

Sec. 8-10. - Kennels, pet shops and other animal establishments—Licensing generally; exemption from requirement for individual animal licenses.

- (a) *License required; contents; term; transfer.* As set forth in N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.8, any person who keeps or operates or proposes to establish a kennel, pet shop, shelter or pound shall apply annually to the health department for a license entitling the person to keep or operate such establishment. All licenses issued for such establishments shall state the purpose for which the establishment is maintained, shall expire on June 30 of each year, and not be transferable to another owner or different premises.
- (b) *Approval by council.* Prior to the issuance of licenses for the creation of new establishments, the approval of the council shall be obtained.
- (c) *Prohibition.* No pet shop, pet shop operator, kennel or kennel operator shall sell, offer for sale, barter, auction, breed or otherwise improperly dispose of dogs or cats, or both, in the Township of Randolph. This section shall not apply to legally existing nonconforming uses and nothing contained herein shall prohibit a shelter, pound or other non-profit establishment from keeping, displaying, offering for adoption, selling or otherwise transferring any dog or cat that has been seized, rescued or donated.
- (d) *Exemption from requirement for licensing of individual animals.* Any person holding such license shall not be required to secure individual licenses for animals owned by such licensee and kept at such establishment.
- (e) *Applicability of zoning regulations.* Zoning ordinance provisions relating to kennels shall supersede and have priority over the provisions of this section relating thereto.
- (f) *Maximum number of licenses.* The number of kennel licenses issued and outstanding at the same time in the township shall not exceed five. This provision shall not affect renewal of existing licenses.
- (g) All kennels, pet shops, shelters and pounds shall be inspected as per state regulations covering animal facility operations, N.J.A.C. 8:23A-1.1 et seq. The health department shall post the inspection report, with the appropriate corresponding placard in a conspicuous location within the facility after inspection.
- (h) The owners/operators of any pet shop offering for sale any reptiles (including, but not limited to: iguanas, snakes and/or lizards), shall issue to purchasers of reptiles, a "health alert for reptiles" warning notice, as provided by the New Jersey State Department of Health on the possible spread of salmonella as a result of handling reptiles. In addition, the owner/operator will also maintain a file with the purchaser's personal information (name, address and telephone number) and signature acknowledging receipt and comprehension of the warning notice.
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The owner/operators of any pet shop, offering for sale any other animal which is at any time found by the New Jersey State Department of Health to pose a health threat, must notice the purchaser in writing of such health threat with a copy of the notice to the local health department.

- (j) In addition to the state pet shop, kennel licensing fee, there will be a local inspection fee based on the square footage of the premises being inspected. Square footage shall include the entire area utilized by the pet shop and/or kennels both indoors and outdoors. These fees are set forth in appendix A—Fee schedule.
- (k) A reinspection fee necessitated by a conditional or unsatisfactory rating given at an initial inspection shall be in the amount of the original license fee, as established in appendix A—Fee schedule.

(R.O. 1979, § 5-9; Ord. No. 50-97, § 1, 12-4-97; Ord. No. 16-06, § 1, 7-6-2006; Ord. No. 21-14, § 3, 9-4-2014)