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Chapter 273
Dogs--Cats

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Definitions.

273.400. As used in sections 273.400 to [273.405](#), the following words mean:

- (1) "Adopter", a person who is legally competent to enter into a contract and who is adopting or buying a **dog** or cat from a releasing agency;
- (2) "Adult animal", any **dog** or cat that has reached the age of one hundred eighty days or six months or more;
- (3) "Releasing agency", an animal pound, shelter, humane organization, or animal control agency, whether public or private, but not including an individual who occasionally renders humane assistance or shelter in his* home to a **dog** or cat;
- (4) "Sterilization", the surgical removal of the reproductive organs of a **dog** or cat in order to render the animal unable to reproduce, or the use of an approved serum which will permanently render the animal unable to reproduce.

(L. 1992 S.B. 636 § 7)

*Word "their" appears in original rolls.

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