

DOG LAW

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AN ACT

Relating to dogs, regulating the keeping of dogs; providing for the licensing of dogs and kennels; providing for the protection of dogs and the detention and destruction of dogs in certain cases; regulating the sale and transportation of dogs; declaring dogs to be personal property and the subject of theft; providing for the abandonment of animals; providing for the assessment of damages done to animals; providing for payment of damages by the Commonwealth in certain cases and the liability of the owner or keeper of dogs for such damages; imposing powers and duties on certain State and local officers and employees; providing penalties; and creating a Dog Law Restricted Account. (Title amended Dec. 11, 1996, P.L.943, No.151)

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The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 206. Kennels.

(a) Applications, kennel license classifications and fees.--

(5) The kennel classes and license fees shall be as follows:

(i) Kennel Class I.

To keep or operate a private kennel, pet shop-kennel, research kennel, rescue network kennel, dealer kennel, out-of-state dealer kennel or kennel for a total of 50 dogs or less of any age during a calendar year - \$100 per year.

(ii) Kennel Class II.

To keep or operate a private kennel, pet-shop kennel, research kennel, rescue network kennel, dealer kennel, out-of-state dealer kennel or kennel for a total of 51 to 100 dogs of any age during a calendar year - \$250 per year.

(iii) Kennel Class III.

To keep or operate a private kennel, pet shop-kennel, research kennel, rescue network kennel, dealer kennel, out-of-state dealer kennel or kennel for a total of 101 to 150 dogs of any age during a calendar year - \$375 per year.

(iv) Kennel Class IV.

To keep or operate a private kennel, pet shop-kennel, research kennel, rescue network kennel, dealer kennel, out-of-state dealer kennel or kennel for a total of 151 to 250 dogs of any age during a calendar year - \$500 per year.

(v) Kennel Class V.

To keep or operate a private kennel, pet shop-kennel, research kennel, rescue network kennel, dealer kennel, out-of-state dealer kennel or kennel for a total of 251 to 500 dogs of any age during a calendar year - \$625 per year.

(vi) Kennel Class VI.

To keep or operate a private kennel, pet shop kennel, research kennel, rescue network kennel, dealer kennel, out-of-state dealer kennel or kennel for a total of more than 500 dogs of any age during a calendar year - \$950 per year.

(vii) Boarding Kennel Class I.

To keep or operate a boarding kennel having the capacity to accommodate a total of 1 to 10 dogs at any time during a calendar year - \$125 per year.

(viii) Boarding Kennel Class II.

To keep or operate a boarding kennel having the capacity to accommodate a total of 11 to 25 dogs at any time during a calendar year - \$200 per year.

(ix) Boarding Kennel Class III.

To keep or operate a boarding kennel having the capacity to accommodate 26 or more dogs at any time during a calendar year - \$325 per year.

(x) Kennel Class C-I.

To keep or operate a commercial kennel for a total of 50 dogs or less of any age during a calendar year - \$100 per year.

(xi) Kennel Class C-II.

To keep or operate a commercial kennel for a total of 51 to 100 dogs of any age during a calendar year - \$250 per year.

(xii) Kennel Class C-III.

To keep or operate a commercial kennel for a total of 101 to 150 dogs of any age during a calendar year - \$375 per year.

(xiii) Kennel Class C-IV.

To keep or operate a commercial kennel for a total of 151 to 250 dogs of any age during a calendar year - \$500 per year.

(xiv) Kennel Class C-V.

To keep or operate a commercial kennel for a total of 251 to 500 dogs of any age during a calendar year - \$625 per year.

(xv) Kennel Class C-VI.

To keep or operate a commercial kennel for a total of more than 500 dogs of any age during a calendar year - \$950 per year.

(xvi) Humane society or association for the prevention of cruelty to animals.

To keep or operate a humane society or association for the prevention of cruelty to animals - \$35 per year.

(xvii) Municipal Holding Pens.

To keep or operate a municipal holding pen - \$35 per year.

(xviii) Rescue Network Kennel.

To keep a rescue network kennel during a calendar year, the kennel class license fee is applicable to the number of dogs housed by or transferred through or at the rescue network kennel or rescue network kennel homes registered under the rescue network kennel.

(xix) Service Dog Kennel.

To keep or operate a service dog kennel - \$35 per year.