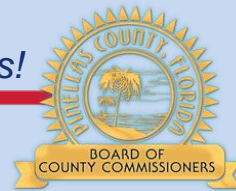




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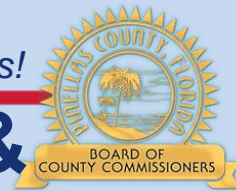


Chapter 14

An ordinance relating to Animal Services

Amending Section 14-26 Definitions

- **Animal Control Code Enforcement Officer** means all employees of the County Department of Animal Services who have successfully completed the minimum standards training course approved by the Florida Animal Control Association
- **Pet Dealer (or Pet Dealership)** means any person who, advertises or engages in the sale of one (1) or more litters of Dogs or Cats per year, to the public. Such term includes breeders of Animals who sell such Animals directly to a consumer. County-operated or city-operated animal services agencies and registered nonprofit humane organizations shall be exempt from this definition.

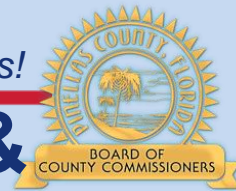


Amending Section 14-29 Pet Dealers & Kennels

- (a) No Kennel shall operate without having a valid Kennel permit issued by the Department.
- (b) Pet Dealers shall be required to obtain a breeder's permit within the time period prescribed by the Department, or, alternatively, rather than obtain a breeder's permit, the Pet Dealer shall have the Dog or Cat that gave birth to the litter(s) sterilized. Failure to obtain a breeder's permit within the time period prescribed by the Department or have the Dog or Cat that gave birth to the litter(s) sterilized within the time period prescribed by the Department, shall result in the issuance of a citation by the Department.
- (c) All permit holders must provide the physical address of the location(s) of all Animals being bred or offered for sale. All locations shall be inspected annually.
- (d) Any person or entity desiring to operate as a Pet Dealer or Kennel shall file a permit application with the Department on such form as provided by the Department.
- (e) All permits issued under this section shall only be valid for a period of one (1) year from the date of issuance or any subsequent renewal.

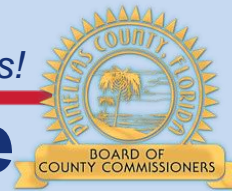
Amending Section 14-29 Pet Dealers & Kennels *(continued)*

- (f) An inspection shall be required prior to any permit issuance or renewal. The renewal inspection period shall extend from sixty (60) days prior to the end of a current permit period until the last day of the current permit period. Notice of the renewal inspection period, including a description of the scope and criteria of the inspection, shall be provided no later than ten (10) days prior to a renewal inspection period, and any effort to seek review by a competent jurisdiction of the intended inspection must be initiated before the renewal period begins. The renewal inspection shall be unscheduled, and may be conducted at any reasonable hour by any Animal Control Code Enforcement Officer, who shall act in accordance with the renewal inspection period notice and at a minimum shall be given access to and the opportunity to inspect and photograph the Animals, premises and records of a Pet Dealer or Kennel to determine compliance with F.S. chs. 767 and 828, as may be amended, and this Article.
- (g) In order to cover administrative and enforcement costs associated with this section, the Board of County Commissioners will establish by resolution annual permitting application fees for Pet Dealers and Kennels. Annual application fees are non-refundable.



Amending Section 14-29 Pet Dealers & Kennels *(continued)*

- (h) A permit issued under this section is nontransferable from one entity or person to another or from one location to another.
- (i) It shall be a violation of this Article if the Pet Dealership or Kennel fails to meet the standards set forth for basic Animal care and facility sanitation as established by the Department, which standards shall be available on the Department's website. A permit holder is responsible for remaining familiar with the most recent standards.
- (j) If there is an unsatisfactory inspection or an ordinance violation, a permit may be suspended or revoked at the discretion of the Director.
- (k) Upon correction of violations and, provided that a satisfactory reinspection is completed, a permit may be reinstated for the duration of the permit period for a reinstatement fee, as established by the Board of County Commissioners.



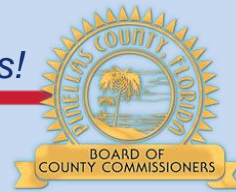
Amending Section 14-38 Irresponsible Pet Owner and 14-39 Bite Incidents

■ Section 14-38 Irresponsible Pet Owner

- Amended list of applicable violations to include 14-39 (Bite Incidents)

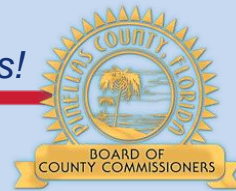
■ Section 14-39 Bite Incidents

- Revised to clarify that victim animal was not at large at time of incident



Amending Section 14-47 Fees and Charges; Administration of Article

Fees and charges relating to licensing, adoption, impoundment, service fees and such other fees deemed necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Article will be established from time to time by the Board of County Commissioners. The Director is authorized to establish programs and procedures as are deemed necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Article. These include, but are not limited to, enforcement actions, vaccination programs, measures to deal with Kennel hazards, education programs, population control programs, licensing procedures, and the implementation of emergency procedures in the event of a disease outbreak or a state of emergency, as defined by Sec. 34-36 of this Code. The Director, with approval from the County administrator or designee, is authorized to waive or modify, but not to increase, the fees established by the Board of County Commissioners, in connection with such programs in order to promote the success or participation in those programs, or as specifically directed by the Board of County Commissioners.



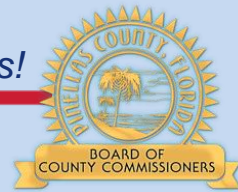
Amending Section 14-62 Guard Dogs

Standardizing registration to be consistent with other license and permit programs. Change from lifetime to annual registration.

Deleted Section 14-36 Animal Control or Cruelty Surcharge and 14-68 Striking or interfering with a law enforcement animal

Amending all sections for clarity, consistency and uniformity. Providing for severability.

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Thank You!