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AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law and the general business law, in relation to the care and sale of dogs and cats by pet dealers

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 401 of the agriculture and
2 markets law is amended by adding a new paragraph (h) to read as follows:
3 (H) PET DEALERS SHALL DESIGNATE AND PROVIDE AN ISOLATION AREA FOR
4 ANIMALS THAT EXHIBIT SYMPTOMS OF DISEASE OR ILLNESS. THE LOCATION OF
5 SUCH DESIGNATED AREA MUST BE SUCH AS TO PREVENT OR REDUCE THE SPREAD OF
6 DISEASE TO HEALTHY ANIMALS.
7 S 2. Paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) of subdivision 5 of section 401
8 of the agriculture and markets law are relettered paragraphs (b), (c),
9 (d) and (e) and a new paragraph (a) is added to read as follows:
10 (A) ANY PET DEALER DULY LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE SHALL DESIG-
11 NATE AN ATTENDING VETERINARIAN, WHO SHALL PROVIDE VETERINARY CARE TO THE
12 DEALER'S ANIMALS WHICH SHALL INCLUDE A WRITTEN PROGRAM OF VETERINARY
13 CARE AND REGULARLY SCHEDULED VISITS TO THE PET DEALER'S PREMISES. SUCH
14 PROGRAM OF VETERINARY CARE SHALL INCLUDE:
15 (I) THE AVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATE FACILITIES, PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT,
16 AND SERVICES TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE;

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [] is old law to be omitted.

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1 (II) THE USE OF METHODS DETERMINED TO BE APPROPRIATE BY THE ATTENDING
2 VETERINARIAN TO PREVENT, CONTROL, AND RESPOND TO DISEASES AND INJURIES,
3 AND THE AVAILABILITY OF EMERGENCY, WEEKEND, AND HOLIDAY CARE;

4 (III) DAILY OBSERVATION OF ALL ANIMALS TO ASSESS THEIR HEALTH AND
5 WELL-BEING; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT DAILY OBSERVATION OF ANIMALS MAY BE
6 ACCOMPLISHED BY SOMEONE OTHER THAN THE ATTENDING VETERINARIAN WHO HAS
7 RECEIVED THE GUIDANCE IDENTIFIED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (IV) OF THIS PARAGRAPH;
8 AND PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT A MECHANISM OF DIRECT AND FREQUENT COMMUNI-
9 CATION IS REQUIRED SO THAT TIMELY AND ACCURATE INFORMATION ON PROBLEMS
10 OF ANIMAL HEALTH, BEHAVIOR, AND WELL-BEING IS CONVEYED TO THE ATTENDING
11 VETERINARIAN;

12 (IV) ADEQUATE GUIDANCE TO PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN THE CARE AND USE OF
13 ANIMALS REGARDING HANDLING AND IMMOBILIZATION; AND

14 (V) PRE-PROCEDURAL AND POST-PROCEDURAL CARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ESTAB-
15 LISHED VETERINARY MEDICAL AND NURSING PROCEDURES.

16 S 3. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 5 of section 401 of the agriculture
17 and markets law, as added by chapter 259 of the laws of 2000 and as
18 relettered by section two of this act, is amended to read as follows:

19 (c) Within five business days of receipt, but prior to sale of any
20 dog, the pet dealer shall have a duly licensed veterinarian conduct an
21 examination and tests appropriate to the age and breed to determine if
22 the animal has any medical conditions apparent at the time of the exam-
23 ination that adversely affect the health of the animal. For animals
24 eighteen months of age or older, such examination shall include a diag-
25 nosis of any congenital conditions that adversely affect the health of
26 the animal. Any animal [found to be afflicted] DIAGNOSED with a conta-
27 gious disease shall be treated and caged separately from healthy
28 animals.

29 S 4. Section 401 of the agriculture and markets law is amended by
30 adding a new subdivision 7 to read as follows:

31 7. EXERCISE REQUIREMENTS. PET DEALERS SHALL DEVELOP, MAINTAIN, DOCU-
32 MENT, AND IMPLEMENT AN APPROPRIATE PLAN TO PROVIDE ANIMALS WITH THE
33 OPPORTUNITY FOR DAILY EXERCISE. IN DEVELOPING SUCH PLAN, CONSIDERATION
34 SHOULD BE GIVEN TO PROVIDING POSITIVE PHYSICAL CONTACT WITH HUMANS THAT
35 ENCOURAGES EXERCISE THROUGH PLAY OR OTHER SIMILAR ACTIVITIES. SUCH PLAN
36 SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE ATTENDING VETERINARIAN AND THE DEPARTMENT.

37 S 5. Section 753-a of the general business law, as added by chapter
38 259 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:

39 S 753-a. Veterinarian examination. 1. Within five business days of
40 receipt, but prior to the sale of any dog, the pet dealer shall have a
41 duly licensed veterinarian conduct an examination and tests appropriate
42 to the breed and age to determine if the animal has any medical condi-
43 tions apparent at the time of the examination that adversely affect the
44 health of the animal. For animals eighteen months of age or older, such
45 examination shall include a diagnosis of any congenital conditions that
46 adversely affect the health of the animal. Any animal [found to be
47 afflicted] DIAGNOSED with a contagious disease shall be treated and
48 caged separately from healthy animals IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION FOUR
49 HUNDRED ONE OF THE AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS LAW.

50 2. All animals shall be [inoculated] VACCINATED as required by state
51 or local law. Veterinary care appropriate to the species shall be
52 provided without undue delay when necessary. Each animal shall be
53 observed each day by the pet dealer or by a person working under the pet
54 dealer's supervision.

55 3. No pet dealer shall knowingly sell any animal [eighteen months of
56 age or older] that has a diagnosed congenital condition OR CONTAGIOUS

1 DISEASE that adversely affects the health of the animal without first
2 informing the consumer, in writing, of such condition.
3 S 6. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after
4 it shall have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediate-
5 ly, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation
6 necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are
7 authorized to be made on or before such effective date.