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956.15 Denial of application.

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(A) The director of agriculture shall deny an application for a license that is submitted under section [956.04](#) or [956.05](#) of the Revised Code for either of the following reasons:

(1) The applicant for the license has violated any provision of this chapter or a rule adopted under it if the violation materially threatens the health or welfare of a dog.

(2) The applicant, in the past twenty years, has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to violating section [959.01](#), [959.02](#), [959.03](#), [959.13](#), [959.131](#), [959.15](#), or [959.16](#) of the Revised Code or an equivalent municipal ordinance, law of another state, or law of the federal government or, in the past twenty years, has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to violating more than once section [2919.25](#) of the Revised Code or an equivalent municipal ordinance, law of another state, or law of the federal government.

(B) The director may suspend or revoke a license issued under this chapter for violation of any provision of this chapter or a rule adopted or order issued under it if the violation materially threatens the health and welfare of a dog.

(C) An application or a license shall not be denied, suspended, or revoked under this section without a written order of the director stating the findings on which the denial, suspension, or revocation is based. A copy of the order shall be sent to the applicant or license holder by certified mail or may be provided to the applicant or license holder by personal service. In addition, the person to whom a denial, suspension, or revocation applies may request an adjudication hearing under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. The director shall comply with such a request. The determination of the director at an adjudication hearing may be appealed in accordance with section [119.12](#) of the Revised Code, except that the determination may be appealed only to the environmental division of the Franklin county municipal court.

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