ORDINANCE NO. 2016------

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY,
FLORIDA, AMENDING PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE,
CHAPTER 4 (ORDINANCE 98-22, AS AMENDED BY
019, 2011-005 and 2015-027) PERTAINING TO ANIMAL
CARE AND CONTROL, AMENDING SECTION 4-1
(SHORT TITLE); AMENDING SECTION 4-2
(DEFINITIONS); AMENDING SECTION 4-23 (KENNEL,
EXCESS ANIMAL HABITAT, COMMERCIAL BREEDER,
PET DEALER, PET SHOP, GROOMING PARLOR, AND
COMMERCIAL STABLE PERMITS); AMENDING
SECTION 4-26 (ANIMAL AGENCIES); AMENDING
SECTION 4-27 (AGGRESSIVE DOGS, DANGEROUS
DOGS AND VIOLENT DOGS); AMENDING SECTION 4-28
(STERILIZATION PROGRAM FOR DOGS AND CATS);
AMENDING SECTION 4-29 (HOBBY BREEDER
PERMITS); AMENDING SECTION 4-30 (ANIMAL CARE
AND CONTROL SPECIAL MASTER HEARINGS);
PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT;
PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR
SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE
CODE OF LAWS AND ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR
ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY;
PROVIDING FOR CAPTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR
AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 125.01, Florida Statutes, authorizes the Board of County
Commissioners of Palm Beach County to adopt ordinances to protect the health, safety, and
welfare of the citizens and animals of Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its authority, the Board of County Commissioners (the
"Board") enacted Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control Ordinance 98-22, as amended
(“Ordinance”); and

WHEREAS, according to the Humane Society of the United States (“HSUS”),
hundreds of thousands of dogs and cats have been housed and bred at substandard breeding
facilities known as “puppy mills” and “kitten factories” (collectively “Facilities”) that mass-
produce animals for sale to the public; and

WHEREAS, these Facilities engage in mass-breeding with an emphasis on profit over
animal welfare and animals are often housed in overcrowded and unsanitary conditions without
adequate veterinary care, shelter, food, water, grooming, exercise, socialization or affection;
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WHEREAS, many animals produced in these Facilities are purchased by retail pet
shops and pet dealers for sale to the public; and

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WHEREAS, because of the lack of proper animal husbandry practices at many of these Facilities, animals born and raised there are more likely to suffer from health, social and temperament problems that result in costly treatment or even death; and

WHEREAS, health certificates received by the County from local pet shops show that, in 2015, puppies were sold to consumers with conditions ranging from luxating patellas (floating kneecap), inguinal and umbilical hernias, heart murmurs, and open fontanels (soft spot on the skull); and

WHEREAS, County pet shop records reveal that, in 2015, six of the County’s eight pet stores received dogs from Facilities that have been listed on HSUS’s *The Horrible Hundred* list of Facilities with animal welfare violations; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that additional requirements should be placed on existing pet stores and pet dealers to ensure that puppies and kittens are obtained from humane breeders; and

WHEREAS, prohibiting additional pet shops and pet dealers from operating while placing additional requirements on existing pet shops and pet dealers will promote and protect the general health, safety and welfare of the community, protect consumers, and promote the County’s Countdown 2 Zero program whereby no adoptable dog or cat will be at risk of euthanasia; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the Ordinance to revise language pertaining to aggressive, dangerous and vicious dogs for consistency with Chapter 767, Florida Statutes; to prohibit the breeding of cats other than pedigreed cats; to require animal agencies to maintain records regarding the intake and disposition of animals, to provide records to the Division and to allow for inspection of animal agency facilities and records by the Division.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

SECTION 1. CHAPTER 4 (ANIMALS) OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE IS HEREBY AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sec. 4-1. Short Title; applicability.

(a) This chapter shall be designated and may be cited as the "Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control Ordinance of 1998."

(b) The provisions of this Ordinance shall be applicable to the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Palm Beach County, unless a municipal exemption applies. Unless otherwise provided,
nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to relieve any person from compliance with any
applicable county or municipal regulations.

Sec. 4-2. Definitions.

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Adoption means the transfer of ownership of an unwanted, abandoned, abused or stray
animal by a shelter, humane society, private nonprofit animal organization, or animal rescue
organization to an adoptive owner. The term adoption does not include the sale of an animal
for profit.

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Animal rescue organization shall mean any organization engaged in housing dogs or
cats in the County for the purpose of adoption.

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Carrier means the operator of any airline, railroad, motor carrier, shipping line, or other
enterprise that is engaged in the business of transporting any animals for hire.

Class A breeder means a person who holds a class A license issued by the United States
Department of Agriculture pursuant to 7 U.S.C. § 2131, et seq., and regulations promulgated
thereunder.

Class B dealer means a person who holds a class B license issued by the United States
Department of Agriculture pursuant to 7 U.S.C. § 2131, et seq., and regulations promulgated
thereunder.

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Domestic animal shall mean any dog, cat, horse, pony, mule, cow, goat, sheep, pig, fowl,
chicken, goose, duck, or rabbit that is owned by a person or any animal defined in F.S. §
585.01(10), that is owned by a person.

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Finally determined means a determination of a federal agency where all rights to
challenge such determination at available administrative tribunals and courts of law have been
exhausted or the time period within which such challenge may be filed has expired.

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Intermediate handler means any person (other than a dealer, research facility, exhibitor,
any person excluded from the definition of a dealer, research facility, or exhibitor, an operator
of an auction sale, or a carrier as defined in 9 C.F.R. § 1.1), who is engaged in any business in
which he/she receives custody of animals in connection with their transportation in commerce.

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Pet dealer shall mean any person who, in commerce, for compensation or profit engages in
the sale of more than two (2) litters of a dog(s) or cat(s) for use as a pet or twenty (20) dogs or
cats, whichever is greater, per calendar year, but who does not engage in breeding dogs or cats.
This definition excludes humane societies, private not-for-profit animal shelters, private animal
nonprofit organizations, animal rescue organizations and government animal-control shelters.

Pet shop shall be held to include any place of or business where pet/companion animals
(including small animals intended for use as reptile food) are kept for retail or wholesale
purchase. Excluded are those animals regulated and controlled by the State Fish and Wildlife
Conservation Commission. This definition excludes humane societies, private not-for-profit
animal shelters, private animal nonprofit organizations, animal rescue organizations and
government animal-control shelters.

Shelter means a governmentally operated animal care and control facility.

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Sec. 4-23. - Kennel, excess animal habitat, commercial breeder, pet dealer, pet shop,
grooming parlor, and commercial stable permits.

(a) Applicability of this chapter and other laws.

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(2) This section shall not be interpreted to require a permit from a veterinary clinic/hospital
establishment working under the direct authority and control of a veterinary
clinic/hospital, humane society, private animal nonprofit organization, animal rescue
organization, government animal-control shelter, hobby breeder or private stable. All
other animal establishments as defined in this chapter are required to secure a permit.

(b) Permit procedures and requirements.

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(3) The permit is valid for a period of one (1) year from the date of issue, unless otherwise
stated or revoked. The permit shall be renewed annually. Said permit is not
transferable, assignable or refundable except as specifically provided for herein.
Renewal applications for permits shall be made at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date. The Board shall be by resolution establish late fees for untimely permit renewal applications. Failure to timely apply for a permit renewal may result in a lapse in the permit.

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(8) No permit shall be renewed hereunder if an applicant has outstanding and unsatisfied civil penalties imposed due to violations of this chapter.

(8)(9) No permit shall be issued without written approval from the Palm Beach County Zoning Division or the applicable municipal zoning office to confirm that the animal establishment may legally operate at the proposed location.

(9)(10) An animal control officer may conduct an investigation of any complaint concerning any animal establishment within the County.

(10)(11) If an inspection of an animal establishment reveals noncompliance with this chapter, an animal control officer may issue a citation, setting forth the name of the establishment being cited, to owners or managers of an animal establishment. Said citation shall be issued in the name of the animal establishment’s owner and also state the name of the person signing for the owner of the animal establishment.

(11)(12) By notice of adverse action, the Division may deny, revoke or suspend any permit if it is determined that:

a. There has been a material misstatement or misrepresentation in the permit application;

b. The permit holder/applicant has been cited for at least two (2) violations within a one-year period, each resulting in the imposition of a fine;

c. The permit holder/applicant has outstanding and unsatisfied civil penalties imposed due to a violation of this chapter; The permit holder/applicant has failed to pay a fine or to request a hearing in County Court to answer the charges of a citation within thirty (30) days of issuance of the violation;

d. The permit holder/applicant any of his agents or a member of the household if a home-based business has have been convicted of a violation of law involving cruelty to animals;
e. An animal under the care and responsibility of a permit holder/applicant has been
found to be in need of immediate veterinary care that, if not treated, would result
in suffering, pain or death;

f. The permit holder/applicant and/or their his/her/its employees/agents, refuses to
allow the inspection of the premises;

g. The permit holder/applicant or a member of the household if a home-based
business has had a final judgment entered against him/her/it based upon a finding
of animal neglect or mistreatment pursuant to Florida Statutes § 828.073 or
comparable statute; or

h. The permit holder/applicant knowingly employs/employed an employee who
has been convicted of a violation of law involving cruelty to animals or who has
had a final judgment entered against him/her based upon a finding of animal
neglect or mistreatment pursuant to Florida Statutes § 828.073 or comparable
statute.

(12)(43) No permit fee shall be refunded for a permit that is revoked or suspended. For a
permit that is denied after review and inspection, the permit fee shall be refunded as
provided by the Board by resolution.

(13) After November 1, 2016, no new permit shall be approved for any pet shop that offers
for sale dogs or cats. Notwithstanding the foregoing, existing pet shops that offer for
sale dogs or cats may renew their pet shop operating permit or relocate the business
provided they are in compliance with this Ordinance and may transfer, assign or sell
their business provided that the transferee, assignee or new owner meets all
requirements for licensure under this Ordinance. After November 1, 2016, any pet
shop that offers for sale dogs or cats shall not open additional stores.

(14) After November 1, 2016, no new permit shall be approved for any pet dealer that
offers for sale dogs or cats. Notwithstanding the foregoing, existing pet dealers that
offer for sale dogs or cats may renew their pet dealer operating permit or relocate the
business provided they are in compliance with this Ordinance and may transfer, assign
or sell their business provided that the transferee, assignee or new owner meets all
requirements for licensure under this Ordinance. After November 1, 2016, any pet
dealer that offers for sale dogs or cats shall not operate from additional business
premises.

(15) No cat shall be bred unless it is a pedigreed cat registered as such with the Cat
Fancier Association or The International Cat Association. No permit shall be issued
for any commercial cat breeding operation unless the cats to be bred are pedigreed cats
registered as such with the Cat Fancier Association or The International Cat
Association.

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(i) Minimum operational standards for pet shops and pet dealers.

(1) General requirements for pet shops and pet dealers. For the purpose of this section, the
word dog means a dog of any age and the word cat means a cat of any age.

a. For each dog and cat transported into the County from outside of the State of
Florida for sale, the tests, vaccines, and anthelmintics required by this chapter
must be administered by or under the direction of a veterinarian, licensed by the
state of origin and accredited by the United States Department of Agriculture,
who issues the Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI). The tests,
vaccines, and anthelmintics must be administered no more than thirty (30) days
and no less than fourteen (14) days before the dog or cat's entry into the State of
Florida. An OCVI certifying compliance with this chapter must accompany each
dog and cat transported into the State of Florida for sale.

b. Each OCVI shall contain records for only one dog or cat.

cb. No dog or cat imported into the State of Florida for sale shall be offered for sale
without an OCVI issued by a veterinarian licensed in the state of origin.

dc. The following tests, vaccines, and anthelmintics must be administered to each dog
before the dog is offered for sale in the County, unless a licensed, accredited
veterinarian certifies on the OCVI that to inoculate or deworm the dog is not in
the best medical interest of the dog, in which case the vaccine or anthelmintic
may not be administered to that particular dog:

1. Canine distemper.

2. Leptospirosis.
3. Bordetella (by intranasal inoculation or by an alternative method of
administration if deemed necessary by the attending veterinarian and noted
on the health certificate, which must be administered in this State once before
sale).

4. Parainfluenza.

5. Hepatitis.


7. Rabies, provided the dog is over three (3) months of age and the inoculation
    is administered by a licensed veterinarian.

8. Roundworms.


If the dog is under four (4) months of age, the tests, vaccines, and anthelmintics
required by this chapter must be administered no more than twenty-one (21) days
before sale within the County. If the dog is four (4) months of age or older, the
tests, vaccines, and anthelmintics required by this chapter must be administered at
or after three (3) months of age, but no more than one (1) year before sale within
the County.

ed. The following tests, vaccines, and anthelmintics must be administered to each cat
before the cat is offered for sale in the County, unless the licensed, accredited
veterinarian certifies on the OCVI that to inoculate or deworm the cat is not in the
best medical interest of the cat, in which case the vaccine or anthelmintic may not
be administered to that particular cat:

1. Panleukopenia.

2. Feline viral rhinotracheitis.

3. Calici virus.

4. Rabies, if the cat is over three (3) months of age and the inoculation is
    administered by a licensed veterinarian.

5. Hookworms.

6. Roundworms.
If the cat is under four (4) months of age, the tests, vaccines, and anthelmintics required by this section must be administered no more than twenty-one (21) days before sale within the State. If the cat is four (4) months of age or older, the tests, vaccines, and anthelmintics required by this section must be administered at or after three (3) months of age, but no more than one (1) year before sale within the State.

fe. Every dog and cat offered for sale by a pet shop or pet dealer must be accompanied by a current OCVI at all times while being offered for sale within the County. The examining veterinarian must retain one (1) copy of the OCVI on file for at least one (1) year after the date of examination.

gf. Each dog and cat in the possession of a pet shop or pet dealer shall be examined by a veterinarian licensed to practice in Florida no more than thirty (30) days before the sale within the County. The examination must include, but not be limited to, an evaluation for possible congenital defects and contagious diseases and a fecal test to determine if the dog or cat is free of internal parasites, including hookworms, roundworms, tapeworms, and whipworms. If the examination warrants, the dog or cat must be treated with a specific anthelmintic. In the absence of a definitive parasitic diagnosis, each dog or cat must be given a broad spectrum anthelmintic. At the conclusion of the examination, the veterinarian shall complete an OCVI including all medical findings, which shall remain current for a period of thirty (30) days. Each dog and cat in the possession of a pet shop or pet dealer shall be re-examined by a veterinarian every thirty (30) days and the pet shop or pet dealer shall ensure that a current OCVI is completed by the examining veterinarian.

hg. Each dog over six (6) months of age must be tested by a veterinarian for heartworms before being offered for sale and the results of the tests must be listed on the OCVI.

jh. Each cat must be tested by a veterinarian for feline leukemia before being offered for sale and the results of the tests must be listed on the OCVI.
ji. Each dog and cat obtained by the pet shop or pet dealer for the purpose of sale shall be examined by a veterinarian licensed in Florida within two (2) business days of the day the pet shop or pet dealer obtains the dog or cat.

kj. No pet shop or pet dealer shall possess, offer for sale, sell, transport, or arrange for the transportation of any dog or cat that is less than eight (8) weeks of age.

lk. No pet shop or pet dealer shall import a dog into the United States in violation of 7 U.S.C. 2148, Importation of live dogs.

m. Except as provided in Section 4-23(j)(10), it shall be unlawful for any pet shop or pet dealer to display, offer for sale, deliver, barter, give away, transfer or sell any dog or cat from any source that does not hold a valid license issued by the United States Department of Agriculture pursuant to 7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq., or successor provision of law as of the date such pet shop or pet dealer received such dog or cat. Pet shops or pet dealers shall only obtain dogs and cats from:

1. A breeder holding an active class A license issued by the United States Department of Agriculture pursuant to 7 U.S.C. § 2131, et seq. and regulations promulgated thereunder.

2. A dealer holding an active class B license issued by the United States Department of Agriculture pursuant to 7 U.S.C. § 2131, et seq. and regulations promulgated thereunder, and if the class B license holder is not the breeder, obtained the dog or cat from a breeder who is licensed by the United States Department of Agriculture.

3. A transporter holding an active license as a carrier or intermediate handler issued by the United States Department of Agriculture pursuant to 7 U.S.C. § 2131, et seq. and regulations promulgated thereunder and who obtained the dog or cat from a breeder who is licensed by the USDA.

nn. It shall be unlawful for any pet shop or pet dealer to shall obtain a dog or cat from any source, including but not limited to a breeder or dealer, if the source or, an owner, operator or employee of the source:

1. has been convicted of cruelty to animals under any Federal, State or local law.
2. has had a final judgment entered against it/him/her based upon a finding of animal neglect or mistreatment pursuant to Florida Statutes § 828.073 or comparable statute.

3. has been temporarily or permanently enjoined from breeding, selling, handling, transporting or dealing in dogs or cats by any court.

4. whose license/permit issued by any local government, State, or Federal government to breed, sell, handle, transport or otherwise deal in dogs or cats is suspended or revoked.

5. a current license/permit to breed, sell dogs or cats as required by the applicable local, State or Federal law, that has received a finally determined citation for any "direct" noncompliance violation as indicated on any United States Department of Agriculture inspection report at any time during the prior two years.

6. that has received a finally determined citation for failure to provide a United States Department of Agriculture inspector access to property, animals or records as required by 9 C.F.R. § 2.126, unless a subsequent inspection has been performed at which no direct or indirect violations were found by the inspector.

7. that has received three or more finally determined noncompliance citations for violations other than "direct" noncompliance or a violation of 9 C.F.R. § 2.126 at any time during the prior two years.

8. that has received a finally determined repeat noncompliance citation at any time during the prior two years.

9. that has received a finally determined cease and desist order pursuant to 7 U.S.C. § 2149 at any time during the prior two years.

An OCVI must:

1. be signed on the date of examination by the examining veterinarian who is licensed by the state of origin and accredited by the United States Department of Agriculture and must include the veterinarian's license number.
2. show the date of birth, sex, breed, color, EAIID number, if applicable, and health record of the dog or cat examined.

3. contain the printed or typed names and addresses of the person or business from whom the dog or cat was obtained, the consignor or seller, the consignee or purchaser, and the examining veterinarian.

4. for each dog or cat, list all tests performed, the results of all tests performed, all vaccines and deworming medications administered, including the manufacturer, vaccine, type, lot number, expiration date, and the dates of administration thereof.

5. state that the examining veterinarian warrants that, to the best of his or her knowledge, the dog or cat has no sign of contagious or infectious diseases and has no evidence of internal or external parasites, including coccidiosis and ear mites, but excluding fleas and ticks.

6. state whether the examining veterinarian has detected any physical abnormalities or congenital defects in the dog or cat including but not limited to a heart murmur, an umbilical hernia, entropian, an inguinal hernia, patellar luxation and cryptorchidism.

7. be completed in a legible manner.

An OCVI that does not meet the above-cited requirements shall not comply with this chapter. The pet shop or pet dealer shall ensure that the OCVI is properly completed with all relevant information.

8. It shall be a violation of this chapter to falsify any information provided in any OCVI.

9. All dogs and cats offered for sale and copies of OCVI's held by a pet shop, pet dealer or veterinarian are subject to inspection by any agent of the Division, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, any agent of the United States Department of Agriculture, any law enforcement officer, or any agent appointed under Florida Statutes § 828.03.

10. All dogs and cats offered for sale by a pet shop or pet dealer shall be implanted with an electronic animal identification device (EAIID).
(2) Records.

a. Each pet shop and/or pet dealer shall maintain the following written records on each dog and cat offered for sale for a period of not less than two (2) years after disposition of each dog and cat:

1. The name and address, USDA license number and state and local license number, if applicable, of the every breeder, dealer, intermediate handler and carrier that has owned, possessed or handled the dog or cat. If the breeder of the dog or cat is licensed by the United States Department of Agriculture, a state, or a local government to breed, sell or otherwise deal in dogs and cats, the pet shop or pet dealer shall maintain the license number, identification number, or other permit number.

2. The name and address of any other person who or business that owned or possessed the dog or cat from its birth to the point of sale. If such person or business is licensed by the United States Department of Agriculture, a state, or a local government to breed, sell or otherwise deal in dogs and cats, the pet shop or pet dealer shall maintain the license number, identification number, or other permit number.

3. The date the dog or cat was born and the date the pet shop or pet dealer received the dog or cat.

4. The breed, sex, color, and identifying marks of the dog or cat. If the breed is unknown or mixed, the record shall so indicate.

5. If the dog or cat is being sold as capable of registration, the names and registration numbers of the sire and dam and litter number.

6. A copy of each OCVI that has been completed for the dog or cat up to the point of sale.

7. A complete record of any medical treatment or medication provided to or recommended for each dog or cat by a veterinarian and any medical diagnosis made by a veterinarian concerning each dog or cat up to the point of sale. If such information is contained in an OCVI, the OCVI shall be
sufficient; if not, the pet shop or pet dealer shall obtain a copy of each dog or cat's medical records from the veterinarian.

78. A record of any known disease, illness, or congenital or hereditary condition that adversely affects the health of the dog or cat at the time of sale or is likely to adversely affect the health of the dog or cat in the future.

b. For a period of two (2) years from the disposition of each dog and cat, the pet shop or pet dealer shall maintain records specifying the date and nature of disposition of each dog and cat and the name, address, and phone number of the purchaser (or and owner (if different than the purchaser) of each dog or cat.

c. Once per month By the fifteenth (15th) day of the month, each pet shop and pet dealer shall provide the Division with the following records for each dog and cat sold, disposed of or that died during the previous month indicating:

1. a copy of each OCVI that has been completed for such dog or cat; 1. the number of dogs and cats sold or disposed of during the previous month;

2. the name, and physical address (no P.O. boxes), USDA license number and state and local license number, if applicable, of the every breeder, dealer, intermediate handler and carrier that has owned, possessed or handled the dog or cat that transported the dog or cat, dealer, or source from which each dog and cat was obtained;

3. the date each dog and cat was obtained; and

4. the date each dog and cat was sold, died, or was otherwise disposed of by the pet shop or pet dealer; and

5. the name, physical address (no P.O. boxes), and telephone number of the purchaser and or owner (if different from the purchaser) of each dog and cat sold during that month, including the EAID number, breed, color, sex, and age of each dog and cat.

d. If any dog or cat dies while in the possession of a pet shop or pet dealer, the pet shop or pet dealer shall maintain a record of the date of death and known or suspected cause of death. Any dog or cat that dies while being treated by a veterinarian or person at the request of the pet shop or pet dealer shall be
considered in the possession of the pet shop or pet dealer at the time of death. The veterinarian shall specify the date of and known or suspected cause of death on the dog or cat's OCVI. Within fifteen (15) days following the death of a dog or cat, the pet shop or pet dealer shall provide the Division with records reflecting the date and cause of the dog or cat's death. The pet shop or pet dealer shall maintain a copy of such record for a period of two (2) years from the date of the dog or cat's death.

e. Each pet shop and pet dealer shall maintain on the premises all records required by this chapter and shall make such records available to the Division upon request.

f. The failure to maintain complete records on each dog and cat as required by this chapter shall constitute a separate violation as to each record missing or incomplete.

(3) Notices and disclosures to purchasers.

a. Each pet shop and pet dealer shall post conspicuously on the cage or enclosure of each dog and cat offered for sale a written notice in twelve-point sixteen-point or greater type (minimum of 1/4 inch in height) identifying the breed, sex, and date of birth of each dog and cat, any illness found by the veterinarian during the most recent examination, any congenital defect found by any veterinarian who has previously examined the dog or cat, and the name, and address, USDA license number and state and local license number, if applicable, of every breeder, dealer, intermediate handler and carrier that has owned, possessed or handled the dog or cat, of the sources that bred each dog and cat and sold each dog and cat to the pet shop.

b. Each pet shop and pet dealer shall post conspicuously in close proximity to the cages or enclosures where dogs and cats are offered for sale a notice in at least fifty-point type containing the following:

"Notice to consumers: Before purchasing a dog or cat you may request information concerning each dog or cat's health, medical history, and the source from which the dog or cat was obtained. Upon your request, the pet shop or pet
dealer is required to show you these records before you purchase a dog or cat and
to give you a copy of these records when you purchase a dog or cat."

c. At the time of sale, each pet shop and pet dealer shall provide the purchaser with a
written notice in twelve-point or greater type stating:

Pursuant to the Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control Ordinance, every
owner of a dog or cat is required to obtain a license tag for each dog and cat from
the Palm Beach County Division of Animal Care and Control ("Division") or an
authorized veterinarian. The license tag must be renewed every year, and proof of
an up to date rabies vaccination is required to obtain or renew a license tag.

The Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners has determined that the
unintended or uncontrolled breeding of dogs and cats leads to pet overpopulation
at great expense to the community and that every feasible means of reducing the
number of unwanted dogs and cats should be encouraged. The Board of County
Commissioners has also determined that spaying and neutering every dog and cat
is one of the best ways to reduce the number of unwanted pets. Therefore, every
dog and cat in Palm Beach County must be spayed or neutered by the time the
dog or cat is six (6) months old and every cat must be spayed or neutered by the
time the cat is four (4) months old, unless certain exceptions apply.

Every owner of a dog or cat must obtain an annual unaltered license tag from the
Division or a veterinarian for each dog or cat over the age of six (6) months and
every cat over the age of four (4) months that is not spayed or neutered. A dog or
cat with an unaltered license tag cannot be bred unless an appropriate breeding
permit is first obtained from the Division.

No person shall breed any dog or cat in Palm Beach County without first
obtaining a breeding permit.

Contact the Division at (561) 233-1200 or
www.pbcgov.com/publicsafety/animalcare/with questions about regulations
pertaining to your new dog or cat.

The Division shall have the authority to establish an alternative written disclosure
form that includes the essential elements of the written notice provided herein.
d. At the time of sale, each pet shop and pet dealer shall deliver to the purchaser of each dog and cat a written disclosure(s) containing all of the information required in Section 4-23(i)(2)a.1. through 7. the following:

1. The name and physical address (no P.O. boxes) of the breeder of the dog or cat. If the breeder of the dog or cat is licensed by the United States Department of Agriculture, a state, or a local government to breed, sell or otherwise deal in dogs and cats, the pet shop or pet dealer shall maintain the license number, identification number, or other permit number.

2. The name and physical address (no P.O. boxes) of any other person who or business that owned or possessed the dog or cat from its birth to the point of sale. If such person or business is licensed by the United States Department of Agriculture, a state, or a local government to breed, sell or otherwise deal in dogs and cats, the pet shop or pet dealer shall maintain the license number, identification number, or other permit number.

3. The date the dog or cat was born and the date the pet shop or pet dealer received the dog or cat.

4. The breed, sex, color, and identifying marks of the dog or cat. If the breed is unknown or mixed, the record shall so indicate.

5. If the dog or cat is being sold as capable of registration, the names and registration numbers of the sire and dam and litter number.

6. A copy of each OCVI that has been completed for the dog or cat up to the point of sale.

7. A complete record of any medical treatment or medication provided to or recommended for the dog or cat by a veterinarian and medical diagnosis made by a veterinarian concerning the dog or cat up to the point of sale. If such information is contained in an OCVI, the OCVI shall be sufficient; if not, the pet shop or pet dealer shall obtain provide a copy of each dog or cat's medical records from the veterinarian.
8. A record of any known disease, illness, or congenital or hereditary condition that adversely affects the health of the dog or cat at the time of sale, or is likely to adversely affect the health of the dog or cat in the future.

A pet shop or pet dealer shall provide all of the above-cited written disclosures containing all of the information required in Section 4-23(i)(2)a.1 through 7, to the prospective purchaser of each dog or cat for review prior to the purchase upon request. The pet shop or pet dealer shall maintain a copy of the above-cited written disclosures for a period of two years from the date of sale of each dog and cat and shall make such copies available to the Division upon request.

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(10) Exemption for humane societies, private nonprofit animal organizations, animal rescue organizations, and shelters.

a. A pet shop that allows a humane society, private nonprofit animal organization, animal rescue organization or shelter to use the pet shop’s premises for the purpose of making animals available for adoption shall be exempt from the provisions of Subsections (i)(1)(2)(3) and (4) with respect to such animals, provided the pet shop does not have an ownership interest in such animals and the provisions of Section 4-26 are followed. In addition, the pet shop shall post conspicuously on the cage or enclosure of each dog and cat offered for adoption a written notice in twelve-point or greater type identifying the humane society, private nonprofit animal organization, animal rescue organization or shelter from which the dog or cat may be adopted, the breed, the sex, the age, the relevant information known about the dog or cat and that the dog or cat must be sterilized prior to adoption.

b. A pet shop may adopt animals from a humane society, private nonprofit animal organization, animal rescue organization or shelter for the purpose of adopting those animals out through the pet shop. With regard to any animal adopted from a humane society, private nonprofit animal organization, animal rescue organization or shelter for the purpose of adoption through the pet shop, the pet shop shall comply with all requirements found in Section 4-26(a)(2)-(10) and (d). In addition, the pet shop shall post conspicuously on the cage or enclosure of each dog and cat offered for adoption a written notice in...
twelve-point or greater type identifying the humane society, private nonprofit animal
organization, animal rescue organization or shelter from which the dog or cat was
obtained, the breed, the sex, the age, the relevant information known about the dog or cat
and that the dog or cat must be sterilized prior to adoption.

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Sec. 4-26. Animal Agencies.

(a) All Humane societies shall; society requirements.

(1) Shall-Hold stray animals for five (5) days (excluding legal holidays or days the
operation is closed to the public) allowing owners access for identifying and
reclaiming said animals.

(2) Shall-For a period of two (2) years from the date of impoundment of each animal, keep
records of the impoundment and disposition of all each animals received and record
relevant dates, names and addresses of persons from whom each animal was obtained
and to whom each animal-is are released. All such records must be made available to
the Division for inspection and copying upon request. By the fifteenth (15th) day of
the month, provide the Division with the name and address of each person who has
adopted an animal during the previous month and the EAID and license tag number (if
applicable) of such animal.

(3) Shall-Provide dogs and cats released to owners with a rabies inoculation and County
rabies/license tag.

(4) Shall-Provide dogs and cats released to new adopters with:

a. A rabies inoculation and County rabies tag.

b. An electronic animal identification device (EAID) or tattoo. The numbering
system shall be registered with the Division.

(5) Shall-Reasonably assure that adopted dogs are not used as commercial guard dogs.

(6) Shall-assure that animals kept longer than twenty-four (24) hours are maintained in
animal enclosures that are consistent with subsection 4-23(h).

(7) Shall-Contact appropriate agencies for the identification of any animals found with
tattoos, tags or electronic animal identification devices (EAID).

(8) Shall-Comply with section 4-24, Animal care; manner of keeping
(9) Shall—Provide for the sterilization of every adopted dog and cat. Every dog and cat shall be sterilized prior to release, unless a veterinarian licensed to practice in the State of Florida certifies in writing that the dog or cat has a medical condition that would be substantially aggravated by such procedure or would likely cause the dog or cat's death. A dog or cat may be temporarily released to a potential adopter if the adopter agrees in writing to bring the dog or cat to the Humane Society or authorized veterinarian for sterilization as soon as deemed safe by a veterinarian licensed to practice in the State of Florida.

(10) By the fifteenth (15th) day of the month, provide the Division with the following information:

a. Number of animals in its possession or being sheltered. This data shall be provided by species.

b. Number of dog/cats adopted.

c. Number of dogs/cats in foster.

(b) *All Private nonprofit animal organizations and animal rescue organizations shall:*

requirements:

(1) Shall—Comply with section 4-22, Number of animals; acreage restrictions/excess animal habitats.

(2) Shall—Comply with section 4-24, Animal care; manner of keeping.

(3) Shall—Provide dogs and cats released to owners or new adopters with:

a. A rabies inoculation and County rabies/license tag.

b. An electronic animal identification device (EAD) or tattoo. The numbering system shall be registered with the Division.

(4) Shall—Provide for the sterilization of every adopted dog and cat. Every dog and cat shall be sterilized prior to release, unless a veterinarian licensed to practice in the State of Florida certifies in writing that the dog or cat has a medical condition that would be substantially aggravated by such procedure or the procedure would likely cause the dog or cat's death. A dog or cat may be temporarily released to a potential adopter if the adopter agrees in writing to bring the dog or cat to the private nonprofit animal organization or animal rescue organization or authorized veterinarian for sterilization.
sterilize the dog or eat as soon as deemed safe by a veterinarian licensed to practice in
the State of Florida.

(5) Shall—Hold stray animals for ten (10) days after a found report has been filed at the
Division with two (2) clear photographs (at least three (3) inches by three (3) inches)
of the dog or cat and a "found" advertisement has been placed in a local newspaper of
general circulation.

(6) Shall—For a period of two (2) years from the date of impoundment of each animal, keep
records of the impoundment and disposition of all each animals received and record
relevant dates, names and addresses of persons from whom each animal was obtained
and to whom each animals are released. All such records must be made available to
the Division for inspection and copying upon request. By the fifteenth (15th) day of
the month, provide the Division with the name and address of each person who has
adopted an animal during the previous month and the EAIID and license tag number (if
applicable) of such animal.

(7) Shall—Reasonably assure that dogs animals adopted or sold are not to be used as
commercial guard dogs.

(8) Shall—Contact appropriate agencies for the identification of any animals with tattoos,
tags or electronic animal identification devices (EAIID).

(9) By the fifteenth (15th) day of the month, provide the Division with the following
information:

a. Number of animals in its possession or being sheltered. This data shall be provided
by species.

b. Number of dog/cats adopted.

c. Number of dogs/cats in foster.

(c) All animal agencies (County and municipal animal control agencies, humane societies, and
private nonprofit animal organizations and animal rescue organizations) that accept
animals from any member of the public will be required to have such person sign a written
statement detailing the reclaim, adoption and euthanasia policies.

(d) All animal agencies (County and municipal animal control agencies, humane societies, and
private nonprofit animal organizations and animal rescue organizations) that house or
shelter animals within a facility open to the public are subject to annual inspection by the
Division. Failure to abide by these requirements stated herein shall be deemed a violation
of this chapter.

(e) No humane society, private nonprofit animal organization or animal rescue organization
shall provide compensation directly or indirectly to any breeder, pet dealer or other source
in exchange for a cat or dog.

Sec. 4-27. Aggressive dogs, dangerous dogs and vicious dogs.

(a) Classification of dogs as aggressive and dangerous.

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(2) A dog shall not be declared dangerous if the threat, injury or damage was sustained by
a person who, at the time, was unlawfully on the property or, while lawfully on the
property, was tormenting, abusing, or assaulting the dog or its owner or a family
member. No dog may be declared aggressive or dangerous if the dog was protecting or
defending a human being within the immediate vicinity of the dog from an unjustified
attack or assault.

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(4) After its investigation, the Division shall make an initial determination as to whether
there is sufficient cause to classify the dog as aggressive or dangerous. The Division
shall provide written notification of sufficient cause finding, to the owner, by
registered mail, certified hand delivery (signed receipt) or service of process. The
owner shall be afforded an opportunity for a hearing before a Special Master prior to a
final determination of the classification. If the owner decides to appeal the initial
determination, the owner shall file a written request with the Division for a hearing
before the Special Master within seven (7) calendar days from the date of receipt of
the notification of the sufficient cause finding and if requested, the hearing shall be
held as soon as possible, no sooner than five (5) calendar days and not more than
twenty-one (21) calendar days after receipt of the request from the owner. Said written
request must be accompanied by an appeal bond and any applicable fees for the care
and boarding of said dog (due through the fifth day following the date of the request
for hearing). The appeal bond and any other applicable fees shall be established by the
Board by resolution. The appeal bond shall be remitted to the Division in the form of a
money order, a certified check, a cashier's check, or a bank check payable to the
County. The Division shall provide notice of the hearing to the owner by U.S. mail,
electronic mail, facsimile, certified mail or certified hand delivery. If the owner after
seven (7) calendar days from the delivery of the "notice of intent to classify/sufficient
cause notice," has not filed a written request for a hearing, the determination of the
Division shall become final. Dog shall be classified as aggressive or dangerous.

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(6) Once a dog is classified as aggressive or dangerous Upon an aggressive or dangerous
dog classification becoming final after a hearing or by operation of law pursuant to
Section 27(a)(4) 4-27(a), the Division shall provide written notification to the owner
by registered mail, certified hand delivery (signed receipt) or service of process. The
owner may then file a written request for a hearing in the County court to appeal the
classification to the Circuit Court of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Court in and for
Palm Beach County, Florida within thirty (30) days after receipt of written notification
that the dog has been classified as aggressive or dangerous in accordance with the
Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure, within ten (10) business days after receipt of the
written determination of aggressive or dangerous dog classification and The owner
must confine the dog in a securely fenced or enclosed area pending resolution of the
appeal. If the Division allows the owner to maintain possession of the dog during a
dangerous dog appeal, the owner must confine the dog in a securely fenced or
enclosed area to prevent the dog from escaping or coming in contact with any person
or domestic animal other than a person or domestic animal in the immediate household
of the owner, pending a resolution of the appeal. If the Division allows the owner to
maintain possession of the dog during an aggressive dog appeal, the owner must
confine the dog in a securely fenced or enclosed area to prevent the dog from escaping
or coming in contact with any domestic animal other than a domestic animal in the
immediate household of the owner, pending a resolution of the appeal. Pending
resolution of an aggressive or dangerous dog appeal, the dog shall at all times wear a
muzzle when it is off the owner's property and must be restrained by a substantial
leash not exceeding six (6) feet in length and under the control of a competent person.

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dangerous or a dangerous dog classification is upheld by the County Court on appeal, an owner of a dangerous dog shall comply with all of the following:

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(2) Responsibilities for owner.

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f. A dangerous dog shall at all times wear a muzzle when it is not securely confined indoors or securely confined outdoors in an enclosed and locked structure on the owner's property. A dangerous dog may be off the owner's premises or out of its enclosure if it is muzzled and restrained by a substantial chain or leash not exceeding six (6) feet in length and under the control of a competent person. The muzzle must be made in a manner that will not cause injury to the dog or interfere with its vision or respiration but must prevent it from biting any person or domestic animal. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the owner may exercise the dog in a securely fenced or enclosed area that does not have a top, with a muzzle but without a leash, if the dog remains within his or her sight and only members of the immediate household or persons 18 years of age or older are allowed in the fenced yard or enclosure while the dog is present.

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(d) Vicious dog.

(1) Upgrading dangerous dog to vicious dog. If a dog that has previously been declared dangerous attacks or bites a person or a domestic animal, without provocation when unprovoked, the dangerous dog shall be immediately confiscated by the Division, placed in quarantine, if necessary, for the proper length of time or impounded and held ten (10) business days after the owner is given written notification by certified mail, certified hand delivery (signed receipt) or service of process. The Division shall make an initial determination as to whether there is sufficient cause to upgrade the dangerous classification to vicious.
(2) **Attack by unclassified dog that causes death of a human.** If a dog that has not been declared dangerous attacks and causes the death of any human, the dog may be destroyed in an expeditious and humane manner. The dog shall be immediately confiscated by the Division, placed in quarantine, if necessary, for the proper length of time or held for ten (10) business days after the owner is given written notification by certified mail, certified hand delivery (signed receipt) or service of process. The Division shall make an initial determination as to whether there is sufficient cause to classify the dog as vicious. A dog that has not been previously declared dangerous shall not be declared vicious if the severe injury or death was sustained by a person who, at the time, was unlawfully on the property or, while lawfully on the property, was tormenting, abusing, or assaulting the dog, the owner, or a person in the immediate household of the owner.

(3) **Classifying a dog as vicious that has not been previously declared dangerous.** **Attack by unclassified dog that causes severe injury to a human.** If a dog that has not been declared dangerous attacks and causes severe injury to or death of any human, based upon the nature and circumstances of the injury and the likelihood of a future threat to the public safety, health and welfare, the dog may be destroyed in an expeditious and humane manner. The dog shall be immediately confiscated by the Division, placed in quarantine, if necessary, for the proper length of time or held for ten (10) business days after the owner is given written notification by certified mail, certified hand delivery (signed receipt) or service of process. The Division shall make an initial determination as to whether there is sufficient cause to classify the dog as vicious.

(4) **A dog shall not be declared vicious if the threat, injury or damage was sustained by a person who, at the time, was unlawfully on the property or, while lawfully on the property, was tormenting, abusing, or assaulting the dog or its owner or a family member.** No dog may be declared vicious if the dog was protecting or defending a human being within the immediate vicinity of the dog from an unjustified attack or assault.

(5) **Vicious dog classification process.**

a. The Division shall investigate any incident involving any dog that may be vicious and shall, if possible, interview the owner and require a sworn affidavit from any
person, animal control officer, or enforcement officer desiring to have a dog classified as vicious. In the event that any animal control officer has sufficient cause to believe that a dog is vicious and that the owner is unable or unwilling to humanely, safely and securely confine the dog, the officer may impound the dog pending the investigation and any appeal if deemed necessary to protect the public. The dog shall be impounded and held by the Division pending the outcome of the investigation and any appeal. The owner shall be responsible for payment of all boarding costs and other fees required for the Division to care for the dog pending the outcome of the investigation and resolution of any appeal. An owner's refusal to surrender a dog for impoundment pending the investigation shall constitute a violation of this chapter. At the discretion of the Division, a dog that is the subject of a vicious dog investigation may be confined at a licensed facility approved by the Division or at the residence of the owner if the Division is given adequate assurance by the owner that the dog can be humanely, safely, and securely confined without posing a danger to the public. If the dog remains with the owner pending the outcome of a vicious dog investigation and resolution of any appeal, the dog shall be at all times maintained in a securely fenced or enclosed area to prevent the dog from escaping or coming into contact with any person other than the owner and no other person or domestic animal in the immediate household of the owner. No dog that is the subject of a vicious dog investigation may be relocated or ownership transferred, pending the outcome of an investigation or any appeal of a vicious dog classification. The owner shall provide the Division with the address of where the dog will be maintained pending an investigation and any appeal.

b. After its investigation, the Division shall make an initial determination as to whether there is sufficient cause to classify the dog as vicious. The Division shall provide written notification of sufficient cause finding, to the owner, by registered mail, certified hand delivery (signed receipt) or service of process. The ten (10) business day time period from date of notification, shall allow the owner to file a written request for a hearing before a Special Master prior to a final determination of the vicious classification. The hearing shall be held no sooner than five (5) calendar days and not more than twenty-one (21) calendar days after receipt of the
request from the owner. The appeal bond, any applicable fees for the care and
boarding of said dog (due through the fifth day following the date of the request
for hearing) must accompany the owner's written request. The appeal bond and
fees shall be established by the Board by resolution. The appeal bond shall be
remitted to the Division in the form of a money order, a certified check, a
cashier's check, or a bank check payable to the County. The Division shall
provide notice of the hearing to the owner by U.S. mail, electronic mail, facsimile,
certified mail or certified hand delivery. If the owner fails to appeal within the ten
(10) business day period, the dog shall be humanely destroyed euthanized.

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(64) Notice of appeal. The owner may appeal the classification to the Circuit Court of the
Fifteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Palm Beach County, Florida within thirty
(30) days after receipt of written notification that the dog has been classified as vicious
in accordance with the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. The owner may then file
a written request for a hearing in the County Court to appeal the classification within
ten (10) business days after receipt of the written determination of vicious dog
classification and must confine the dog in a securely fenced or enclosed area pending
resolution of the appeal. Pending resolution of the appeal, the dog shall at all times
wear a muzzle when it is off the owner's property and must be restrained by a
substantial leash not exceeding six (6) feet in length and under the control of a
competent person:

Sec. 4-28. - Sterilization program for dogs and cats.

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(b) Spaying, neutering of dogs and cats.

(1) Every dog six (6) months of age or older and every cat four (4) months of age or older
within the County shall be spayed or neutered, unless proof of one (1) of the following
exemptions is provided to the Division:

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f. The dog or cat is used for breeding purposes by a licensed hobby or commercial
breeder. The cat is used for breeding purposes by a licensed hobby or commercial

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breeder and is registered as a pedigreed cat with the Cat Fancier Association or
the International Cat Association.

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Sec. 4-29. Hobby breeder permits.

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(a) Hobby breeder permits.

(1) No person shall breed a dog or cat or offer a dog or cat for breeding or stud
purposes without first obtaining an appropriate breeding permit issued by the Division. No
person shall maintain unsterilized dogs over six (6) months of age or unsterilized cats over four
(4) months of age together without first obtaining an appropriate breeding permit from the
Division. No cat shall be bred unless it is a pedigreed cat registered as such with the Cat
Fancier Association or the International Cat Association. No hobby breeder permit shall be
issued unless the cats to be bred are pedigreed cats registered as such with the Cat Fancier
Association or the International Cat Association. The cost of the permit and other related fees
shall be established by the Board by resolution.

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e) Permit denial, revocation, and suspension.

(1) By notice of adverse action, the Division may deny, revoke or suspend any permit if it
is determined that:

a. There has been a material misstatement or misrepresentation in the permit
application;

b. The applicant/permit holder has been cited for at least three (3) violations of this
chapter within a two-year period, each resulting in the imposition of a fine;

c. The permit holder/applicant has outstanding and unsatisfied civil penalties
imposed due to a violation of this chapter; The applicant/permit holder has failed
to pay a fine or to request a hearing in County court to answer the charges of a
citation within thirty (30) days of issuance of the violation;

d. The applicant/permit holder, or his/her agent or a member of the household has
been convicted of a violation of law involving cruelty to animals or has had a
final judgment entered against him/her pursuant to Florida Statutes § 828.073; or
e. An animal under the care and responsibility of an applicant/permit holder has been found to be in need of immediate veterinary care that, if not treated, would result in suffering, pain or death.

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(h) Fee waiver. The Division shall waive the annual hobby breeder permit fee for any person/applicant who applies for a hobby breeder permit on or before August 1, 2008; or for any person who applies for a permit within ninety (90) days of moving into the County and provides acceptable proof to the Division of such relocation. For persons/applicants who apply for a hobby breeder permit during this period, the Division shall also annually waive the fee for two (2) unaltered dog or cat license tags. The fee waiver shall remain in effect for a hobby breeder so long as the hobby breeder remains in compliance with this chapter and F.S. ch. 828.

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Sec. 4-30. Animal care and control Special Master hearings.

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(i) Any aggrieved party may appeal an order of the Special Master, including the County, to the Circuit Court of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Court in and for Palm Beach County. Such appeal shall not be a hearing de novo but shall be limited to appellate review of the record created before the Special Master. Any appeal filed pursuant to this Ordinance shall be considered timely if it was filed within 30 days of the execution of the order to be appealed. PBC may assess a reasonable charge for the preparation of the record to be paid by the petitioner in accordance with F. S. § 119.07. Except as provided in section 4-27 with regard to aggressive, dangerous and vicious dogs, any person may appeal a final order of a Special Master within thirty (30) days by filing a petition for writ of certiorari in the Circuit Court of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Court.

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Section 2. REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT;

All local laws and ordinances in conflict with any provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.
Section 3. SAVINGS CLAUSE:

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, all provisions of Palm Beach County Code Chapter 4, codifying Palm Beach County Ordinance No. 98-22, as amended by Ordinances 2001-065, 2003-27, 2005-44, 2008-004, 2009-019, 2011-005 and 2015-027, are specifically preserved and remain in full force and effect for the limited purpose of enforcing any alleged violations of said Code which occurred prior to its repeal or amendment.

Section 4. SEVERABILITY:

If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Ordinance is for any reason held by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, inoperative, or void, such holding shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance.

Section 5. INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF LAWS AND ORDINANCES:

The provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Palm Beach County Code. The sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such, and the word “ordinance” may be changed to “section,” “article,” or other appropriate word.

Section 6. ENFORCEMENT:

This Ordinance is enforceable by all means provided by law. Additionally, the County may choose to enforce this Ordinance by seeking injunctive relief in the Circuit Court of Palm Beach County.

Section 7. PENALTY:

Any violation of any portion of this Ordinance shall be punishable as provided by law.

Section 8. CAPTIONS:

The captions, section headings, and section designations used in this Ordinance are for convenience only and shall have no effect on the interpretation of the provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 9. EFFECTIVE DATE:

The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective upon filing with the Department of State.

APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida, on this the ___ day of ______________, 2016.

SHARON R. BOCK, CLERK

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Deputy Clerk

Mary Lou Berger, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

By: _______________________
County Attorney

EFFECTIVE DATE: Filed with the Department of State on the ___ day of
______________, 20__.