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Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délai - Kein Fristbeginn - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nezahajuje prodlení - Fristerne indledes ikke - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - No abre el plazo - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Ne otvara razdoblje kašnjenja - Nem nyitja meg a késésekét - Non fa decorrere la mora - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Atlikšanas laikposms nesākas - Ma jiftaħ il-perijodi ta' dewmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Não inicia o prazo - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nezačína oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Inleder ingen frist - Ní osclaíonn sé na moilleanna

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4. 2025/0101/DK - C90A - Well-being of animals and pets

5. Draft Order on minimum animal welfare requirements for the keeping of dogs.

6. The draft Order concerns minimum animal welfare requirements for the keeping of dogs.

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8. This is an amendment to an existing Order. A completely new section is proposed in the Order, which firstly contains a general provision on the instances where dogs may not be used for breeding, as well as a ban on the inbreeding of dogs.

General welfare requirements for bitches used for breeding are also included. This lays down, inter alia, rules on the earliest time a bitch may be mated for the first time. In addition, requirements include, inter alia, that a bitch may give birth to no more than 5 litters of puppies in her lifetime, that a bitch that has undergone two caesarean sections may no longer be used for breeding, and that a bitch over eight years old may only be used for breeding if a veterinarian certifies that this is justifiable in relation to the bitch's welfare and health.

In addition, provisions that contain requirements for screening for specific diseases/conditions in dogs of certain breeds have been inserted, as well as a ban on using those dogs in breeding that do not meet the screening requirements for the individual diseases.

The provisions cover both commercial dog breeding (kennels) and private dog owners who breed puppies.

The provisions do not cover dogs imported from the EU or third countries.

The draft Order also proposes a new and stricter provision on the tethering of dogs, replacing the previous provision on tethering. Finally, it is proposed that an existing ban on spiked collars for dogs be extended to include collars with blunt metal studs on the inside.

The amendments concerning tethering and collars have also been proposed in the light of the agreement on animal welfare.

9. In the Order on minimum animal welfare requirements for the keeping of dogs, a new section on the breeding of dogs is inserted. The provisions aim to counteract the extreme breeding of certain dog breeds and to ensure the general welfare of breeding bitches.

The new provisions have a political background in the Danish Government's agreement with the parties to the agreement on animal welfare 2024-2027, 'Sammen om dyrene' ('Together for the animals').

The agreement includes an initiative dealing with the extreme breeding of pets. The initiative states, inter alia, that: 'The parties to the agreement agree that criteria must be laid down for when one may and may not breed pets, in order to avoid genetic diseases and certain particular characteristics that give rise to welfare and health problems. Criteria for breeding shall be laid down in the Order.'

At present, only provisions covering dogs are proposed.

References of the basic texts:

In particular, reference is made to Consolidation Act No 33 of 14 January 2025, Section 34, under which the Minister for Food, Agriculture and Fisheries may lay down rules on the breeding of family and pet animals, including prohibitions on this.

10. References of the basic texts:

11. No

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13. No

14. No

15. No

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TBT aspects: No

SPS aspects: No

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