

# **Dog and Cat Breeder Regulations Signed Into Law**

Animals and pet owners are better protected from bad federally licensed commercial establishments, which breed and care for cats and dogs because legislation now allows them to be inspected by state inspectors. Under House File 2280, establishments can be inspected by state inspectors concerning the welfare of the animals.

The inspection cannot take place unless a complaint has been filed with the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship. The person making the complaint must give their name, address, and telephone number. The complaints remain confidential, unless raised in a court case or unless the complaint was made by an organization and not an individual.

House File 2280, signed by the Governor, went into effect on March 9, 2010.