



State of Vermont
PERMIT AND LICENSE INFORMATION

LICENSING OF PET MERCHANTS

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF PERMIT No person may transact business as a pet merchant unless the Commissioner has granted a license for that purpose to that person. A pet merchant means any person who operates a pet shop or who acts as a dealer. Dealer means any person who sells, exchanges, or donates, or offers to sell, exchange, or donate animals but shall not include a person who makes disposition only of offspring from animals maintained by him only as household pets.

EXAMPLE OF ACTIVITY Operation of a pet store where animals are sold, exchanged, offered for sale. Breeders of pets.

CRITERIA FOR JURISDICTION "Animal" means any dog or cat, rabbit, rodent, nonhuman primate, bird or other warm-blooded vertebrate but shall not include horses, cattle, sheep, goats, swine and domestic fowl. Exceptions are boarding kennels or the sale of offspring of family pets for family pets; animal hospitals under veterinary supervision.

WEB ADDRESS <http://www.state.vt.us/agric/index.htm>

FEES \$150.00 annually.

APPLICATION TIMEFRAME License: April 1 - March 31.

ADMINISTERING AGENCY	<p>AGENCY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND MARKETS FOOD SAFETY AND CONSUMER ASSURANCE DIVISION ANIMAL HEALTH SECTION</p> <p>CONTACT: Dr. Kerry A. Rood Phone: 802-828-2421 Fax: 802-828-5983</p> <p>ADDRESS: 16 State Street, Drawer 20 Montpelier, VT 05620-2901</p>
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APPLICABLE RULES Welfare of animals