



# CANINE CARE CERTIFIED — FIVE PILLARS OF CARE

Any professional breeder or animal caretaker must address the basic necessities of care for all animals, including access to nutritious food and fresh water; veterinary care when needed; and safe, secure shelter in a clean, sanitary environment.

The Canine Care Certified program provides additional measures of assurance that a dog or puppy is raised in an environment that positions the animal for success in transitioning to home life. The program requires mandatory compliance by professional breeders with best canine care practices.

Certified breeders must comply with standards for care of adult dogs and puppies that far exceed current regulatory programs as designated under the following five pillars of care.



## PHYSICAL HEALTH

- Surgeries only by a veterinarian
- Genetic testing and health screening
- Comprehensive physical health plans (preventative and treatment)
- Regular dental care
- Regular grooming



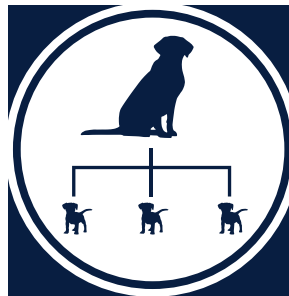
## ENVIRONMENT

- Enhanced quality and quantity of space
- Mandatory enrichments
- Unfettered daylight access to outdoors
- Access to multiple flooring surfaces
- No stacked housing



## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

- Behavioral wellness plan (prevention and treatment)
- Exercise
- Socialization requirements for parent dogs and puppies
- Scientific behavior monitoring
- Positive caretaker interaction



## BREEDING LIFE & RETIREMENT

- Breeder dog age limits (onset and termination)
- Retirement and/or rehoming
- No convenience euthanasia
- No sale of retired dogs for research
- Limits on litter numbers



## CARETAKER EXPECTATIONS

- Mandatory education (including animal welfare)
- Transparency
- Mandatory compliance with best practices
- Low-stress handling
- Third-party audit participation