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901:1-8-01 Definitions.

As used in this chapter of the Administrative Code:

- (A) "Animal rescue" means an individual or organization recognized by the director of agriculture that keeps, houses, and maintains dogs and that is dedicated to the welfare, health, safety, and protection of dogs, provided that the individual or organization does not operate for profit, does not sell dogs for a profit, does not breed dogs, [does not sell dogs to a dog broker or pet store](#), and does not purchase more than nine dogs in any given calendar year unless the dogs are purchased from a dog warden appointed under Chapter 955. of the Revised Code, a humane society, or another animal rescue for dogs. "Animal rescue for dogs" includes an individual or organization that offers spayed or neutered dogs for adoption and charges reasonable adoption fees to cover the costs of the individual or organization, including, but not limited to, costs related to spaying or neutering dogs.
- (B) "Animal shelter" means a facility that keeps, houses, and maintains dogs such as a dog pound operated by a municipal corporation, or by a county under Chapter 955. of the Revised Code, or that is operated by a humane society, animal welfare society, society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, or other nonprofit organization that is devoted to the welfare, protection, and humane treatment of dogs and other animals.
- (C) "Department" means the Ohio department of agriculture.
- (D) "Dog ~~retailer~~broker" means a person who buys, sells, or offers to sell dogs at wholesale for resale to another or who sells or gives one or more dogs to a pet store annually. "Dog ~~retailer~~broker" does not include an animal rescue for dogs, an animal shelter for dogs, a humane society, a medical kennel for dogs, a research kennel for dogs, a pet store, or a veterinarian.
- (E) "Humane society" means an organization that is organized under section 1717.05 of the Revised Code.
- (F) "Pet store" means an individual retail store to which both of the following apply: the store sells dogs to the public; and with regard to the sale of a dog from the store, the sales person, the buyer of a dog, and the dog for sale are physically present during the sales transaction so that the buyer may personally observe the dog and help ensure its health prior to taking custody. "Pet store" does not include an animal rescue for dogs, an animal shelter for dogs, a humane society, a medical kennel for dogs, or a research kennel for dogs.
- (G) "Qualified breeder" has the same meaning as set out in section 956.19 of the Revised Code.

901:1-8-04 Pet store recordkeeping.

- (A) All pet stores shall document the following information within twenty-four hours of obtaining a dog:
 - (1) The name and address of the animal rescue, animal shelter, humane society, dog ~~retailer~~broker, or qualified breeder which supplied the dog;
 - (2) The date that the pet store took possession of the dog;
 - (3) The breed, gender, color, and any identifying marks of the dog;
 - (4) The dog's birth date, if known;

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- (5) The permanent implanted identification microchip number as required by rule 901:1-8-03 of the Administrative Code; and
 - (6) The certificate of veterinary inspection that accompanied the dog.
- (B) If the dog was acquired from a qualified breeder or dog ~~retailer~~broker, then the pet store shall also document the following information within twenty-four hours of the pet store receiving the dog, if applicable:
- (1) The Ohio high volume dog breeder license number issued to the breeder by the department;
 - (2) The United States department of agriculture license number of the breeder that bred the dog;
 - (3) A copy of the most current United States department of agriculture inspection report for the breeder;
 - (4) The Ohio dog ~~retailer~~broker license number issued to the ~~retailer~~broker by the department;
 - (5) A document signed by the pet store certifying that all information required to be provided to the person acquiring the dog under this section is accurate.
- (C) Pet stores are not required to submit these records to the director, but the records shall be made available to the director or the director's designee for review and copy upon request.

901:1-8-05 Dog ~~retailer~~broker recordkeeping.

- (A) Pursuant to section 956.051 of the Revised Code, no dog ~~retailer~~broker shall negligently sell, deliver, barter, auction, broker, give away, or transfer a dog to a pet store without the records required under this rule.
- (B) All dog ~~retailer~~brokers subject to this rule shall document the following information, if applicable:
- (1) The name and address of the animal rescue, animal shelter, humane society, dog ~~retailer~~broker, or qualified breeder which supplied the dog;
 - (2) The date that the pet store took possession of the dog;
 - (3) The breed, gender, color, and any identifying marks of the dog;
 - (4) The dog's birth date, if known;
 - (5) The permanent implanted identification microchip number as required by rule 901:1-8-03 of the Administrative Code; and
 - (6) The certificate of veterinary inspection that accompanied the dog.
- (C) If the dog was acquired from a qualified breeder or dog ~~retailer~~broker, then the dog ~~retailer~~broker shall also document the following information:
- (1) The Ohio high volume dog breeder license number issued to the breeder by the department;
 - (2) The United States department of agriculture license number of the breeder that bred the dog;
 - (3) A copy of the most current United States department of agriculture inspection report for the breeder;

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- (4) The Ohio dog ~~retailer~~broker license number issued to the ~~retailer~~broker by the department;
 - (5) A document signed by the dog ~~retailer~~broker certifying that all information required to be provided to the person acquiring the dog under this section is accurate.
- (D) Dog ~~retailer~~brokers are not required to submit these records to the director, but the records shall be made available to the director or the director's designee for review and copy upon request.