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Title 44 Animals And Animal Husbandry
Chapter 17 Dogs and Cats
Part 1 Dog and Cat Dealers

Tenn. Code Ann. § 44-17-115 (2016)

44-17-115. Authority of commissioner to inspect premises of dealers or research facilities -- Inspection of conveyances -- Rules and regulations regarding inspection.

(a) The premises of any dealer or research facility shall be made available to the commissioner or the commissioner's representative for inspection at all reasonable times. The commissioner or the commissioner's representative shall make or cause to be made such inspections or investigations of the premises as considered necessary.

(b) The commissioner or the commissioner's representative, or any legally constituted law enforcement agency, may stop any motor vehicle or other conveyance transporting dogs or cats for inspections as to the humane treatment of animals and compliance with licensing requirements of this part or for investigations in search of lost or stolen animals.

(c) The commissioner shall issue rules and regulations requiring licensed dealers and research facilities to permit inspection of their animals and records at reasonable hours upon request by legally constituted law enforcement agencies in search of lost animals.

(d) Nothing in this part shall be construed as authorizing the commissioner to promulgate rules, regulations, or orders governing the handling, care, treatment or inspection of animals during actual research or experimentation by a research facility.

HISTORY: Acts 1967, ch. 332, § 15; T.C.A., § 44-118; Acts 2002, ch. 774, § 3.

