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Licensing Rule: Watering Standards

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This page provides a general overview of the watering standards covered under the changes to the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) that were published in the Federal Register on May 13, 2020. The rule takes effect on November 9, 2020. These changes aim to promote compliance, reduce licensing administrative burdens, and strengthen safeguards to ensure humane care for animals covered under the AWA.

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Summary of Changes to Watering Standards

Section §3.10 of the new AWA regulations outlines the watering requirements for dogs and cats. Under the new requirements, dogs must have continuous access to potable water at all times.

As a reminder, all water receptacles for dogs and cats must be kept clean and sanitized and meet the cleaning standards listed under section §3.11(b).

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