



December 26, 2019

Dear Licensee,

Earlier this year, the Iowa Department of Agriculture (IDALS) updated the rules found in Iowa Administrative Code 21 Chapter 67 – Animal Welfare Rules, which apply to all licensed Animal Welfare Commercial Establishments in Iowa.

As current license holders doing business under this Iowa Administrative Code 21 Chapter 67, you are highly encouraged to review the newly adopted rules which go into effect on **January 8, 2020**. The new rules can be found at [iowaagriculture.gov/animal-industry-bureau/animal-welfare](http://iowaagriculture.gov/animal-industry-bureau/animal-welfare).

IDALS understands that it will take some time for licensees to become fully compliant with the new rules and a grace period will be granted. IDALS Animal Welfare staff, including the Livestock Inspectors, will work with all licensees over the next few months to help them achieve compliance with the new rules. The new rules will not be enforced until June 8, 2020. However, any existing rules that were not changed will continue to be enforced.

The goal of these changes is to ensure the health and welfare of animals within all licensed commercial establishments and the continued safety of the general public. Please feel free to reach out to your Livestock Inspector, Jaime Carter – Administrative Assistant for the Animal Welfare Program ([Jaime.Carter@IowaAgriculture.gov](mailto:Jaime.Carter@IowaAgriculture.gov), 515-281-6358) or Dr. Katie Rumsey – Assistant State Veterinarian ([Katie.Rumsey@IowaAgriclture.gov](mailto:Katie.Rumsey@IowaAgriclture.gov), 515-725-1023) with any questions or concerns.

We appreciate what you do and the high standards of care given to your animals every day. Thank you.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katie Rumsey", with a long, sweeping underline that extends across the text below.

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