

Improving canine welfare in commercial breeding operations: evaluating rehoming candidates and practices

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Findings

- Assessed the behavior of dogs for risk of transition problems during rehoming using a 4-step stranger approach test. Based on the results of this test, 41.7% of the dogs assessed were at risk.
- Physical health metrics including nasal and ocular discharge, sneezing, coughing, wounds, sores and lameness were collected with few adverse severe health conditions identified. Most common findings were ocular discharge (32.5% of dogs) and tear staining (27.9% of dogs).
- The majority of dogs assessed were found to be clean.

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