of dog ☐ The dog has access for at least 120 minutes a day to a run or exercise area that complies with ATCP 16.20(10)	Compliant
9. Lighting, temperature and ventilation If noncompliant, check the items that were NOT COMPLIANT (7) ☐ Adequate light for proper care, maintenance and inspection and diurnal lighting cycle ☐ Adequate heating and cooling to protect dogs (based on breed) from temperatures and humidity that may be injurious to their health, facility must be heated to a minimum of 50 degrees Fahrenheit ☐ Adequate fresh or filtered air to maintain health of dogs and minimize odor, drafts, ammonia levels and moisture	Compliant
10. Cleaning and sanitation If noncompliant, check the items that were NOT COMPLIANT (8) ☐ Excreta is removed from primary enclosures and exercise areas daily, or more often as needed ☐ Pests and parasites are controlled as necessary to maintain dog health and comfort ☐ Enclosures and areas cleaned rinsed and sanitized appropriately to be free of dirt, debris and disease hazards, at least once a week ☐ Enclosures are cleaned and sanitized before new dog is placed in it ☐ Dogs are removed from enclosure before it is cleaned and sanitized and are returned to the area after it is dry ☐ Solid surface or bedding is appropriate for breed and maintained in clean, dry condition	Compliant

VII. DOGS KEPT OUTDOORS ATCP 16.24

1. Dogs kept outdoors If noncompliant, check the items that were NOT COMPLIANT (1) ☐ Dog's breed, age, health and physical condition are suited to outdoor temperatures and conditions ☐ Dog is acclimated to outdoor temperatures and variations that may occur	Not-Applicable
2. Outdoor primary enclosure; minimum area and construction If noncompliant, check the items that were NOT COMPLIANT (2)&(3) ☐ Size of primary enclosure meets size requirements for an individual dog ☐ Size of primary enclosure meets size requirements for additional dogs ☐ Enclosure is structurally sound and maintained to protect from injury and escape ☐ Roof or overhead screen of appropriate height	Not-Applicable
3. Shelter, shade and windbreak If noncompliant, check the items that were NOT COMPLIANT (4) ☐ Outdoor primary enclosure contains at least one dog shelter that complies with dog shelter requirements below ☐ Primary enclosure has adequate shade to protect all dogs, without crowding, from direct sunlight at times when heat stress may occur. ☐ Primary enclosure has windbreak adequate to shelter all dogs from wind.	Not-Applicable
4. Dog shelter If noncompliant, check the items that were NOT COMPLIANT (3m) & (5) ☐ Outdoor primary nursery enclosures comply with ATCP 16.20(8) ☐ Outdoor temporary enclosures comply with ATCP 16.20(9) ☐ Outdoor primary enclosures are moisture and windproof, insulated to protect against cold, is made of durable material and has 4 sides, a roof and flat, solid, moisture-proof floor, or a floor raised at least two inches from the ground ☐ Interior is accessible by all dogs in primary enclosure ☐ Large enough to accommodate all dogs without crowding ☐ Tall enough for largest dog to stand normally ☐ Constructed and maintained to prevent injury, provide protection from predators, and to allow dogs to retain or dissipate body heat and remain dry and clean	Not-Applicable

5. Tethering (6) If noncompliant, check the items that were NOT COMPLIANT ☐ Dog is of a breed that can tolerate tethering ☐ Dog can tolerate tethering based on age, health and physical condition ☐ Dog can easily enter and lie down in a dog shelter that complies with the dog shelter requirements above ☐ Dog is not pregnant or nursing ☐ Tether cannot become entangled with any object ☐ Tether has an anchor swivel ☐ Tether is at least 6 feet long and of sufficient length for the size of dog ☐ Tether is attached to a non-tightening collar or harness of sufficient size ☐ Tether is used for a dog at an animal control facility or shelter for no more than 4 hours a day, complies with tethering requirements, and has caretaker on premises	Not-Applicable
6. Runs and Exercise Areas (7) If noncompliant, check the items that were NOT COMPLIANT ☐ Dogs kept outdoors have access to a run or exercise area compliant with ATCP 16.20(10) for 30 minutes or more each day	Not-Applicable
7. Facility maintenance (8) If noncompliant, check the items that were NOT COMPLIANT ☐ Facilities maintained to protect health and safety of dogs ☐ Excreta removed daily from outdoor primary enclosures, exercise areas, and other holding areas, or more often as necessary for health and comfort of all dogs. ☐ Pests and parasites controlled as necessary to maintain dog health and comfort ☐ Bedding maintained in clean, dry condition or bedding is not provided but solid resting place is appropriate for dog's breed, age, health and physical condition ☐ Interior surfaces of outdoor shelters that cannot be cleaned and sanitized are replaced when worn or soiled ☐ Primary enclosures and other dog holding areas are cleaned and sanitized, where possible. Dogs are removed from enclosures before cleaning, and are only returned after the area is dry	Not-Applicable
VIII. TRANSPORTING DOGS ATCP 16.26	
1. Portable enclosures (3) If noncompliant, check the items that were NOT COMPLIANT ☐ Constructed of water-resistant and cleanable material ☐ Designed to keep all dogs clean and dry ☐ Designed to protect the health and safety of dogs ☐ Has ventilation openings to ensure dogs' comfort ☐ Securely closes when in use ☐ Cleaned and sanitized between use and more often as necessary When on a transport vehicle, the enclosure must be: ☐ Positioned so each dog has access to sufficient air for normal breathing ☐ Positioned for emergency removal of dogs ☐ Positioned to protect all dogs from the elements ☐ Positioned to protect dogs from excreta falling from above ☐ Secured to prevent reasonably foreseeable movement that may injure dogs	Compliant

2. Care of dogs during transport If noncompliant, check the items that were NOT COMPLIANT (2) ☐ Dogs protected from hypothermia and hyperthermia (heated/cooled if necessary) ☐ Adequate space to turn, stand and lie down (except in transport for training, trialing and hunting) ☐ Access to food at least once a day and adequate access to water ☐ Dogs separated from each other, if necessary (females in season, aggressive dogs, puppies) ☐ Dogs visually inspected every 4 hours ☐ Dogs are removed from vehicle at least every 12 hours to urinate, defecate and exercise (unless vehicle is equipped for such needs) ☐ Dogs are removed from vehicle in a timely fashion upon reaching destination	Compliant
3. Transport vehicles If noncompliant, check the items that were NOT COMPLIANT (3) ☐ Vehicle is equipped to provide fresh or filtered air without injurious drafts to dogs ☐ Cargo space construction and maintenance adequate to minimize the ingress of exhaust from the vehicle	Compliant

IX. PROHIBITED CONDUCT ATCP 16.28		
1. Prevented DATCP employee from performing his/her duties (1)	Compliant	
2. Physically assaulted a DATCP employee (2)	Compliant	
3. Refused or failed to produce required records or responded to department subpoena or investigative demand (without just cause) (3)	Compliant	
4. Violated s. 95.13 (misrepresenting breeds) or 95.19 (diseased animals), Stats (4)	Compliant	
5. Accepted custody or control of a dog from any person knowing that person is required to be licensed as a dog seller unless all of the following apply: (5) ☐ Person took control of the dog to protect its health, safety or welfare ☐ The person notified the department	Compliant	
6. Convey custody or control of a dog to a person who is required to be licensed, but has failed to obtain the required license (6)	Compliant	

THIS FORM WAS PROVIDED TO THE OWNER VIA:	☒ EMAIL ☐ US MAIL	DATE: 09-23-2024
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Inspector: Chris Ondercin

Inspector's summary on final page

INSPECTOR COMMENTS / NOTES

Business and Facility Details:

Number of dogs present: 3,222 (at time of 6/6/24 routine inspection)

Breeds Present: Beagles

Accompanied by Companion Animal Inspector Ryan Price

Inspection Notes and Summary of Non-Compliance (if any):

Follow-up due to non-compliance identified during routine inspection on 6/6/24.

Non-compliance identified during follow-up inspection:

ATCP16.20(2)(b) The responsible caretaker on the premises, or an individual implementing a caretaker's oral or written instructions, shall perform daily body, mobility, and behavior checks on each dog.

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ATCP 16.20(2)(e) A licensed veterinarian shall examine each dog as often as necessary to ensure adequate health care. The examining licensed veterinarian shall use appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries. The license holder shall follow the veterinarian's recommendations.

- I observed a dog identified as FVC-0 / inside enclosure 737/739 that was limping while moving through the enclosure, not bearing any weight on the right front leg. Two partially healed scratches and/or puncture wounds and swelling were present on the leg near the carpal joint. No documentation of the injury was present on the enclosure card or the whiteboard documenting ongoing or necessary treatment(s). Ridgland representative stated no treatment had yet been provided and the injury "probably" would have been observed today. The second dog present in the same enclosure (FJA-9) appeared to have partially healed puncture / scratch marks on the snout. A Ridgland representative on 9/20/24 responded to a request for follow up - "The enclosure numbers for the two dogs you asked about are 737 and 739. FVC-0 is the dog that had the small cut on its leg. Today there is a small scab present and she is normal in all other aspects. I attached a picture of the healed leg. Her pen mate is FJA-9."

Pursuant to ATCP 16.20(3)(c)(4): 9 CFR Chapter I, Subchapter A, § 3.1(f): Drainage and waste disposal. Housing facility operators must provide for regular and frequent collection, removal, and disposal of animal and food wastes, bedding, debris, garbage, water, other fluids and wastes, and dead animals, in a manner that minimizes contamination and disease risks. Housing facilities must be equipped with disposal facilities and drainage systems that are constructed and operated so that animal waste and water are rapidly eliminated and animals stay dry. Disposal and drainage systems must minimize vermin and pest infestation, insects, odors, and disease hazards. All drains must be properly constructed, installed, and maintained. If closed drainage systems are used, they must be equipped with traps and prevent the backflow of gases and the backup of sewage onto the floor. If the facility uses sump or settlement ponds, or other similar systems for drainage and animal waste disposal, the system must be located far enough away from the animal area of the housing facility to prevent odors, diseases, pests, and vermin infestation. Standing puddles of water in animal enclosures must be drained or mopped up so that the animals stay dry. Trash containers in housing facilities and in food storage and food preparation areas must be leakproof and must have tightly fitted lids on them at all times. Dead animals, animal parts, and animal waste must not be kept in food storage or food preparation areas, food freezers, food refrigerators, or animal areas.

- In several buildings within the facility, the drainage systems are not constructed and/or operated so that animal waste is rapidly eliminated. Excess excreta, low spots where waste and wash water accumulates and becomes stagnant were consistent in the catch pans beneath the second-level enclosures where adult dogs were kept, and on the concrete flooring beneath the first level enclosures - with the exception of the pre-shipment / order dogs area and the whelping rooms. A film of organic waste material was present on the concrete flooring beneath the enclosures throughout the facility.

ATCP 16.20(6)(b) All dogs shall have daily positive human contact and socialization, not limited to feeding time.

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ATCP 16.20(6)(d) Dogs may not be deprived of contact, activity, or enrichment under this section for extended periods, except for good cause.

- Pursuant to observations during the routine inspection (CA 99107) and the follow up inspection, dogs within the facility are not receiving daily human positive contact and socialization. During the routine inspection and the follow-up inspection, injuries apparent to DATCP staff were unidentified and untreated.

- Ridgland farms has approximately 3,200 dogs present within the facility, and approximately 16 full time employees (at the time of the 6/6/24 routine inspection, not including manager and lead veterinarian). Three of these sixteen employees' duties primarily consist of dog socialization. All dogs within the facility are not receiving daily positive human contact and/or socialization, not limited to feeding time.

INSPECTOR COMMENTS / NOTES

Inspection Notes and Summary of Non-Compliance (if any) - continued:

Pursuant to ATCP 16.20(3)(c)(4): 9 CFR Chapter I, Subchapter A, § 3.2(b): Ventilation. Indoor housing facilities for dogs and cats must be sufficiently ventilated at all times when dogs or cats are present to provide for their health and well-being, and to minimize odors, drafts, ammonia levels, and moisture condensation. Ventilation must be provided by windows, vents, fans, or air conditioning. Auxiliary ventilation, such as fans, blowers, or air conditioning must be provided when the ambient temperature is 85 °F (29.5 °C) or higher. The relative humidity must be maintained at a level that ensures the health and well-being of the dogs or cats housed therein, in accordance with the directions of the attending veterinarian and generally accepted professional and husbandry practices.

- Due in part to the 9 CFR Chapter I, Subchapter A, § 3.1(f) violation (excess waste accumulation) and inadequate air circulation, odors observed by the inspection team from stagnant pools of moisture and excess excreta had not improved since the routine inspection.
- Most wall-mounted exhaust fans and their adjacent surfaces (louvers, fan blades, casing and ingress points) within the facility were coated with organic material, restricting air movement.

Areas of concern:

- In some enclosures where gaps exist between adjacent coated wire flooring panels, organic matter/fecal matter was present in the gaps
- In one enclosure with dogs present a hole was found in the coated wire flooring in the pre-shipment / order dog area
- In three enclosures in the pre-shipment / order dog area, the coating of the flooring panels had worn in several spots, leaving exposed wire present