


 **Oklahoma Statutes Citationized**

 **Title 4. Animals**

 **Chapter 1A - Commercial Pet Breeders and Animal Shelter Licensing Act**

 **Section 30.2 - Definitions**

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As used in the Commercial Pet Breeders and Animal Shelter Licensing Act:

1. "Adult animal" means an intact female animal twelve (12) months of age or older;
2. "Animal" means a dog or a cat;
3. "Animal shelter" means any nongovernmental facility that maintains ten or more dogs and cats operated by or under contract for the state, a county, a municipal corporation, or any other political subdivision of the state for the purpose of impounding or harboring seized, stray, homeless, abandoned or unwanted dogs or cats; and any facility that maintains ten or more dogs and cats operated, owned, or maintained by any person or organization for such purpose, but not including any facility that does not house or harbor dogs or cats on the premises and only operates through a system of fostering in private homes;
4. "Animal shelter operator" means any individual, entity, association, trust, or corporation that operates a nongovernmental facility that maintains ten or more dogs and cats for the purpose of impounding or harboring seized, stray, homeless, abandoned or unwanted dogs or cats, but not including any facility that does not house or harbor dogs or cats on the premises and only operates through a system of fostering in private homes;
5. "Board" means the State Board of Agriculture;
6. "Cat" means a mammal that is wholly or partly of the species *Felis domesticus*;
7. "Commercial breeder" and "commercial pet breeder" mean any individual, entity, association, trust, or corporation who possesses eleven or more intact female animals for the use of breeding or dealing in animals for direct or indirect sale or for exchange in return for consideration;
8. "Commercial pet breeder license" means a license issued to any person that qualifies and is licensed as a commercial pet breeder;
9. "Animal shelter license" means a license issued to any applicant that qualifies and is licensed as an animal shelter operator;
10. "Department" means the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry;
11. "Dog" means a mammal that is wholly or partly of the species *Canis familiaris*;
12. "Facility" means the premises used by one or more animal shelter operators or commercial breeders. The term includes all buildings, property, and confinement areas in a single location used to conduct the animal shelter or commercial breeding business;
13. "Family member" means the parent, spouse, child, or sibling of an individual;
14. "Humane society" means a nonprofit organization exempt from federal income taxation as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, that has as a principal purpose the prevention of animal cruelty or the sheltering of, caring for, and providing of homes for lost, stray, and abandoned animals;
15. "Inspector" means an authorized agent of the Board or any other qualified person authorized by the Department to conduct inspections;
16. "Intact female animal" means a female animal, nine (9) months of age or older, and not spayed;
17. "Kitten" means a cat less than twelve (12) months old;
18. "Local animal control authority" means a municipal or county animal control office with authority over the premises in which an animal is kept or, in an area that does not have an animal control office, the county sheriff;
19. "Marketing" means the solicitation for sale of animals;
20. "Noncommercial breeder" means any individual, entity, association, trust, or corporation who possesses ten or fewer intact female animals for the use of breeding or dealing in animals for direct or indirect sale or for exchange in return for consideration;

Cite "Person" means any individual, association, trust, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or other entity;

22. "Pet" means a dog or cat, including a puppy or kitten;

23. "Possess" means to have custody of or control over;

24. "Puppy" means a dog less than twelve (12) months old; and

25. "Veterinarian" means a person currently licensed to practice veterinary medicine in Oklahoma.

Historical Data

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