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Nebraska Legislature Discussing Dog Breeding Regulations  
LINCOLN, neb. (AP) \_ A measure to tighten the rules that dog breeders in Nebraska must follow is advancing through the state Legislature.

Lawmakers on Wednesday voted 36-0 to send the bill to the next level of debate.

Sen. Tom Carlson of Holdrege is the chairman of the Agriculture Committee. He says the bill is a compromise that includes input from the state Department of Agriculture, the Nebraska Humane Society and dog breeders.

The bill would require that dog breeders keep individual animal health records. Breeders must also give their dogs physical and dental exams once every three years.

The plan includes rules on appropriate exercise areas for dogs and for animal identification using both traditional methods and electronic microchips.

Lawmakers say the bill would improve the lives of dogs in commercial breeding facilities.

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