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AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to the care of animals

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

1     Section 1. Paragraphs (e), (g) and (h) of subdivision 1 of section 401  
2     of the agriculture and markets law, paragraphs (e) and (g) as added by  
3     chapter 259 of the laws of 2000, and paragraph (h) as added by chapter  
4     110 of the laws of 2012, are amended to read as follows:  
5     (e) The indoor facilities housing the animals shall be provided with  
6     adequate lighting sufficient to permit routine inspection and cleaning  
7     and be arranged so that each animal is protected from excessive illumina-  
8     tion which poses a health hazard to the animal. ANIMAL AREAS MUST BE  
9     PROVIDED WITH REGULAR DIURNAL LIGHT CYCLES OF EITHER NATURAL OR ARTIFICIAL LIGHT.  
10    (g) In the event that a pet dealer has a pregnant or nursing dog on  
11    his or her premises, the pet dealer shall provide a whelping box for  
12    such dog. SEPARATE AND APART FROM THE WHELPING BOX, A PET DEALER SHALL  
13    PROVIDE A PREGNANT OR NURSING DOG WITH A SEPARATE SPACE ACCESSIBLE TO  
14    HER THAT COMPLIES WITH THE STANDARDS SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH (B) OF THIS  
15    SUBDIVISION. EACH NURSING DOG SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH A SUFFICIENT AMOUNT  
16    OF FLOOR SPACE TO NURSE AND CARE FOR HER LITTER.  
17    (h) Pet dealers shall designate and provide an isolation area for  
18    animals that exhibit symptoms of contagious disease or illness. The  
19    location of such designated area must be such as to prevent or reduce  
20    the spread of disease to healthy animals AND MUST OTHERWISE MEET ALL  
21    HOUSING REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.  
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EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 S 2. Subdivision 2 of section 401 of the agriculture and markets law,  
2 as added by chapter 259 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as  
3 follows:

4 2. Sanitation. Housing facilities, including primary enclosures and  
5 cages, shall be kept in a clean condition in order to maintain a healthy  
6 environment for the animal. This shall include removing and destroying  
7 any agents injurious to the health of the animal and periodic cleanings.  
8 PRIMARY ENCLOSURES MUST BE CLEANED DAILY AND SANITIZED AT LEAST ONCE  
9 EVERY TWO WEEKS USING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS: (A) LIVE STEAM UNDER  
10 PRESSURE; (B) WASHING WITH WATER WITH A TEMPERATURE OF AT LEAST ONE  
11 HUNDRED AND EIGHTY DEGREES FAHRENHEIT AND SOAP OR DETERGENT; (C) WASHING  
12 ALL SOILED SURFACES WITH APPROPRIATE DETERGENT SOLUTIONS AND DISINFEC-  
13 TANT OR BY USING A COMBINATION DETERGENT OR DISINFECTANT PRODUCT THAT  
14 ACCOMPLISHES THE SAME PURPOSE WITH A THOROUGH CLEANING OF THE SURFACES  
15 TO REMOVE EXCRETA, FECES, HAIR, DIRT, DEBRIS AND FOOD WASTE SO AS TO  
16 REMOVE ALL ORGANIC AND MINERAL BUILDUP AND TO PROVIDE SANITIZATION,  
17 FOLLOWED BY A CLEAN WATER RINSE. The primary enclosure or cage shall be  
18 constructed so as to eliminate excess water, excretions, and waste mate-  
19 rial. Under no circumstances shall the animal remain inside the primary  
20 enclosure or cage while it is being cleaned with LIVE STEAM, sterilizing  
21 agents or agents toxic to animals or cleaned in a manner likely to  
22 threaten the health and safety of the animal. Trash and waste products  
23 on the premises shall be properly contained and disposed of so as to  
24 minimize the risks of disease, contamination, and vermin.

25 S 3. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 3 of section 401 of the agriculture  
26 and markets law, as added by chapter 259 of the laws of 2000, is amended  
27 to read as follows:

28 (c) [Food] SANITARY FOOD receptacles shall be provided in sufficient  
29 number, of adequate size, and so located as to enable each animal in the  
30 primary enclosure or cage to be supplied with an adequate amount of  
31 food.

32 S 4. Subparagraphs (iv) and (v) of paragraph a of subdivision 5 of  
33 section 401 of the agriculture and markets law, as added by chapter 110  
34 of the laws of 2012, are amended and a new subparagraph (vi) is added to  
35 read as follows:

36 (iv) Adequate guidance to personnel involved in the care and use of  
37 animals regarding handling and immobilization; [and]

38 (v) Pre-procedural and post-procedural care in accordance with estab-  
39 lished veterinary medical and nursing procedures[.]; AND

40 (VI) IN THE CASE OF DEALERS WHO SELL OR OFFER TO SELL TWENTY-FIVE OR  
41 MORE DOGS OR CATS PER YEAR TO THE PUBLIC FOR PROFIT THAT ARE BORN AND  
42 RAISED ON THE DEALER'S RESIDENTIAL PREMISES, ANNUAL VETERINARY EXAMINA-  
43 TIONS, AT A MINIMUM, FOR ALL INTACT ADULT DOGS OR CATS ON SUCH DEALER'S  
44 PREMISES.

45 S 5. Subdivision 7 of section 401 of the agriculture and markets law,  
46 as added by chapter 110 of the laws of 2012, is amended and a new subdi-  
47 vision 8 is added to read as follows:

48 7. Exercise requirements. Pet dealers shall develop, maintain, docu-  
49 ment, and implement an appropriate plan to provide dogs with the oppor-  
50 tunity for daily exercise. In developing such plan, consideration should  
51 be given to providing positive physical contact with humans that encour-  
52 ages exercise through play or other similar activities. Such plan shall  
53 be approved by the attending veterinarian, and [must be made available  
54 to the department upon request] SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE DEPARTMENT BY  
55 MAIL OR ELECTRONIC MEANS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY REGULATIONS IT MAY  
56 PROMULGATE.

1       8. GROOMING. ALL ANIMALS SHALL BE GROOMED REGULARLY TO PREVENT EXCES-  
2 SIVE MATTING OF FUR, OVERGROWN TOENAILS AND FLEA AND TICK INFESTATION.  
3       S 6. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
4 have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or  
5 repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of  
6 this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed  
7 on or before such effective date.