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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION OF ANIMAL SHELTERS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 22-327 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

3 As used in this chapter:

4 (1) "Animal" means any brute creature, including, but not limited to,  
5 dogs, cats, monkeys, guinea pigs, hamsters, rabbits, birds and reptiles;

6 (2) "Animal shelter" means a facility used to house five or more  
7 animals for the purpose of rescue, protection or adoption and that is  
8 owned, operated or maintained by a person, organization, partnership  
9 or corporation devoted to the rescue, welfare, protection and humane  
10 treatment of such animals;

11 [(2)] (3) "Chief Animal Control Officer", "Assistant Chief Animal  
12 Control Officer" and "animal control officer" mean, respectively, the  
13 Chief State Animal Control Officer, the Assistant Chief State Animal  
14 Control Officer and a state animal control officer appointed under

15 section 22-328;

16 [(3)] (4) "Commercial kennel" means a kennel maintained for  
17 boarding or grooming dogs or cats, and includes, but is not limited to,  
18 any veterinary hospital which boards or grooms dogs or cats for  
19 nonmedical purposes;

20 [(4)] (5) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Agriculture;

21 [(5)] (6) "Grooming facility" means any place, other than a  
22 commercial kennel, which is maintained as a business where dogs are  
23 groomed;

24 [(6)] (7) "Keeper" means any person, other than the owner,  
25 harboring or having in his possession any dog;

26 [(7)] (8) "Kennel" means one pack or collection of dogs which are  
27 kept under one ownership at a single location and are bred for show,  
28 sport or sale;

29 [(8)] (9) "Municipal animal control officer" means any such officer  
30 appointed under the provisions of section 22-331;

31 [(9)] (10) "Pet shop" means any place at which animals not born and  
32 raised on the premises are kept for the purpose of sale to the public;

33 [(10)] (11) "Poultry" means all domestic fowl and any pheasants or  
34 other game birds securely confined and lawfully owned and possessed  
35 by any person under the provisions of section 26-40;

36 [(11)] (12) "Regional animal control officer" and "assistant regional  
37 animal control officer" means a regional Connecticut animal control  
38 officer and an assistant regional Connecticut animal control officer  
39 appointed under the provisions of section 22-331a; and

40 [(12)] (13) "Training facility" means any place, other than a  
41 commercial kennel or grooming facility, which is maintained as a  
42 business where dogs are trained.

43 Sec. 2. Section 22-342 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
44 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

45 (a) Any owner or keeper of a kennel who breeds more than two  
46 litters of dogs annually shall apply to the town clerk in the town in  
47 which such kennel is located for a kennel license. Any owner or keeper  
48 of a kennel who breeds not more than two litters of dogs annually may  
49 apply to the town clerk of the town in which such kennel is located for  
50 a kennel license. For the purposes of this section, annually shall refer to  
51 the kennel license year which begins July first. Such town clerk shall  
52 issue to such applicant a kennel license on a form prescribed by the  
53 commissioner for a period from the date of such application until the  
54 thirtieth day of the ensuing June. The license shall specify the name  
55 and number of the kennel, the name of the owner and the name of the  
56 keeper and shall be in lieu of any other license required for any dog of  
57 either sex which may be kept in such kennel during the period for  
58 which the license is issued. Each license may be renewed from year to  
59 year by the town clerk upon application of such owner or keeper. Each  
60 such owner or keeper shall cause to be kept, upon each dog in such  
61 kennel, while it is at large, a collar or harness of leather or other  
62 suitable material, to which collar or harness shall be securely attached  
63 a tag or plate upon which shall appear the number of the kennel  
64 license, the name of the town issuing the license and the year of  
65 license. Such plates or tags shall be furnished by the town clerk of the  
66 town in which such kennel is licensed, at a cost of ten cents each, in  
67 such numbers, not fewer than the number of dogs kept in such kennel,  
68 and at such time as the licensee may request. The fee for each kennel  
69 license, when no more than ten dogs are kept in the kennel, shall be  
70 fifty dollars, and for a license for a kennel containing more than ten  
71 dogs, the fee shall be one hundred dollars, except that in the case of a  
72 kennel started after the first day of July, the license fee for the  
73 remainder of the year shall be a proportional part of the fee charged  
74 for one year. If the owner or keeper of any established kennel fails to  
75 obtain the kennel license on or before June thirtieth, he shall pay one  
76 dollar for each dog kept therein, in addition to the regular kennel fee.

77 (b) An owner or keeper of an animal shelter shall annually register  
78 such shelter with the town clerk in the town in which the animal  
79 shelter is located. For the purposes of this section, "annually" shall  
80 mean a registration year that begins July first. The animal shelter  
81 registration issued by the town clerk shall be on a form prescribed by  
82 the commissioner and shall be valid from the date of the application  
83 until the thirtieth day of the following June. The registration shall  
84 specify the name of the owner or keeper and the location of the animal  
85 shelter. The registration may be renewed from year to year by the  
86 town clerk upon application of the owner or keeper of the animal  
87 shelter. The fee for an animal shelter registration shall be twenty-five  
88 dollars. The town clerk shall deduct two dollars for each animal shelter  
89 registration issued and pay the balance to the town treasurer or other  
90 proper town fiscal officer.

91 [(b)] (c) The commissioner, the Chief Animal Control Officer or any  
92 state animal control officer may at any time inspect any kennel,  
93 including all facilities of any kennel in which dogs are bred or housed  
94 or any animal shelter, including all facilities of a shelter in which  
95 animals are housed, or cause [it] such kennel or animal shelter to be  
96 inspected by a Connecticut licensed veterinarian appointed by the  
97 commissioner. If, in the judgment of the commissioner, such kennel or  
98 animal shelter is not being maintained in good repair and in a sanitary  
99 and humane manner or if the commissioner finds that communicable  
100 or infectious disease or other unsatisfactory conditions exist in the  
101 kennel [, he] or animal shelter, the commissioner may issue such  
102 orders as [he] the commissioner deems necessary for the correction of  
103 such conditions and may quarantine the premises and animals. If the  
104 owner or keeper of such kennel or animal shelter fails to comply with  
105 such orders, the commissioner shall revoke or suspend the kennel  
106 license or animal shelter registration of such owner or keeper.

107 [(c)] (d) Any person aggrieved by any order issued under the  
108 provisions of this section may appeal to the Superior Court in  
109 accordance with the provisions of section 4-183.

110        [(d)] (e) Any person maintaining a kennel or animal shelter after  
111 such license or registration has been revoked or suspended as [herein]  
112 provided in this section shall be fined not more than one thousand  
113 dollars or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

114        [(e)] (f) Any owner or keeper of a kennel who breeds more than two  
115 litters of dogs annually or any owner or keeper who operates an  
116 animal shelter and (1) fails to apply for a kennel license as required in  
117 subsection (a) of this section or an animal shelter registration as  
118 required in subsection (b) of this section, or (2) fails to allow an  
119 inspection of such facility as required in subsection [(b)] (c) of this  
120 section shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars or  
121 imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	22-327
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	22-342

**Statement of Purpose:**

To protect the health and welfare of animals housed in animal shelters.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*