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1. [Tenn. Code Ann. § 44-17-101](#), Title 44 Animals And Animal Husbandry, Chapter 17 Dogs and Cats, Part 1 Dog and Cat Dealers, 44-17-101. Purpose of part. , TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED © 2016 by The State of Tennessee All rights reserved

The purpose of this part is to protect the owners of dogs and **cats** from the theft of their pets, to prevent the sale or use of dogs and **cats** that have been stolen, and to ensure the humane treatment of dogs and **cats** in commerce and those used in research facilities.

2. [Tenn. Code Ann. § 44-17-102](#), Title 44 Animals And Animal Husbandry, Chapter 17 Dogs and Cats, Part 1 Dog and Cat Dealers, 44-17-102. Part definitions. , TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED © 2016 by The State of Tennessee All rights reserved

As used in this part, unless the context otherwise requires: (1) "**Cat**" means any live **cat** of the species *Felis catus*; (2) "Commerce" means buying or selling or transporting from one (...
... transports (except as a common carrier), delivers for transportation, or boards dogs or **cats** for research purposes, or any person who buys or sells twenty-five (25) or more dogs or **cats** in any one (1) calendar year for resale within the state or for ...
... profit, buys from or sells to a private person at a flea market any dog or **cat**; (5) "Dog" means any live dog of the species *Canis familiaris*; (6) "Flea ...
... school, hospital, laboratory, institution, organization or person that uses or intends to use dogs or **cats** in research, tests, or experiments and that purchases or transports dogs or **cats** in commerce.

3. [Tenn. Code Ann. § 44-17-103](#), Title 44 Animals And Animal Husbandry, Chapter 17 Dogs and Cats, Part 1 Dog and Cat Dealers, 44-17-103. Sale or transportation of dogs or cats to research facilities by dealers without license prohibited. , TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED © 2016 by The State of Tennessee All rights reserved

... sell or offer to sell or transport or offer for transportation to any research facility any dog or **cat**, or to buy, sell, offer to buy or sell, transport or offer for transportation in commerce any dog or **cat**, unless the dealer has a currently valid license from the commissioner and has complied with the rules and regulations ...