

Assembly Bill No. 1336

CHAPTER 181

An act to add Section 122137 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to pet dealers.

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AB 1336, Koretz. Pet dealers.

Existing law regulates the retail sale of dogs and cats by a pet dealer, as defined. Existing law in this regard includes a requirement that the dealer provide written information to purchasers relating to various subjects, such as breeder information, illnesses, and immunization records.

This bill would require every pet dealer to deliver to the purchaser of each dog or cat written material containing information on the benefits of spaying and neutering, and other specified subjects.

This bill would provide that a pet dealer may satisfy his or her obligation by delivering model materials developed by the Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council and other specified entities.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 122137 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:

122137. (a) (1) It is the intent of the Legislature and the purposes of this section to inform consumers who purchase dogs and cats from retail pet dealers about the benefits of spaying and neutering and the importance of establishing a relationship with a veterinarian, and to facilitate dog licensing by encouraging pet dealers to promote licensure compliance.

(2) The Legislature declares that pet dealers, when feasible, should offer incentives to purchasers to encourage the use of spaying and neutering services, and that local animal control agencies should investigate selling licenses through pet shops, or making licensure applications available in pet shops, since these businesses already serve a large number of pet owners through the sale of pet supplies.

(b) Every pet dealer shall deliver to the purchaser of each dog or cat at the time of sale, written material, in a form determined by the pet dealer, containing information on the benefits of spaying and neutering.

The written material shall include recommendations on establishing a relationship with a veterinarian, information on early-age spaying and neutering, the health benefits associated with spaying and neutering pets, the importance of minimizing the risk of homeless or unwanted animals, and the need to comply with applicable license laws.

(c) The delivering of any model materials prepared by the Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council, the California Animal Control Directors Association, the State Humane Association of California, and the California Veterinary Medical Association shall satisfy the requirements of subdivision (a).

