



# BRUCELLA CANIS: MAINTAINING A FREE KENNEL



## TESTING FREE

### New Dog Introductions

- Test immediately upon arrival
- Strictly quarantine away from all other dogs
- Retest after 8-12 weeks of strict isolation
- Only allow to interact with your other dogs after both tests return negative

### Breeding Animals

- Use artificial insemination, if possible
  - Test males within 3 weeks prior to breeding
- If you must use live cover
  - Test both male and female within 3 weeks prior to breeding
  - Test all dogs bred by outside animals every 3-6 months

## BIOSECURITY

- Restrict human, animal and pest access to your facility
- Anyone who has had contact with outside dogs must:
  - Wash their hands
  - Change their clothes and shoes

## HOW TO TEST

[See the \*Brucella canis\* Testing Guidance Document](#)

## HUSBANDRY

### Maintain a closed facility

- All dogs entering must undergo the new dog isolation and testing
- Any dog who leaves (other than for a scheduled c-section) must follow the same isolation and testing to reenter

### Make an isolation area

- Completely separate from other dog areas.
- Feed, clean, and exercise these animals last
- Change clothes and shoes, wash hands or wear gloves

### Cleaning and Disinfection (3 step process)

- Remove solids
- Clean with a degreaser and scrub to remove and prevent biofilm formation
- Disinfect

## HAVE QUESTIONS OR WANT ADVICE?

Please contact the State Veterinarian's Office. We are here to help.