

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Health Code – Sale of Domestic Dogs and Cats]

Ordinance amending the Health Code to prohibit pet stores from selling dogs or cats not obtained from animal rescue organizations or shelters, and prohibiting the sale of puppies or kittens under eight weeks old.

Existing Law

City law does not regulate the sale of dogs or cats at pet shops.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance would amend the Health Code to prohibit pet shops from selling or otherwise transferring dogs or cats obtained from sources other than animal rescue organizations or animal shelters. It would also prohibit pet shops from selling or otherwise transferring puppies or kittens younger than eight weeks old. Pet shops must maintain records documenting the source of each dog or cat acquired. Pet shops must also post a sign on the cage or enclosure of each dog or cat that identifies the rescue organization or shelter from which the pet shop acquired the animal.

Violating the ordinance is an infraction. The Animal Care and Control Department with the support of the Police Department is authorized to enforce the ordinance.

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