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## Missouri Revised Statutes

Chapter [273](#)  
Dogs--Cats

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### Animal considered sterilized when--exceptions to sterilization requirement--costs to be paid by adopter or purchaser.

- [273.405](#). 1. Each releasing agency shall agree to give title, possession, and control of the animal so long as the adopter complies with the terms and conditions of the adoption agreement.
2. The releasing agency shall consider the animal sterilized upon receipt of written confirmation signed by the licensed veterinarian who performed the sterilization.
3. Exceptions to the sterilization requirements of sections [273.400](#) to [273.405](#) shall not apply to a dog or cat that is claimed from a releasing agency by a person who already owns the animal. This subsection shall not apply to a releasing agency located in a political subdivision that has in effect an ordinance providing standards for dog and cat sterilization that exceed the requirements of sections [273.400](#) to [273.405](#).
4. All costs of sterilization pursuant to sections [273.400](#) to [273.405](#) shall be paid by the prospective adopter or purchaser, unless otherwise provided.
5. The requirements of sections [273.400](#) to [273.405](#) shall not apply to canines of a breed regularly used for lawful hunting or livestock production or management, as specified by rules of the department, to be used in the practice of livestock production or management or the practice of lawful hunting. The adopter may sign a statement that states he is\* going to use the canines for such purposes in lieu of the sterilization agreement.

(L. 1992 S.B. 636 § 9)

\*Words "they are" appear in original rolls.

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