

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-_____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 4 OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE (ORDINANCE 98-22, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCES 2001-065, 2003-27, 2005-44, 2008-004, AND 2009-019), AMENDING SECTION 4-2 (DEFINITIONS); AMENDING SECTION 4-5 (ANIMALS CREATING NUISANCES); AMENDING SECTION 4-18 (GUARD DOGS); AMENDING SECTION 4-23 (KENNEL, EXCESS ANIMAL HABITAT, PET SHOP, GROOMING PARLOR, AND COMMERCIAL STABLE PERMITS); AMENDING SECTION 4-24 (ANIMAL CARE; MANNER OF KEEPING); AMENDING SECTION 4-27 (DANGEROUS DOGS AND VICIOUS DOGS); AMENDING SECTION 4-29 (HOBBY BREEDER PERMITS); AMENDING SECTION 4-30 (ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL HEARING BOARD); AMENDING SECTION 4-32 (VIOLATIONS, CIVIL INFRACTIONS, CIVIL PENALTIES); PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF LAWS AND ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR CAPTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature in Chapter 69-1432, Laws of Florida, granted to Palm Beach County the responsibility for animal control in Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, Section 125.01, Florida Statutes, authorizes the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County to adopt ordinances to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens and animals of Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its authority, the Board of County Commissioners enacted Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control Ordinance 98-22, as amended; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the dangerous dog ordinance to define a dangerous dog as defined by state statute in ordinance to comply with a recent court ruling; and

WHEREAS, regulations concerning guard dogs have not been revised since 1998; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to enact additional regulations concerning the use and manner in which guard dogs are kept to ensure that such animals are provided a humane existence; and

1 **WHEREAS**, pet shops sell many puppies and kittens to consumers in Palm Beach
2 County, and it is believed that most of those puppies and kittens are bred by out of state breeders;
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4 **WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners believes that in order to make an
5 informed decision about purchasing a puppy or kitten, consumers are entitled to know the name
6 and address of the breeder, the puppy or kitten's medical history, and other pertinent
7 information; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners finds that it has a responsibility to
9 encourage best practices in the breeding and selling of companion animals and that additional
10 regulations on pet shops and pet dealers is a step towards accomplishing that goal; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners believe that in order to provide
12 animals with a safe and humane existence, animals should not be tethered to stationery objects as
13 a means of confinement; and

14 **WHEREAS**, it is necessary to amend this Ordinance to provide additional regulations to
15 ensure that all animals in Palm Beach County are provided a safe and humane existence, to
16 implement regulations to improve the living conditions of guard dogs, to amend regulations
17 pertaining to pet shops, to regulate pet dealers, to amend certain definitions used in the
18 Ordinance, to amend certain provisions relating to dangerous and vicious dogs, to amend certain
19 provisions relating to hobby breeder permits, to amend provisions related to hearings before
20 special masters, and to amend certain provisions related to violations.

21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY**
22 **COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:**

23 **SECTION 1. PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 4, SECTION 2 ENTITLED**
24 **"DEFINITIONS" IS AMENDED TO ADD THE FOLLOWING DEFINITIONS:**

25 *Aggressive dog* shall mean any dog that according to the records of the division has severely
26 injured or killed a domestic animal while off the owner's property.

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28 *Animal establishment* shall mean a kennel, commercial breeder, pet dealer, pet shop, grooming
29 parlor, mobile grooming unit, excess animal habitat or commercial stable operating in Palm
30 Beach County.

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1 *Commercial breeder* shall mean any person who engages in the sale or breeding of more than
2 two (2) litters of dogs or cats or twenty (20) dogs or cats, whichever is greater, per one-year
3 period.

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5 *Dangerous dog* shall mean any dog that according to the records of the division, meets at least
6 one (1) of the following:

7 (1) Has aggressively bitten, attacked, endangered or has inflicted severe_injury on a
8 human being on public or private property.

9 (2) Has more than once severely injured or killed a domestic animal while off the
10 owner's property.

11 (3) Has been used primarily or in part for the purpose of dog fighting or is a dog trained
12 for dog fighting.

13 (4) Has, when unprovoked, chased or approached a person upon the streets, sidewalks,
14 or any public grounds in a menacing fashion or apparent attitude of attack, provided
15 that such actions are attested to in a sworn statement by one (1) or more persons and
16 dutifully investigated by the division.

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18 *Electronic animal identification device* (EAID) shall mean a microchip with a frequency used
19 and approved by the division.

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21 *Guard dog* shall mean any type of dog used for the purpose of defending, patrolling or protecting
22 property or life at any nonresidential establishment or which resides on the nonresidential
23 property. The term "guard dog" shall exclude any stock dogs used primarily for handling and
24 controlling livestock or farm animals.

25 *Guard dog service* shall mean any person, business, or corporation that trains, sells, rents, or
26 leases guard dogs for the purpose of defending, patrolling, or protecting property or life at any
27 nonresidential establishment in Palm Beach County.

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29 *Hobby breeder* shall mean any person who intentionally or unintentionally causes or allows the
30 breeding or studing of a dog or a cat or engages in the breeding of up to two (2) litters of dogs
31 or cats or nineteen (19) dogs or cats per household or premises per one-year period.

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2 *Kennel* shall mean any place of business at which dogs or cats are kept for boarding, training,
3 daycare, rental, or other use for hire.

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5 *Pet dealer* shall mean any person who engages in the sale of more than two (2) litters of dogs or
6 cats or twenty (20) dogs or cats, whichever is greater, per calendar year, but who does not engage
7 in breeding dogs or cats. This definition excludes humane societies, private not for profit animal
8 shelters, and government animal control shelters.

9 *Pet shop* shall be held to include any place or business where pet/companion animals (including
10 small animals intended for use as reptile food) are kept for retail or wholesale purchase.
11 Excluded are those animals regulated and controlled by the state fish and wildlife conservation
12 commission. This definition excludes humane societies, private not for profit animal shelters,
13 and government animal control shelters.

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15 *Psittacine bird* means any member of the Psittacidae family of birds including but not limited to
16 parrots, parakeets, and macaws.

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18 *Quarterly basis* means the calendar quarters ending March 31, June 30, September 30, and
19 December 31 each calendar year.

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22 **SECTION 2. PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 4, SECTION 5 ENTITLED**
23 **“ANIMALS CREATING NUISANCE” IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:**

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25 (a) The owner having control or custody of any dog, cat or psittacine bird that:

26 (1) Habitually barks, whines, howls, squawks or causes other objectionable oral noise
27 resulting in a serious annoyance to a reasonable person, shall be deemed to be committing an act
28 in violation of this section; or

29 (2) Disturbs the peace by habitually or repeatedly destroying, desecrating or soiling
30 public or private property, chasing persons, livestock, cars or other vehicles, running at large, or
31 other behavior that interferes with the reasonable use and enjoyment of the property, shall
32 constitute a public nuisance.

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3 **SECTION 3. PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 4, SECTION 18 ENTITLED**
4 **“GUARD DOGS” IS DELETED IN ITS ENTIRETY AND REPLACED WITH THE**
5 **FOLLOWING:**

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7 (a) Guard Dog Permit

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(1) Any person seeking to operate a guard dog service or who owns a dog that such person is seeking to use for the purpose of defending, patrolling or protecting property or life at any nonresidential establishment in Palm Beach County shall obtain a guard dog permit.

(2) A guard dog permit is valid for a period of twelve months from the date of issuance and must be renewed annually. Renewal applications for permits shall be made at least thirty (30) days prior to expiration.

(3) A guard dog permit is not transferable, assignable, or refundable.

(4) The guard dog permit fee shall be established by the board by resolution.

(b) *Obtaining a guard dog permit.*

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(1) A person seeking a guard dog permit shall apply to the division on a form approved by the division.

(2) The permit application shall include but is not limited to the following information:

a. The name, address and telephone number of the applicant and a description of the location(s) at which guard dogs will be maintained;

b. A statement as to whether the applicant or any officer or employee of the guard dog service has ever been convicted of an offense involving cruelty to animals or has had a final judgment entered against that person under F.S. § 828.073 or any other statute prohibiting animal neglect or mistreatment;

c. The breed, sex, age, color(s), guard dog license tag number, and electronic animal identification device (EAID) number of each dog that will be used as a guard dog;

d. If applicable, a complete list containing the name, address, and telephone number of every customer procuring the use of a guard dog and the physical

1 location of every guard dog (identified by license tag number), if different than
2 the customer's address;

3 e. The name, address and telephone number of the applicant's veterinarian(s);
4 f. The name, address and telephone number(s) of the person(s) responsible for
5 training and/or providing food, water, exercise and care to each guard dog; and
6 g. If applicable, proof of business tax receipt from the Palm Beach County tax
7 collector.

8 (3) The permit applicant shall complete an application, supply all information
9 requested by the division, and pay the applicable permit fee established by the board by
10 resolution. No application shall be deemed complete and reviewable until the permit
11 fee is paid.

12 (4) Permit applications shall be valid for thirty (30) days in order for applicants to
13 make corrections to meet minimum compliance specifications.

14 (c) *Permit denial, revocation, and suspension.*

15 (1) By notice of adverse action, the division may deny, revoke or suspend any permit
16 if it is determined by the division that:

17 a. There has been a material misstatement or misrepresentation in the permit
18 application or in any information or documents required to be maintained or
19 provided to the division;

20 b. The applicant/permit holder has been cited for at least two (2) violations of
21 this chapter within a one (1) year period, each resulting in the imposition of a
22 fine;

23 c. The applicant/permit holder has failed to pay a fine or to request a hearing in
24 county court to answer the charges of a citation within thirty (30) days of
25 issuance of the citation;

26 d. The applicant/permit holder, his/her employee, or an officer of the guard dog
27 service has been convicted of a violation of law involving cruelty to animals or
28 has had a final judgment entered against him/her pursuant to F.S. § 828.073; or

1 e. An animal under the care and responsibility of an applicant/permit holder
2 has been found to be in need of immediate veterinary care that, if not treated,
3 would result in suffering, pain or death.

4 (2) No permit fee shall be refunded for a permit that is revoked or suspended. For a
5 permit that is denied after review and inspection, the permit fee shall be refunded as
6 provided by the board by resolution.

7 (d) *Appeal process.*

8 (1) Any applicant or permit holder who has been denied a permit or whose permit has
9 been revoked or suspended may appeal the adverse action to a special master by filing a
10 written notice of appeal and appeal bond with the division within ten (10) days of
11 issuance of the notice of adverse action. The board of county commissioners is hereby
12 authorized to establish the amount of the appeal bond by resolution. The appeal bond
13 shall be remitted to the division in the form of a money order, a certified check, a
14 cashier's check, or a bank check payable to the county.

15 (2) The appeal will be heard by a special master within thirty (30) calendar days after
16 the applicant or permit holder has submitted a notice of appeal. The initial hearing on
17 the appeal may be continued by the division, the special master, or the applicant or
18 permit holder beyond the thirty (30) calendar days for good cause shown.

19 (3) Unless otherwise provided herein, the hearing before the special master shall be
20 governed as provided in section 4-30, Animal care and control special master hearing.

21 (4) The denial, revocation or suspension of the permit shall be upheld or reversed by
22 the special master.

23 (e) *Requirements following notice of adverse action and/or appeal process.*

24 (1) If the notice of denial, revocation or suspension of a guard dog permit is not
25 appealed within ten (10) days after the notice of adverse action is issued, the applicant
26 or permit holder shall immediately cease and desist operation of a guard dog service or
27 use of a guard dog for the purpose of defending, patrolling or protecting property or life
28 at any nonresidential establishment in Palm Beach County.

29 (2) Any person whose permit has been revoked may not reapply for a period of one (1)
30 year.

1 (3) Each reapplication for a permit shall be accompanied by a fee to be established by
2 the board by resolution.

3 (4) Any person with a guilty adjudication of animal cruelty within the past five (5)
4 years may not hold a permit to operate a guard dog service in the county.

5 (f) *Registration of Guard Dogs.*

6 (1) Guard dog services and guard dog owners shall annually register each guard dog
7 owned or used in Palm Beach County with the division. The registration shall include
8 the following for each dog:

- 9 a. Name, address and telephone number of the owner and/or manager;
- 10 b. The breed, sex, weight, age and color(s) of the guard dog;
- 11 c. A color photograph of the guard dog;
- 12 d. Other distinguishing physical features of the guard dog;
- 13 e. Certification of rabies vaccination;
- 14 f. The guard dog license tag number;
- 15 g. The guard dog's electronic animal identification device number (EAID);
- 16 h. Proof of ownership (i.e., bill of sale, receipt or notarized affidavit) including
17 the name and address of the person from whom the dog was obtained;
- 18 i. A notarized affidavit signed by the previous owner acknowledging that the dog
19 will be used as a guard dog. This requirement may be waived if the dog has been
20 previously registered to the guard dog owner for more than one (1) year in the
21 county.
- 22 j. A current certification from a veterinarian who is licensed in Florida stating that
23 the guard dog has been examined and is healthy and physically fit to perform
24 service as a guard dog. The owner shall obtain the certification form from the
25 division and shall provide it to the examining veterinarian for completion.

26 (2) At least every six months, each guard dog shall be examined by a veterinarian who
27 is licensed in Florida to determine whether the dog is healthy and physically fit to
28 perform service as a guard dog. The owner shall obtain the certification form from the
29 division, shall provide it to the examining veterinarian for completion, and, upon
30 completion, shall provide it to the division.

- 1 (3) Newly acquired dogs shall be immediately vaccinated against rabies, tagged and
2 registered with the division as a guard dog before being used as a guard dog.
- 3 (4) The fee to register a guard dog with the division shall be established by the board
4 by resolution.
- 5 (5) A guard dog license tag shall be an annual requirement. The guard dog license tag
6 is available only through the division. The fee for a guard dog license tag shall be
7 established by the board by resolution. The guard dog tag shall be worn at all times or
8 shall be fastened to each guard dog's enclosure when the guard dog is inside it.
- 9 (6) No dog shall be used as a guard dog unless and until the dog has been registered
10 with the division.
- 11 (7) No dog shall be registered or used as a guard dog if a veterinarian deems that the
12 dog is physically unfit to perform service as a guard dog.
- 13 (8) No dog shall be used as a guard dog while it is pregnant or lactating.
- 14 (9) If any dog is used as a guard dog prior to being registered, a double registration
15 fee shall be imposed to register the guard dog.
- 16 (10) Each guard dog must be implanted with an EAID used and approved by the
17 division.
- 18 (11) *Maintenance of guard dog registration system; transfer, death, disappearance,*
19 *and rabies inoculation as affecting registration system.* The division shall maintain a
20 guard dog registration system which shall contain all data required by the division.
21 Immediately upon transfer of ownership, death or disappearance of a guard dog, the
22 guard dog service or guard dog owner shall notify the division. Upon receipt of the
23 information, the appropriate entry shall be made in the guard dog registration system. If
24 the dog has disappeared, an entry should be made to reflect the location of such
25 disappearance.
- 26 (g) *Inspection/records.*
- 27 (1) It shall be a condition of the issuance of any guard dog permit and guard dog
28 registration that officers of the division shall at any reasonable time, unannounced, have
29 the right to enter the premises and inspect:
- 30 a. All dogs and all premises where such dogs are trained, in use, or kept.

- 1 b. All records for each guard dog including but not limited to vaccination,
2 veterinary, and medical treatment records.
- 3 c. All records concerning the training, sale, or use of a guard dog.
- 4 (2) Refusal to allow inspection of a guard dog, premises, or records shall be a violation
5 of this chapter.
- 6 (3) Guard dog services shall require any customer that procures the use of a guard dog
7 to sign an agreement authorizing officers of the division to perform unannounced
8 inspections of any guard dog and premises where the guard dog is being used as a guard
9 dog.
- 10 (4) Guard dog services shall maintain records identifying the name, address, and
11 telephone number of each customer procuring the use of a guard dog and the physical
12 location of each guard dog (with registration number), if different than the customer's
13 address.
- 14 (5) On a bi-weekly basis, guard dog services shall provide the division with complete
15 records identifying the name, address, and telephone number of every customer
16 procuring the use of a guard dog and the physical location of every guard dog (with
17 license tag number).
- 18 (6) Guard dog services and guard dog owners shall immediately notify the division in
19 writing when a guard dog is temporarily or permanently removed from service due to
20 sickness, injury, a medical condition, or death.
- 21 (7) Guard dog services and guard dog owners shall maintain records of the acquisition,
22 transfer of ownership, death, or disappearance of a guard dog.
- 23 (8) The records required to be maintained herein shall be maintained for a period of at
24 least two (2) years from the date of creation and shall be provided to the division upon
25 request unless otherwise provided herein.
- 26 (h) *Transportation of guard dog.*
- 27 (1) Every vehicle transporting a guard dog must be clearly marked, showing that it is
28 transporting a guard dog. A compartment separate from the driver is required and shall
29 be arranged to ensure maximum ventilation for the dog.

1 (2) No guard dog shall be transported in the trunk of a car. No guard dog shall be
2 transported in the open bed of a truck unless the guard dog is inside a sturdy well
3 ventilated crate that is large enough for the dog to comfortably stand up and lie down
4 and is securely fastened within the bed of the truck to prevent movement of the crate.

5 (3) No guard dog shall be transported in violation of section 4-24(h), Animal care;
6 manner of keeping.

7 (i) *General requirements for guard dogs.*

8 (1) Guard dog enclosures shall be a minimum of 100 square feet if one (1) dog is present
9 and 150 square feet if two (2) dogs are present. No more than two (2) dogs shall be
10 maintained in an enclosure.

11 (2) Only compatible dogs may be kept in the same enclosure.

12 (3) Unaltered dogs of the opposite sex shall not be maintained in the same enclosure
13 unless the guard dog service or guard dog owner has an appropriate breeding permit
14 issued by the division.

15 (4) The guard dog enclosure shall be made of chain link or similar material with a solid
16 roof over the entire enclosure. The enclosure shall contain a shelter inside the enclosure
17 large enough to allow all dogs present to comfortably stand up, turn around and lie
18 down in the shelter simultaneously. The shelter within the enclosure shall provide
19 protection from the direct rays of the sun and direct effect of the wind and rain, a wind
20 and rain break and ventilation. The shelter shall be raised off the ground at least six
21 inches, have a solid roof, have flooring made of a nonporous easily cleanable surface,
22 have at least three (3) covered sides and an opening large enough for each guard dog to
23 access the shelter, have adequate ventilation with windows or openings to allow air to
24 circulate, and have fans or an air conditioning unit as required by this chapter.
25 Enclosures or shelters that are covered on all sides in a manner that prevents ventilation
26 are prohibited.

27 (5) The shelter shall have clean, dry bedding or a reasonably soft comfortable surface
28 for each dog to lie down on to prevent a dog from getting calluses or pressure sores.

29 (6) When the outdoor temperature rises above eighty-five (85) degrees Fahrenheit guard
30 dogs must be provided air conditioning or, at minimum, one (1) twenty (20) inch electric

1 fan directed into enclosure and one (1) twenty (20) inch electric fan directed into the
2 shelter. When the temperatures fall below forty (40) degrees Fahrenheit, guard dogs
3 must be moved indoors or provided adequate heating in their enclosure and shelter
4 to maintain temperatures above forty (40) degrees Fahrenheit.

5 (7) Guard dog enclosures and the area immediately surrounding the enclosures shall be
6 cleaned at least once a day to remove any excrement and to sanitize all surfaces coming
7 into contact with a guard dog. All excrement and waste shall be removed from the
8 property.

9 (8) Guard dogs shall have access to clean fresh water at all times. Each guard dog
10 enclosure shall be checked three (3) times a day to ensure that clean fresh water is
11 available.

12 (9) Each guard dog shall be examined daily for signs of illness or injury. Any guard dog
13 that is sick, injured, lame, or diseased shall be immediately examined by a licensed
14 veterinarian and removed from use as a guard dog until deemed healthy by the
15 veterinarian. If, during an inspection, the division determines that a guard dog on
16 commercial premises is sick, injured, lame, or diseased, the dog shall be immediately
17 impounded by the division and may be redeemed in accordance with section 4-12,
18 Redemption and adoption, unless a petition is filed under section 828.073, F.S.

19 (10) Guard dogs maintained in an enclosure shall have at least one-half (1 ½) hour of
20 exercise within each twelve (12) hours of confinement. Guard dog services and guard
21 dog owners shall maintain a daily record identifying each guard dog by license tag
22 number and providing the date, time, location, and name of the person who exercised
23 the guard dog.

24 (11) Guard dogs must be given a humane existence, and shall at all times be maintained
25 in accordance with section 4-24, Animal care; manner of keeping, unless otherwise
26 specified in this section.

27 (12) Any person who uses the service of a guard dog shall be responsible to assure that
28 the guard dog is provided a humane existence in accordance with section 4-24, Animal
29 care; manner of keeping, unless otherwise specified in this section, and shall

1 immediately contact the division to report any guard dog that is sick, diseased, lame or
2 injured.

3 (13) Any guard dog on commercial premises that is not registered as a guard dog shall
4 be impounded by the division and may be redeemed in accordance with section 4-12,
5 Redemption and adoption.

6 (14) Each person or business that rents or uses a guard dog to patrol the premises after
7 that business's operating hours shall provide adequate fencing or some other confining
8 structure to keep the guard dog within the premises.

9 (15) Each person or business that rents or uses a guard dog on commercial premises
10 shall at each entry point and at fifty (50) foot intervals along the property's fence
11 perimeter, post a readily visible sign including the words "Guard Dog."

12 (16) Entry points of commercial premises that use a guard dog shall have a sign posted
13 with the telephone number of the guard dog's trainer, handler and/or owner in case of an
14 emergency.

15 (17) Each person or business that rents or uses a guard dog on commercial premises
16 shall at each entry point and on the guard dog enclosure post a readily visible sign that
17 notifies members of the public to report guard dog complaints to the division. Such
18 signs will be available through the division for a fee set by the board by resolution.

19 (18) No dog that has been classified as "dangerous" by the division shall be used as a
20 guard dog.

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22 **SECTION 4. PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 4, SECTION 23 ENTITLED**
23 **“KENNEL, EXCESS ANIMAL HABITAT, PET SHOP, GROOMING PARLOR, AND**
24 **COMMERCIAL STABLE PERMITS” IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:**

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26 **Sec 4-23. KENNEL, EXCESS ANIMAL HABITAT, COMMERCIAL BREEDER, PET**
27 **DEALER, PET SHOP, GROOMING PARLOR, AND COMMERCIAL STABLE**
28 **PERMITS.**

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30 (a) *Applicability of this Chapter and other laws.*

31 (1) In addition to this chapter, all licensees must comply with: Florida Statutes, Ch.
32 588, "Livestock at Large"; Florida Statutes, Ch. 585, "Animal Industry"; Florida
33 Statutes, Ch. 828, "Cruelty to Animals"; Florida Department of Health and Rules and

1 Regulations Chapter 64D-3 Florida Administrative Code, Control of
2 Communicable Diseases and Conditions Which May Significantly Affect Public
3 Health"; Unified Land Development Code of Palm Beach County as adopted by
4 Ordinance 92- 20, as amended; Palm Beach County Ordinance No. 72-7, as amended,
5 "Business Taxes"; and any and all other applicable rules and regulations, policies and
6 laws.

7 (2) This section shall not be interpreted to require a permit from a veterinary
8 clinic/hospital, establishment working under the direct authority and control of a
9 veterinary clinic/hospital, humane society, government animal control shelter, hobby
10 breeder or private stable. All other animal establishments as defined in this chapter are
11 required to secure a permit.

12 (b) *Permit procedures and requirements.*

13 (1) No person shall operate, solicit business, or advertise an animal establishment
14 without first obtaining an operational permit (hereinafter, "permit") issued by the
15 division.

16 (2) Permit applications shall be valid for thirty (30) days in order for applicants to
17 make corrections to meet minimum compliance specifications. A permit shall be issued
18 only after the division completes an inspection and determines that the minimum
19 requirements and standards, as set forth herein have been met. After approval, a permit
20 shall be issued upon payment of the applicable fee. The permit shall be prominently
21 displayed on the premises where animals are located. The cost of a permit and other
22 related fees shall be established by the board by resolution.

23 (3) The permit is valid for a period of one (1) year from the date of issue, unless
24 otherwise stated or revoked. The permit shall be renewed annually. Said permit is not
25 transferable, assignable or refundable. Renewal applications for permits shall be made at
26 least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date. The board shall by resolution establish
27 late fees for untimely permit renewal applications. Failure to timely apply for a permit
28 renewal may result in a lapse in the permit.

29 (4) A new animal establishment shall use its initial permit issue date as the anniversary
30 date for the purposes of permit expiration and renewal.

- 1 (5) Each separate place of business or property shall be required to have a permit. Each
2 individual mobile grooming unit shall be subject to inspection and shall be required to
3 have a separate permit.
- 4 (6) If there is a change in ownership of any animal establishment, the new owner shall
5 obtain a permit.
- 6 (7) It shall be a condition of the issuance of any permit that the division shall be
7 allowed, at any reasonable time, to inspect without notice, all domestic animals, all
8 premises where animals are kept, all records pertaining to such animals, and all records
9 pertaining to the business.
- 10 (8) No permit shall be renewed hereunder if an applicant has outstanding and
11 unsatisfied civil penalties imposed due to violations of this chapter.
- 12 (9) No permit shall be issued or renewed without proof of a current business tax receipt
13 issued by the county tax collector in accordance with Palm Beach County Ordinance
14 No. 72-7, as amended.
- 15 (10) An animal control officer may conduct an investigation of any complaint
16 concerning any animal establishment within the county.
- 17 (11) If an inspection of an animal establishment reveals noncompliance with this
18 chapter, an animal control officer may issue a citation, setting forth the name of the
19 establishment being cited, to owners or managers of an animal establishment. Said
20 citation shall be issued in the name of the animal establishment's owner and also state
21 the name of the person signing for the owner of the animal establishment.
- 22 (12) By notice of adverse action, the division may deny, revoke or suspend any permit
23 if it is determined that:
- 24 a. There has been a material misstatement or misrepresentation in the permit
25 application;
- 26 b. The permit holder has been cited for at least two (2) violations within a one
27 (1) year period, each resulting in the imposition of a fine;
- 28 c. The permit holder has failed to pay a fine or to request a hearing in county
29 court to answer the charges of a citation within thirty (30) days of issuance of
30 the violation;

1 d. The permit holder or any of his agents have been convicted of a violation of
2 law involving cruelty to animals;

3 e. An animal under the care and responsibility of a permit holder has been
4 found to be in need of immediate veterinary care that, if not treated, would result
5 in suffering, pain or death; or

6 f. The permit holder and/or their employees/agents, refuses to allow the
7 inspection of the premises.

8 (13) No permit fee shall be refunded for a permit that is revoked or suspended. For a
9 permit that is denied after review and inspection, the permit fee shall be refunded as
10 provided by the board by resolution.

11 (d) *Appeal process.*

12 (1) Any person who has been denied a permit or whose permit has been revoked or
13 suspended may appeal this action to a special master within the ten (10) day period after
14 the division originates the adverse action. A written notice of appeal and appeal bond
15 must be filed with the division within ten (10) days of the notice of adverse action. The
16 board of county commissioners is hereby authorized to establish the amount of the
17 appeal bond by resolution. The appeal bond shall be remitted to the division in the form
18 of a money order, a certified check, a cashier's check, or a bank check payable to the
19 county.

20 (2) The appeal must be heard by a special master within thirty (30) calendar days after
21 the owner has submitted a notice of appeal. The appeal may be delayed by the division,
22 the special master, or the permit applicant or permit holder beyond the thirty (30)
23 calendar days for good cause shown.

24 (3) The person receiving the notice of adverse action shall, until final disposition of the
25 appeal, take whatever positive measures are necessary to prevent any future violations
26 of this chapter from occurring.

27 (4) Unless otherwise provided herein, the hearing before the special master shall be
28 governed as provided in section 4-30, Animal care and control special master hearing.

29 (5) The denial, revocation or suspension of the permit shall be upheld or revoked by
30 the special master.

1 (e) *Owner requirements following notice of adverse action and/or appeal process.*

2 (1) If the notice of adverse action of denial, revocation or suspension of a permit issued
3 under this section is not appealed, the animal establishment shall be required to humanely
4 dispose, by means of returning to owner, sale, gift, euthanasia performed by a licensed
5 veterinarian or other humane method, all animals in its possession that it is not otherwise
6 entitled to possess under this chapter, within fifteen (15) days after the deadline to appeal
7 has passed. If the notice of adverse action of denial, revocation, or suspension of a permit
8 issued under this section is upheld on appeal, the animal establishment shall be required
9 to humanely dispose, by means of returning to owner, sale, gift, euthanasia performed by
10 a licensed veterinarian or other humane method, all animals in its possession that it is not
11 otherwise entitled to possess under this chapter, within fifteen (15) days after the appeal
12 hearing unless otherwise ordered by the special master. The permit applicant or permit
13 holder shall provide the division with written notification of the disposition and location
14 of each animal, including the name, address, and telephone number of each new owner. If
15 the animals have not been humanely disposed of, as described above, the division shall
16 attempt to notify owner(s), if applicable, and may impound any animals found to be
17 housed or kept in violation of this chapter. Such animals may be redeemed in accordance
18 with sec. 4-12., Redemption and adoption.

19 (2) Any person whose permit has been revoked may not reapply for a period of one
20 (1) year. Each reapplication shall be accompanied by a fee to be established by the
21 board by resolution.

22 (3) Any person with a guilty adjudication of animal cruelty within the past five (5)
23 years may not hold a permit to operate an animal establishment in the county.

24 (f) *Inspection procedures.*

25 (1) An inspection form shall be used as a guideline for the inspecting officer and the
26 animal establishment.

27 (2) Inspections of animal establishments shall be made without notice, during normal
28 business hours or at any reasonable time during daylight hours. All inspections shall be
29 made in the presence of the owner, manager or person in charge of the establishment
30 whenever possible.

- 1 (3) The inspecting officer will complete the inspection form by marking unsatisfactory
2 items. Instructions and comments will be made at the bottom of the inspection form.
- 3 (4) Whenever deficiencies are noted or the division receives a complaint from the
4 public, a follow-up inspection of the establishment may be initiated by the division.
- 5 (5) After the inspection is complete, the owner, manager or person in charge of the
6 animal establishment shall sign the inspection form whereupon a copy of the completed
7 form will be given to the owner or manager. If the owner or manager is not present, a
8 copy of the form will be mailed to the owner or manager and the original copy will be
9 kept by the division.
- 10 (6) The owner or manager of the animal establishment shall correct or initiate
11 corrections within seven (7) days, unless otherwise stated by the inspecting officer.
- 12 (g) *Minimum general operational standards.*
- 13 (1) Each animal establishment will prominently display a current, valid county animal
14 care and control operational permit.
- 15 (2) Each animal establishment which accepts privately owned animals into its custody,
16 shall report to the division, any obvious case of neglect or animal abuse pursuant to this
17 chapter or Florida Statutes, Chapter 828, "Cruelty to Animals." The division's phone
18 number shall be posted in a prominent location visible to both employees and
19 customers.
- 20 (3) Each animal establishment shall meet all fire safety requirements in accordance
21 with the local fire and zoning regulations. A posted plan and diagram to evacuate all
22 animals in case of fire shall be provided in a prominent location.
- 23 (4) Each animal establishment shall have a working telephone available at all times in
24 case of an emergency. The name of the establishment's veterinarian and the
25 veterinarian's phone number shall be posted and made available to all employees and
26 customers.
- 27 (5) Every owner or manager of an animal establishment must provide for adequate
28 rodent and insect control.
- 29 (6) Each animal establishment shall have sufficient lighting to permit routine
30 inspection and cleaning of the facility, and clear observation of the animals. Animal

1 areas must be lighted for at least eight (8) hours a day, by either natural or artificial
2 light, corresponding to the natural period of daylight. If only artificial light, such as
3 florescent light is provided, it must provide full-spectrum illumination. Animal
4 enclosures must be placed so as to protect animals from excessive light.

5 (7) All areas of each animal establishment shall be clean, orderly and free of garbage,
6 unused food, standing water, litter or refuse. Garbage shall be kept in garbage cans with
7 lids and disposed of daily. (Commercial stables refer to requirements in paragraph (k)).

8 (8) Animal excrement shall be removed by spot cleaning regularly throughout the
9 work day. (Commercial stables refer to requirements in paragraph (k)).

10 (9) All cleaning solutions and disinfectants shall be stored and used in accordance with
11 the manufacturer's instructions, properly labeled as to content, and shall be stored so as
12 to not come into any contact with animals.

13 (10) All equipment, buildings, appurtenances, plumbing, electrical wiring and
14 electrical appliances/equipment shall be in good repair and appropriate for intended use.

15 (11) Wherever animals are housed or cared for, floors, moldings, walls, shelves and
16 work areas shall be of a nonporous material impervious to fecal matter and urine that
17 can be easily swept, wiped, mopped and disinfected daily. Carpeting as a flooring or
18 wall covering shall not be used wherever animals are housed or maintained.
19 Notwithstanding the foregoing, the division may in writing approve the use of alternative
20 materials when the animal establishment provides a written plan for keeping all surfaces
21 in the animal enclosure clean and properly disinfected and demonstrates compliance
22 with such plan. (Stables refer to requirements in paragraph (k)).

23 (12) All aisles shall be kept clear to provide safe, free access throughout the animal
24 establishment.

25 (13) Animal establishments which fail to obtain licensed veterinary care or show proof
26 of same, for any sick or injured animal found in the animal establishment's
27 custody may be charged for violating section 4-24, Animal care; manner of
28 keeping, of this chapter or Florida Statutes, Ch. 828, "Cruelty to Animals." Proof of
29 adequate, timely, veterinary care must be provided to the inspecting officer upon
30 request.

- 1 (14) Bodies of dead animals must be disposed of according to this chapter and any and
2 all other applicable county and state regulations, policies and laws.
- 3 (15) All animals in an animal establishment must be given a humane existence, and
4 shall at all times be maintained in accordance with section 4-24, Animal care; manner
5 of keeping.
- 6 (16) A commercial breeder's permit number shall be included in all advertisements
7 offering a dog or cat for sale.
- 8 (h) *Minimum operational standards for kennels, commercial breeders, pet dealers and excess*
9 *animal habitats (EAH).*
- 10 (1) *Record keeping--Kennels, commercial breeders and excess animal habitats.*
- 11 a. Kennels, commercial breeders and excess animal habitats shall keep records
12 on all animals currently bred, born, boarded, housed and/or being trained. These
13 records shall be maintained on each animal individually.
- 14 b. The information in these records shall include but not be limited to rabies
15 vaccination, all other inoculations and prescription or medical treatment
16 administered. In addition, kennels shall be required to obtain the owner's name,
17 address, emergency telephone number, proof of owner's identification, and name
18 and telephone number of owner's veterinarian. Excess animal habitats shall also
19 include records indicating where the animal was obtained. The above information
20 shall be available to the inspecting officer upon request.
- 21 c. A medical release must be obtained from the owner or his designee, for each
22 animal and shall become part of the animal's record so that emergency treatment
23 can be given if the animal shows signs of illness or is injured while in the care
24 and custody of the kennel.
- 25 d. Commercial breeders shall comply with section 4-25, Dogs and cats offered
26 for sale; health requirements, and shall maintain a separate file for each dog and
27 cat containing all Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection's (OCVI) and
28 medical records for each individual dog and cat. Such records shall be kept on
29 file at all times on the premises and available to the inspecting officer upon

- 1 request. Such records shall be maintained for a period of two (2) years after an
2 animal is sold or otherwise disposed of.
- 3 e. All dogs housed at a kennel for training purposes shall have a training
4 contract. The training contract shall state that the dog is housed specifically for
5 training. The dog shall be housed in an enclosure appropriate for its breed and
6 size to stand or sit erect, lie down in a comfortable normal position, stretch out
7 and turn about freely. The contract shall include notice that the dog will be
8 interacting with other pets in training classes. The contract shall be signed by the
9 dog's owner.
- 10 f. Commercial breeders shall maintain records of each litter of puppies and
11 kittens born. Such records shall include the date of birth, number of puppies or
12 kittens in the litter, and license tag number of the parents.
- 13 g. On a quarterly basis, commercial breeders shall provide the division with the
14 name, address, and telephone number of the new owner of any puppy or kitten
15 placed in the county.
- 16 (2) *Animal housing requirements- Kennels and excess animal habitats.*
- 17 a. For kennels, dogs must be separated by a wall at least four (4) feet high or one
18 (1) foot higher than the top of each dog's head (excluding the ears), when the dog
19 is standing on all four (4) feet.
- 20 b. Animals shall be confined and not allowed to run at large on the premises,
21 except when housed for training and a training contract has been signed by the
22 owner as stated in paragraph (h)(1)e of this section.
- 23 c. Animals housed in kennels shall be separated in individual cages in the
24 following manner:
- 25 1. Dogs from cats.
 - 26 2. Unsterilized Males from females.
 - 27 3. Nursing mothers with their young from all others.
 - 28 4. Boarding dogs from registered guard dogs.

1 By special request of the owner, as noted in the record, animals from the same
2 household may be boarded together and may be allowed to interact with other
3 animals during supervised play periods.

4 d. Animals having a known or suspected communicable animal-to-human or
5 animal-to-animal disease shall be maintained in individual cages in an isolated
6 location where they cannot directly or indirectly come into contact with any other
7 animals or the public.

8 e. Applicable county and state health regulations must be followed when caring
9 for any animal harboring an animal-to-human disease.

10 f. Dogs kenneled for a period longer than three (3) months shall be afforded
11 protective measures. Kennel operators shall notify the division regarding all dogs
12 maintained at their kennel for longer than three (3) months and shall comply with
13 the following requirements:

14 1. Arrange for a professional behaviorist or trainer to visit once every
15 three (3) months for the purpose of evaluation, therapeutic or obedience
16 training.

17 2. A veterinarian examination prior to the fourth month of confinement,
18 and every ninety (90) days thereafter. Dogs not maintained on a
19 heartworm preventative program shall be given an occult heartworm test
20 and started on preventative or treated for same.

21 3. Each week a minimum of fifty (50) minutes for play, interaction,
22 grooming and/or training. This may be done by volunteers, however, dogs
23 with medical conditions prohibiting play or training sessions shall be
24 excluded from this requirement upon written certification of the medical
25 condition by a licensed veterinarian.

26 4. Records shall be kept at the kennel evidencing compliance with the
27 above.

28 (3) *Physical facility requirements—Kennels, commercial breeders, pet dealers and*
29 *excess animal habitats.*

- 1 a. Floors and walls of all animal enclosures shall be made of nonporous material
2 impervious to fecal matter and urine that can be easily disinfected. The floors
3 shall slope toward the drains or troughs. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the
4 division may in writing approve the use of alternative materials when the animal
5 establishment provides a written plan for keeping all surfaces in the animal
6 enclosure clean and properly disinfected and demonstrates compliance with such
7 plan.
- 8 b. The premise shall have drainage and plumbing adequate to handle the heavy
9 load of daily cleaning.
- 10 c. Indoor/outdoor housing facilities. Indoor and outdoor housing facilities shall
11 be maintained in accordance with section 4-24, Animal care; manner of keeping.
- 12 d. *Animal enclosures.*
- 13 1. General requirements.
- 14 A. Animal enclosures must be designed and constructed of
15 suitable materials so they are structurally sound. The animal
16 enclosures must be kept in good repair.
- 17 B. Animal enclosures must be constructed and maintained so
18 they:
- 19 i. Have no sharp points or edges which could injure the
20 dogs and cats;
- 21 ii. Protect the dogs and cats from injury;
- 22 iii. Keep predators and unauthorized individuals from
23 accessing the enclosure;
- 24 iv. Enable the dogs and cats to remain dry and clean;
- 25 v. Provide shelter and protection from extreme
26 temperatures and weather conditions that may be
27 uncomfortable or hazardous to the dogs and cats;
- 28 vi. Are shaded to shelter all the dogs and cats housed in
29 the animal enclosure;

vii. Provide the dogs and cats with easy and convenient access to clean food and water;

viii. Enable all surfaces in contact with the dogs and cats to be readily cleaned and disinfected; and

ix. Have floors which are constructed in a manner that protects the dogs' and cats' appendages from injury and that will not allow the dogs' and cats' appendages to pass through any openings in the floor.

C. Airline type containers normally used for shipping and transporting animals shall not be used to permanently house animals.

D. Space requirements for dogs:

i. Indoor/outdoor enclosures for extra large dogs over seventy-five (75) pounds shall be at least thirty-two (32) square feet, per dog.

ii. Indoor/outdoor dog enclosures for large dogs fifty-one (51) pounds to seventy-five (75) pounds shall be at least twenty-four (24) square feet, per dog.

iii. Indoor/outdoor dog enclosures for medium dogs thirty-six (36) to fifty (50) pounds shall be at least twenty (20) square feet, per dog.

iv. Indoor/outdoor dog enclosures for small dogs twenty-one (21) to thirty-five (35) pounds shall be at least twelve (12) square feet, per dog.

v. Indoor/outdoor dog enclosures for dogs eleven (11) to twenty (20) pounds shall be at least eight (8) square feet, per dog.

vi. Indoor/outdoor dog enclosures for dogs ten (10) pounds and under shall be at least six (6) square feet, per dog.

vii. The interior height of an indoor/outdoor dog enclosure must be at least one (1) foot higher than the highest point of the body (normally the ears) of the dog in the enclosure when it is in a normal standing position.

E. Space requirements for cats.

i. Each cat that is housed in any animal enclosure must be provided minimum space as follows:

(a) Each animal enclosure housing cats or kittens must be at least twenty-four (24) inches high;

(b) Adult cats and kittens over four months old must be provided with at least four (4) square feet, per cat; and

- ii. Compatibility.

(a) All cats housed in the same animal enclosure must be compatible and have the same owner.

(b) Queens in heat may not be housed in the same animal enclosure with any mature males unless an appropriate breeding permit has been obtained.

(c) Queens with litters may not be housed in the same animal enclosure with other adult cats.

(d) Kittens under four (4) months of age may not be housed in the same animal enclosure with adult cats.

(e) Cats with a vicious or aggressive disposition must be housed separately.

- iii. Cat litter.

(a) In all animal enclosures, a receptacle containing sufficient clean litter must be provided to contain excreta and body wastes.

- 1 (b) Litter pans shall be cleaned and changed daily
2 or more often when necessary.
- 3 iv. Resting surfaces (perches).
- 4 (a) Each animal enclosure housing cats shall
5 contain a solid resting surface or surfaces that, in
6 the aggregate, are large enough to hold all the
7 occupants of the animal enclosure at the same time
8 comfortably.
- 9 (b) The resting surfaces must be elevated,
10 impervious to moisture and able to be easily
11 disinfected, or easily replaced when soiled or
12 worn.
- 13 (c) The resting surfaces shall not be considered
14 part of the minimum floor space.
- 15 (4) *Food and water requirements: Dogs and cats—Kennels, commercial*
16 *breeders, pet dealers and excess animal habitats.*
- 17 a. Food shall be stored in rodent, pest and moisture proof containers with lids.
18 Containers shall be clearly and properly labeled as to contents.
- 19 b. Fresh water shall be available to all animals at all times and shall be
20 maintained in a container in such a manner that animals cannot turn the container
21 over.
- 22 c. Food and water shall be fresh, appropriate and free from contamination.
- 23 (5) *Cleaning procedures for (animal enclosures)--Kennels, commercial breeders, pet*
24 *dealers and excess animal habitats.*
- 25 a. All animal enclosures including floors, walls and doors shall be cleaned,
26 disinfected and dried daily.
- 27 b. Dogs and cats shall not be directly exposed to water or disinfectant and shall
28 be removed from animal enclosures during cleaning procedures.
- 29 c. Drains and walkways adjacent to all animal enclosures shall be hosed and
30 disinfected daily.

- 1 d. All animal enclosures shall be spot cleaned as necessary to remove animal
2 excrement throughout the day.
- 3 e. Food dishes and water bowls shall be cleaned and disinfected daily.
- 4 f. Appropriate cleaning methods shall be used to ensure that fumes from excreta
5 and urine do not adversely affect the lungs of animals or humans.
- 6 (i) *Minimum operational standards for pet shops and pet dealers.*
- 7 | (1) *general requirements for pet shops and pet dealers.*
- 8 For the purpose of this section, the word dog means a dog of any age and the word cat
9 means a cat of any age.
- 10 a. For each dog and cat transported into the county from outside of the State of
11 Florida for sale, the tests, vaccines, and anthelmintics required by this ordinance
12 must be administered by or under the direction of a veterinarian, licensed by the
13 state of origin and accredited by the United States Department of Agriculture,
14 who issues the Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI). The tests,
15 vaccines, and anthelmintics must be administered no more than thirty (30) days
16 and no less than fourteen (14) days before the dog or cat's entry into the State of
17 Florida. An OCVI certifying compliance with this ordinance must accompany
18 each dog and cat transported into the State of Florida for sale.
- 19 b. No dog or cat imported into the State of Florida for sale shall be offered for sale
20 without an OCVI issued by a veterinarian licensed in the state of origin.
- 21 c. The following tests, vaccines, and anthelmintics must be administered to each
22 dog before the dog is offered for sale in the county, unless a licensed, accredited
23 veterinarian certifies on the OCVI that to inoculate or deworm the dog is not in
24 the best medical interest of the dog, in which case the vaccine or anthelmintic
25 may not be administered to that particular dog:
- 26 1. Canine distemper.
- 27 2. Leptospirosis.
- 28 3. Bordetella (by intranasal inoculation or by an alternative method of
29 administration if deemed necessary by the attending veterinarian and

1 noted on the health certificate, which must be administered in this state
2 once before sale).

3 4. Parainfluenza.

4 5. Hepatitis.

5 6. Canine parvo.

6 7. Rabies, provided the dog is over 3 months of age and the inoculation is
7 administered by a licensed veterinarian.

8 8. Roundworms.

9 9. Hookworms.

10 If the dog is under four (4) months of age, the tests, vaccines, and anthelmintics
11 required by this ordinance must be administered no more than twenty-one (21)
12 days before sale within the county. If the dog is four (4) months of age or older,
13 the tests, vaccines, and anthelmintics required by this ordinance must be
14 administered at or after three (3) months of age, but no more than one (1) year
15 before sale within the county.

16 d. The following tests, vaccines, and anthelmintics must be administered to each
17 cat before the cat is offered for sale in the county, unless the licensed, accredited
18 veterinarian certifies on the OCVI that to inoculate or deworm the cat is not in the
19 best medical interest of the cat, in which case the vaccine or anthelmintic may not
20 be administered to that particular cat:

21 1. Panleukopenia.

22 2. Feline viral rhinotracheitis.

23 3. Calici virus.

24 4. Rabies, if the cat is over 3 months of age and the inoculation is
25 administered by a licensed veterinarian.

26 5. Hookworms.

27 6. Roundworms.

28 If the cat is under four (4) months of age, the tests, vaccines, and anthelmintics
29 required by this section must be administered no more than twenty-one (21) days
30 before sale within the state. If the cat is four (4) months of age or older, the tests,

1 vaccines, and anthelmintics required by this section must be administered at or
2 after three (3) months of age, but no more than one (1) year before sale within the
3 state.

4 e. Every dog and cat offered for sale by a pet shop or pet dealer must be
5 accompanied by a current OCVI at all times while being offered for sale within
6 the county. The examining veterinarian must retain one copy of the OCVI on file
7 for at least one (1) year after the date of examination.

8 f. Each dog and cat in the possession of a pet shop or pet dealer shall be examined
9 by a veterinarian licensed to practice in Florida no more than thirty (30) days
10 before the sale within the county. The examination must include, but not be
11 limited to, a fecal test to determine if the dog or cat is free of internal parasites,
12 including hookworms, roundworms, tapeworms, and whipworms. If the
13 examination warrants, the dog or cat must be treated with a specific anthelmintic.
14 In the absence of a definitive parasitic diagnosis, each dog or cat must be given a
15 broad spectrum anthelmintic. At the conclusion of the examination, the
16 veterinarian shall complete an OCVI, which shall remain current for a period of
17 thirty (30) days. Each dog and cat in the possession of a pet shop or pet dealer
18 shall be re-examined by a veterinarian every thirty (30) days and the pet shop or
19 pet dealer shall ensure that a current OCVI is completed by the examining
20 veterinarian.

21 g. Each dog over six (6) months of age must be tested by a veterinarian for
22 heartworms before being offered for sale and the results of the tests must be listed
23 on the OCVI.

24 h. Each cat must be tested by a veterinarian for feline leukemia before being
25 offered for sale and the results of the tests must be listed on the OCVI.

26 i. Each dog and cat obtained by the pet shop or pet dealer for the purpose of sale
27 shall be examined by a veterinarian licensed in Florida within two (2) business
28 days of the day the pet shop or pet dealer obtains the dog or cat.

29 j. No pet shop or pet dealer shall possess, offer for sale, sell, transport, or arrange
30 for the transportation of any dog or cat that is less than eight (8) weeks of age.

- 1 k. No pet shop or pet dealer shall import a dog into the United States in violation
2 of 7 U.S.C. 2148, *Importation of live dogs*.
- 3 l. No pet shop or pet dealer shall obtain a dog or cat from any source, including
4 but not limited to a breeder or dealer, if the source or an owner, operator or
5 employee of the source:
- 6 1. has been convicted of cruelty to animals under any federal, state or
7 local law.
 - 8 2. has had a final judgment entered against it/him/her based upon a
9 finding of animal neglect or mistreatment pursuant to section 828.073, Fla.
10 Stat., or comparable statute.
 - 11 3. has been temporarily or permanently enjoined from breeding, selling or
12 dealing in dogs or cats by any court.
 - 13 4. whose license/permit issued by any local government, state, or federal
14 government to breed, sell or otherwise deal in dogs or cats is suspended or
15 revoked.
 - 16 5. does not hold a current license/permit to breed, sell or otherwise deal in
17 dogs or cats as required by the applicable local, state, or federal law.
- 18 m. An OCVI must:
- 19 1. be signed on the date of examination by the examining veterinarian who
20 is licensed by the state of origin and accredited by the United States
21 Department of Agriculture and must include the veterinarian's license
22 number.
 - 23 2. show the age, sex, breed, color, and health record of the dog or cat
24 examined.
 - 25 3. contain the printed or typed names and addresses of the person or
26 business from whom the dog or cat was obtained, the consignor or seller,
27 the consignee or purchaser, and the examining veterinarian.
 - 28 4. for each dog or cat, list all tests performed, the results of all tests
29 performed, all vaccines and deworming medications administered,

1 including the manufacturer, vaccine, type, lot number, expiration date, and
2 the dates of administration thereof.

3 5. state that the examining veterinarian warrants that, to the best of his or
4 her knowledge, the dog or cat has no sign of contagious or infectious
5 diseases and has no evidence of internal or external parasites, including
6 coccidiosis and ear mites, but excluding fleas and ticks.

7 6. state whether the examining veterinarian has detected any physical
8 abnormalities in the dog or cat including but not limited to a heart
9 murmur, an umbilical hernia, entropion, an inguinal hernia, and
10 cryptorchidism.

11 An OCVI that does not meet the above-cited requirements shall not comply with
12 this ordinance.

13 n. It shall be a violation of this ordinance to falsify any information provided in
14 any OCVI.

15 o. All dogs and cats offered for sale and copies of OCVI's held by a pet shop, pet
16 dealer or veterinarian are subject to inspection by any agent of the division, the
17 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, any agent of the United States
18 Department of Agriculture, any law enforcement officer, or any agent appointed
19 under s. 828.03, Fla. Stat.

20 p. All dogs and cats offered for sale by a pet shop or pet dealer shall be implanted
21 with an electronic animal identification device (EAID).

22 *(2) Records*

23 a. Each pet shop or pet dealer shall maintain the following written records on each
24 dog and cat offered for sale for a period of not less than two (2) years after
25 disposition of each dog and cat:

26 1. The name and address of the breeder of the dog or cat. If the breeder of
27 the dog or cat is licensed by the United States Department of Agriculture,
28 a state, or a local government to breed, sell or otherwise deal in dogs and
29 cats, the pet shop or pet dealer shall maintain the license number,
30 identification number, or other permit number.

- 1 2. The name and address of any other person who or business that owned
2 or possessed the dog or cat from its birth to the point of sale. If such
3 person or business is licensed by the United States Department of
4 Agriculture, a state, or a local government to breed, sell or otherwise deal
5 in dogs and cats, the pet shop or pet dealer shall maintain the license
6 number, identification number, or other permit number.
- 7 3. The date the dog or cat was born and the date the pet shop or pet dealer
8 received the dog or cat.
- 9 4. The breed, sex, color, and identifying marks of the dog or cat. If the
10 breed is unknown or mixed, the record shall so indicate.
- 11 5. If the dog or cat is being sold as capable of registration, the names and
12 registration numbers of the sire and dam and litter number.
- 13 6. A copy of each OCVI that has been completed for the dog or cat up to
14 the point of sale.
- 15 7. A complete record of any medical treatment or medication provided to
16 or recommended for each dog or cat by a veterinarian and any medical
17 diagnosis made by a veterinarian concerning each dog or cat up to the
18 point of sale. If such information is contained in an OCVI, the OCVI shall
19 be sufficient; if not, the pet shop or pet dealer shall obtain a copy of each
20 dog or cat's medical records from the veterinarian.
- 21 8. A record of any known disease, illness, or congenital or hereditary
22 condition that adversely affects the health of the dog or cat at the time of
23 sale or is likely to adversely affect the health of the dog or cat in the
24 future.
- 25 b. For a period of two (2) years from the disposition of each dog and cat, the pet
26 shop or pet dealer shall maintain records specifying the date and nature of
27 disposition of each dog and cat and the name, address, and phone number of the
28 purchaser (or owner if different than the purchaser) of each dog or cat.
- 29 c. Once per month, each pet shop and pet dealer shall provide the division with
30 records indicating the number of dogs and cats sold or disposed of during the

1 previous month; the name and physical address (no p.o. boxes) of the breeder,
2 dealer, or source from which each dog and cat was obtained; the date each dog
3 and cat was obtained; and the date each dog and cat was sold or otherwise
4 disposed of by the pet shop or pet dealer; and the name, physical address (no p.o.
5 boxes), and telephone number of the purchaser or owner (if different from the
6 purchaser) of each dog and cat sold during that month, including the EAID
7 number, breed, color, sex, and age of each dog and cat.

8 d. If any dog or cat dies while in the possession of a pet shop or pet dealer, the pet
9 shop or pet dealer shall maintain a record of the date of death and known or
10 suspected cause of death. Any dog or cat that dies while being treated by a
11 veterinarian or person at the request of the pet shop or pet dealer shall be
12 considered in the possession of the pet shop or pet dealer at the time of death.
13 The veterinarian shall specify the date of and known or suspected cause of death
14 on the dog or cat's OCVI. Upon the death of a dog or cat, the pet shop or pet
15 dealer shall provide the division with records reflecting the date and cause of the
16 dog or cat's death. The pet shop or pet dealer shall maintain a copy of such
17 record for a period of two (2) years from the date of the dog or cat's death.

18 e. Each pet shop and pet dealer shall maintain on the premises all records required
19 by this ordinance and shall make such records available to the division upon
20 request.

21 f. The failure to maintain complete records on each dog and cat as required by
22 this ordinance shall constitute a separate violation as to each record missing or
23 incomplete.

24 *(3) notices and disclosures to purchasers*

25 a. Each pet shop and pet dealer shall post conspicuously on the cage or enclosure
26 of each dog and cat offered for sale a written notice in 12-point or greater type
27 identifying the breed, sex, and date of birth of each dog and cat and the name and
28 address of the sources that bred each dog and cat and sold each dog and cat to the
29 pet shop.

- 1 b. Each pet shop and pet dealer shall post conspicuously in close proximity to the
2 cages or enclosures where dogs and cats are offered for sale a notice in at least 50-
3 point type containing the following:
- 4 “Notice to consumers: Before purchasing a dog or cat you may request
5 information concerning each dog or cat’s health, medical history, and the
6 source from which the dog or cat was obtained. Upon your request, the
7 pet shop or pet dealer is required to show you these records before you
8 purchase a dog or cat and to give you a copy of these records when you
9 purchase a dog or cat.”
- 10 c. At the time of sale, each pet shop and pet dealer shall provide the purchaser
11 with a written notice in 12-point or greater type stating:
- 12 Pursuant to the Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control Ordinance,
13 every owner of a dog or cat is required to obtain a license tag for each dog
14 and cat from the Palm Beach County Division of Animal Care and Control
15 (“Division”) or an authorized veterinarian. The license tag must be
16 renewed every year, and proof of an up to date rabies vaccination is
17 required to obtain or renew a license tag.
- 18
- 19 The Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners has determined
20 that the unintended or uncontrolled breeding of dogs and cats leads to pet
21 overpopulation at great expense to the community and that every feasible
22 means of reducing the number of unwanted dogs and cats should be
23 encouraged. The Board of County Commissioners has also determined
24 that spaying and neutering every dog and cat is one of the best ways to
25 reduce the number of unwanted pets. Therefore, every dog and cat in
26 Palm Beach County must be spayed or neutered by the time the dog or cat
27 is six (6) months old, unless certain exceptions apply.
- 28
- 29 Every owner of a dog or cat must obtain an annual unaltered license tag
30 from the Division or a veterinarian for each dog or cat over the age of six

1 (6) months that is not spayed or neutered. A dog or cat with an unaltered
2 license tag cannot be bred unless an appropriate breeding permit is first
3 obtained from the Division.

4
5 No person shall breed any dog or cat in Palm Beach County without first
6 obtaining a breeding permit.

7
8 Contact the Division at (561) 233-1200 or
9 www.pbcgov.com/publicsafety/animalcare / with questions about
10 regulations pertaining to your new dog or cat.

11 The division shall have the authority to establish an alternative written disclosure
12 form that includes the essential elements of the written notice provided herein.

13 d. At the time of sale, each pet shop and pet dealer shall deliver to the purchaser
14 of each dog and cat a written disclosure(s) containing the following:

15 1. The name and physical address (no p.o. boxes) of the breeder of the
16 dog or cat. If the breeder of the dog or cat is licensed by the United States
17 Department of Agriculture, a state, or a local government to breed, sell or
18 otherwise deal in dogs and cats, the pet shop or pet dealer shall maintain
19 the license number, identification number, or other permit number.

20 2. The name and physical address (no p.o. boxes) of any other person who
21 or business that owned or possessed the dog or cat from its birth to the
22 point of sale. If such person or business is licensed by the United States
23 Department of Agriculture, a state, or a local government to breed, sell or
24 otherwise deal in dogs and cats, the pet shop or pet dealer shall maintain
25 the license number, identification number, or other permit number.

26 3. The date the dog or cat was born and the date the pet shop or pet dealer
27 received the dog or cat.

28 4. The breed, sex, color, and identifying marks of the dog or cat. If the
29 breed is unknown or mixed, the record shall so indicate.

- 1 5. If the dog or cat is being sold as capable of registration, the names and
- 2 registration numbers of the sire and dam and litter number.
- 3 6. A copy of each OCVI that has been completed for the dog or cat up to
- 4 the point of sale.
- 5 7. A complete record of any medical treatment or medication provided to
- 6 or recommended for the dog or cat by a veterinarian and medical diagnosis
- 7 made by a veterinarian concerning the dog to cat up to the point of sale. If
- 8 such information is contained in an OCVI, the OCVI shall be sufficient; if
- 9 not, the pet shop or pet dealer shall obtain a copy of each dog or cat's
- 10 medical records from the veterinarian.
- 11 8. A record of any known disease, illness, or congenital or hereditary
- 12 condition that adversely affects the health of the dog or cat at the time or
- 13 sale, or is likely to adversely affect the health of the dog or cat in the
- 14 future.

15 A pet store or pet dealer shall provide all of the above-cited written disclosures to
16 the prospective purchaser of each dog or cat for review prior to the purchase upon
17 request.

18 (4) *Warranties for dogs and cats*

19 a. A dog or cat that is purchased from a pet shop or pet dealer shall be considered
20 unfit for purchase if any of the following apply:

- 21 1. Within fourteen (14) days following the sale of a dog or cat by a pet
- 22 shop or pet dealer a licensed veterinarian of the purchaser's choosing
- 23 certifies that, at the time of the sale, the dog or cat was unfit for purchase
- 24 due to illness or disease, the presence of symptoms of a contagious or
- 25 infectious disease, or the presence of internal or external parasites,
- 26 excluding fleas and ticks.
- 27 2. Within one (1) year following the sale of a dog or cat, a licensed
- 28 veterinarian of the purchaser's choosing certifies such dog or cat to be
- 29 unfit for purchase due to a congenital or hereditary disorder that adversely
- 30 affects the health of the dog or cat.

1 3. Within one (1) year following the sale of a dog or cat, the breed, sex, or
2 health of such dog or cat is found to have been misrepresented to the
3 purchaser.

4 b. If a dog or cat is unfit for purchase for any of the above-cited reasons, the pet
5 shop or pet dealer shall afford the purchaser the right to choose one of the
6 following options:

7 1. The right to return the dog or cat and receive a refund of the purchase
8 price, including the sales tax, and reimbursement for reasonable veterinary
9 costs directly related to the veterinarian's examination and certification
10 that the dog or cat is unfit for purchase pursuant to this ordinance and
11 directly related to necessary emergency services and treatment undertaken
12 to relieve suffering;

13 2. The right to return the dog or cat and receive an exchange dog or cat of
14 the purchaser's choice of equivalent value, and reimbursement for
15 reasonable veterinary costs directly related to the veterinarian's
16 examination and certification that the dog or cat is unfit for purchase
17 pursuant to this section and directly related to necessary emergency
18 services and treatment undertaken to relieve suffering; or

19 3. The right to retain the dog or cat and receive reimbursement for
20 reasonable veterinary costs for necessary services and treatment related to
21 the attempt to cure or curing of the dog or cat.

22 Reimbursement for veterinary costs may not exceed the purchase price of the dog
23 or cat. The cost of veterinary services is reasonable if comparable to the cost of
24 similar services rendered by other licensed veterinarians in proximity to the
25 treating veterinarian and the services rendered are appropriate for the certification
26 by the veterinarian.

27 c. The refund or exchange required by this ordinance shall be made by the pet
28 shop or pet dealer not later than ten (10) business days following receipt of a
29 signed veterinary certification as required in this chapter. The purchaser must
30 notify the pet shop or pet dealer within a reasonable time after the veterinarian's

1 determination that the animal is unfit and must provide the pet shop or pet dealer
2 with a copy of the written certification of unfitness.

3 d. A dog or cat may not be determined unfit for sale on account of an injury
4 sustained or illness contracted after the purchaser takes possession of the dog or
5 cat. A veterinary finding of intestinal or external parasites is not grounds for
6 declaring a dog or cat unfit for sale unless the dog or cat is clinically ill because of
7 that condition.

8 e. If a pet shop or pet dealer wishes to contest a demand for veterinary expenses,
9 refund, or exchange made by a purchaser under this section, the pet shop or pet
10 dealer may require the purchaser to produce the dog or cat at a mutually agreed
11 upon time and place for examination by a licensed veterinarian designated by the
12 pet shop or pet dealer. Upon such examination, if the purchaser and the pet shop
13 or pet dealer are unable to reach an agreement that constitutes one of the options
14 set forth in this chapter within ten (10) business days following examination by
15 the pet shop or pet dealer's designated veterinarian, the purchaser may initiate an
16 action in a court of competent jurisdiction to recover or obtain reimbursement of
17 veterinary expenses, refund, or exchange.

18 f. No pet shop or pet dealer shall require or attempt to require a purchaser to sign
19 a contract or agreement to waive any of the rights provided by this ordinance.
20 Any contract or agreement in which a purchaser agrees to waive any rights
21 provided under this ordinance shall be null and void and unenforceable.

22 g. This ordinance does not in any way limit the rights or remedies that are
23 otherwise available to a purchaser under any other law.

24 h. Each pet shop and pet dealer shall provide the purchaser of a dog or cat at the
25 time of sale with the written notice required by section 828.29(12), Florida
26 Statutes, which shall be provided in 12-point or greater type.

27 i. No pet shop or pet dealer shall require the purchaser of a dog or cat to use the
28 pet shop's veterinarian in order to receive a refund or exchange required by this
29 chapter.

1 j. If a purchaser requests a refund or requests to return or exchange a dog or cat
2 pursuant to this ordinance, each pet shop and pet dealer shall maintain all records
3 related to the purchaser's request for a period of two (2) years from receipt of
4 such records and shall deliver a copy of the purchaser's request to the division
5 within seven (7) days of receipt.

6 (5) *Animal housing requirements--Pet shops and pet dealers.*

7 a. Animals having a known or suspected communicable animal-to-human or
8 animal-to-animal disease shall be maintained in individual cages in an isolated
9 location where they cannot directly or indirectly come into contact with other
10 animals or the public.

11 b. Animals with diseases that can be airborne must be isolated in an area with
12 independent ventilation.

13 c. Any animal that cannot stand on its own or that has a life threatening disease
14 must be hospitalized, housed under the direct care of a veterinary hospital/clinic
15 or humanely euthanized.

16 d. State and county health regulations must be followed when caring for any
17 animal harboring an animal-to-human disease.

18 (6) *Animal care--Pet shops and pet dealers.*

19 a. Each animal shall be examined daily for signs of illness or injury. Any
20 suspected illness or injury shall be reported to the owner or manager of the
21 establishment immediately. Any sick animal shall be immediately isolated from
22 other animals. All bedding material and feces in a sick animal's cage shall be
23 removed and disinfected or discarded. Display areas, holding crates, cages or
24 animal enclosures, trays and feeding equipment used by a sick animal shall be
25 disinfected immediately.

26 b. Failure to obtain adequate, timely care from a licensed veterinarian for any
27 diseased or injured animal found in the custody of any establishment shall be a
28 violation of this chapter and/or Florida Statutes, Chapter 828, "Cruelty to
29 Animals." Proof of adequate and timely veterinary care must be provided to the
30 division upon request.

1 c. All animals that show signs or symptoms of injury, contagious or infectious
2 disease shall be seen by a veterinarian within twenty-four (24) hours and at least
3 one (1) other time prior to being sold to certify that they are free from illness or
4 injury.

5 d. All animals other than dogs and cats (i.e., rabbits, gerbils, hamsters, guinea
6 pigs, all other rodents, birds, and reptiles) shall be cared for pursuant to general
7 guidelines and accepted animal husbandry standards for each species.

8 (7) *Physical facility requirements--Pet shops.*

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10 (8) *Food and water requirements--Pet shops.*

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12 (9) *Cleaning procedures--Pet shops.*

13 a. Animals (other than water dependent species) shall not be directly exposed to
14 water or disinfectant and shall be removed from animal enclosures during
15 cleaning procedures. Water dependent species shall not be directly exposed to
16 disinfectant and shall be removed from tanks during cleaning procedures.

17 b. The entire cage of each dog and cat including top, sides, floor, grate, wall and
18 door shall be cleaned with soap and disinfected, rinsed and dried daily.

19 c. Drains and walkways adjacent to all cages and animal enclosures shall be
20 cleaned with soap and disinfected daily.

21 d. Runs and cages shall be spot cleaned as necessary to remove animal
22 excrement throughout the day.

23 e. Food dishes and water bowls/containers shall be cleaned and disinfected daily.

24 f. Appropriate cleaning procedures shall be used to ensure that fumes from
25 excreta and urine do not adversely affect the lungs of animals or humans.

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27 **SECTION 5. PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 4, SECTION 24 ENTITLED**
28 **“ANIMAL CARE; MANNER OF KEEPING” IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:**

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30 (a) It shall be unlawful for any person keeping an animal to fail to provide for that animal:

31 (1) Clean, sanitary, safe and humane conditions;

32 (2) Sufficient quantities of appropriate food daily;

- 1 (3) Proper air ventilation and circulation;
- 2 (4) Adequate quantities of visibly clean and fresh water available at all times; and
- 3 (5) Medical attention and/or necessary veterinary care when an animal is sick,
- 4 diseased or injured. Upon request by the division, written proof of veterinary care must
- 5 be provided.
- 6 (b) It shall be unlawful for any person keeping an animal to fail to provide shelter for that
- 7 animal.
- 8 (1) Shelter for dogs, cats and small domestic animals must:
- 9 a. Provide adequate protection from the cold and heat. When the outdoor
- 10 temperature falls below forty (40) degrees Fahrenheit, all cats, small domestic
- 11 animals and those dogs that cannot tolerate such temperatures without stress or
- 12 discomfort (i.e., short-haired breeds, sick, aged, young or infirm), must be moved
- 13 indoors or provided adequate heating to maintain temperature above forty (40)
- 14 degrees Fahrenheit range. When the outdoor temperature rises above eighty-five
- 15 (85) degrees Fahrenheit all dogs, cats, and small domestic animals must be
- 16 provided air conditioning, a fan, or another cooling source to maintain the
- 17 temperature in the shelter at or below eighty-five (85) degrees Fahrenheit;
- 18 b. Provide protection from the direct rays of the sun and the direct effect of wind
- 19 and rain;
- 20 c. Provide a wind break and rain break;
- 21 d. Contain clean, dry, bedding material;
- 22 e. Provide protection from the elements at all times;
- 23 f. Provide sufficient space for each animal to comfortably stand up, sit down, lie
- 24 down, and turn around in the shelter. If the shelter is used for more than one
- 25 animal at the same time, it must provide enough space for each animal to
- 26 comfortably stand up, sit down, lie down and turn around simultaneously; and
- 27 g. Provide a solid roof.
- 28 (2) Shelter for equine, bovine, ovine and porcine normally maintained in outdoor areas
- 29 must:

- 1 a. Provide protection from the direct rays of the sun and the direct effect of wind
2 and rain;
- 3 b. Provide a wind break and rain break;
- 4 c. Provide a solid roof;
- 5 d. Provide protection from the elements at all times; and
- 6 e. Provide space for each animal to comfortably stand up, sit down, lie down and
7 turn around in the shelter. If the shelter is used for more than one animal at the
8 same time, it must provide enough space for each animal to comfortably stand up,
9 sit down, lie down and turn around simultaneously.
- 10 (c) It shall be unlawful for any person maintaining equine or ovine to fail to keep hooves
11 trimmed so as to prevent lameness and extreme overgrowth causing deformities.
- 12 (d) No person shall tether an animal to a stationary or inanimate object as a means of
13 confinement or restraint unless such person is with the animal and the animal is at all times
14 visible to such person. Choke or prong type collars shall not be used on an animal while such
15 animal is tethered. As used in this chapter, tether means to restrain an animal by tying the animal
16 to any object or structure, including without limitation a house, tree, fence, post, garage, or shed,
17 by any means, including without limitation a chain, rope, cord, leash, or running line. Tethering
18 shall not include using a leash or lead to walk an animal. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an
19 animal may be tethered while actively participating in or attending an organized show, field trial,
20 agility event, herding contest or other similar exposition or event, of a limited duration, that
21 involves the judging or evaluation of animals.
- 22 (e) Any dog maintained outdoors for all or part of the day in a fenced yard or other type of
23 enclosure shall be provided a minimum of eighty (80) square feet of open space. An additional
24 forty (40) square feet shall be required for each additional dog kept in the same enclosed area.
25 Each dog shall be provided sufficient shelter within the enclosed area. Any enclosed area where
26 a dog is confined shall be kept free of objects that may injure the dog and shall be cleaned
27 regularly to remove feces. Dogs shall not be maintained outdoors during periods of extreme
28 weather including but not limited to hurricanes, tropical storms, and tornados.
- 29 (f) Animals must be given appropriate daily exercise.

- 1 (g) No humane slaughter of animals as defined in Florida Statutes, §§ 828.22 and/or 828.23
2 shall be done within earshot or view of the public.
- 3 (h) It shall be unlawful for any person to tease or molest any animal.
- 4 (i) It shall be unlawful for any person to:
- 5 (1) Leave an animal in any unattended motor vehicle;
- 6 (2) Transport an animal in any motor vehicle without adequate ventilation or in
7 unsanitary conditions; or
- 8 (3) Subject or cause an animal to be subjected to extreme temperatures that
9 adversely affect the animal's health or safety.
- 10 (j) It shall be unlawful to transport any animal on a public road in any vehicle unless the animal
11 is safely and humanely restrained (at a minimum by a harness with double tethering for dogs) so
12 that the animal is unable to jump or fall out of the vehicle. When animals are transported in a
13 pickup truck with a metal bed, the animals shall be provided protection from the metal bed.
- 14 (k) Animals shall not be allowed on any median or in any roadway, highway or street
15 intersection for any purpose other than crossing same.
- 16 (l) Any person trapping an animal must:
- 17 (1) Use a humane trap;
- 18 (2) Provide protection from the direct rays of the sun and direct effect of wind, rain
19 and irrigation/sprinkler system;
- 20 (3) Provide fresh water in the trap;
- 21 (4) Remove the trapped animal within twenty-four (24) hours of capture. All trapped
22 dogs and cats must be returned to their rightful owner, or to a governmentally operated
23 animal shelter or humane society in the county; and
- 24 (5) Make every attempt to locate the offspring of any lactating/nursing mother.
- 25 No trapped animal shall be killed in any manner other than a method approved in the American
26 Veterinary Medical Association Guidelines on Euthanasia, as may be amended from time to
27 time.
- 28 (m) To the extent not inconsistent with this Ordinance the following portions of the Florida
29 Statutes, in their current form and as subsequently amended, are hereby adopted and

1 incorporated by reference except as to penalty, shall be part of this section as if they were set out
2 in full and shall be punishable as civil infractions:

- 3 (1) Section 828.058, Florida Statutes;
- 4 (2) Section 828.065, Florida Statutes;
- 5 (3) Section 828.08, Florida Statutes;
- 6 (4) Section 828.12, Florida Statutes;
- 7 (5) Section 828.121, Florida Statutes;
- 8 (6) Section 828.122, Florida Statutes;
- 9 (7) Section 828.123, Florida Statutes;
- 10 (8) Section 828.1231, Florida Statutes;
- 11 (9) Section 828.125, Florida Statutes;
- 12 (10) Section 828.13, Florida Statutes;
- 13 (11) Section 828.14, Florida Statutes;
- 14 (12) Section 828.16, Florida Statutes;
- 15 (13) Section 828.161, Florida Statutes;
- 16 (14) Section 828.22, Florida Statutes;
- 17 (15) Section 828.23, Florida Statutes;
- 18 (16) Section 828.24, Florida Statutes; and
- 19 (17) Section 828.252, Florida Statutes.

20 (n) No person, for the purpose of that person's sexual gratification, may:

- 21 (1) Engage in a sexual act with an animal;
- 22 (2) Coerce any other person to engage in a sexual act with an animal;
- 23 (3) Use any part of the person's body or an object to sexually stimulate an animal;
- 24 (4) Videotape a person engaging in a sexual act with an animal; or
- 25 (5) Kill or physically abuse an animal.

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27 **SECTION 6. PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 4, SECTION 27 ENTITLED**
28 **“DANGEROUS DOGS AND VICIOUS DOGS” IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:**

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30 **Sec 4-27. AGGRESSIVE DOGS, DANGEROUS DOGS AND VICIOUS DOGS.**

31 (a) *Classification of dogs as aggressive and dangerous.*

1 (1) The division shall investigate reported incidents involving any dog that may be
2 aggressive or dangerous and shall, if possible, interview the owner and require a sworn
3 affidavit from any person, animal control officer, or enforcement officer desiring to have
4 a dog classified as aggressive or dangerous. In the event that any animal control officer
5 has sufficient cause to believe that a dog is aggressive or dangerous and that the owner is
6 unable or unwilling to humanely, safely and securely confine the dog, the officer may
7 impound the dog pending the investigation if deemed necessary to protect the public. The
8 owner shall be responsible for payment of all boarding costs and other fees required for
9 the division to care for the dog pending the outcome of the investigation and resolution of
10 any hearing related to the aggressive or dangerous dog classification. An owner's refusal
11 to surrender a dog for impoundment pending the investigation shall constitute a violation
12 of this chapter. At the discretion of the division, a dog that is the subject of a an
13 aggressive or dangerous dog investigation may be confined at a licensed facility approved
14 by the division or at the residence of the owner if the division is given adequate assurance
15 by the owner that the dog can be humanely, safely, and securely confined pending the
16 investigation without posing a danger to the public. If the dog remains with the owner
17 pending the outcome of a dangerous dog investigation and resolution of any hearings
18 related to the dangerous dog classification, the dog shall be at all times maintained in a
19 securely fenced or enclosed area to prevent the dog from escaping or coming into contact
20 with any person or domestic animal other than a person or domestic animal in the
21 immediate household of the owner. If the dog remains with the owner pending the
22 outcome of an aggressive dog investigation and resolution of any hearings related to the
23 aggressive dog classification, the dog shall be at all times maintained in a securely fenced
24 or enclosed area to prevent the dog from escaping or coming into contact with any
25 domestic animal other than a domestic animal in the immediate household of the owner.
26 No dog that is the subject of an aggressive or dangerous dog investigation may be
27 relocated or ownership transferred pending the outcome of an investigation or any
28 hearings related to the determination of an aggressive or dangerous dog classification.
29 The owner shall provide the division with the address of where the dog will be
30 maintained pending an investigation and any related hearings.

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2 (4) After its investigation, the division shall make an initial determination as to whether
3 there is sufficient cause to classify the dog as aggressive or dangerous. The division shall
4 provide written notification of sufficient cause finding, to the owner, by registered mail,
5 certified hand delivery (signed receipt) or service of process. The owner shall be afforded
6 an opportunity for a hearing before a special master prior to a final determination of the
7 classification. If the owner decides to appeal the initial determination, the owner shall file
8 a written request with the division for a hearing before the special master within seven (7)
9 calendar days from the date of receipt of the notification of the sufficient cause finding
10 and if requested, the hearing shall be held as soon as possible, no sooner than five (5)
11 calendar days and not more than twenty-one (21) calendar days after receipt of the
12 request from the owner. Said written request must be accompanied by an appeal bond and
13 any applicable fees for the care and boarding of said dog (due through the fifth day
14 following the date of the request for hearing. The appeal bond and any other applicable
15 fees shall be established by the board by resolution. The appeal bond shall be remitted to
16 the division in the form of a money order, a certified check, a cashier's check, or a bank
17 check payable to the county. The division shall provide notice of the hearing to the
18 owner by U.S. mail, electronic mail, facsimile, certified mail or certified hand delivery. If
19 the owner after seven (7) calendar days from the delivery of the "notice of intent to
20 classify/sufficient cause notice," has not filed a written request for a hearing, the process
21 will proceed and the dog shall be classified as dangerous.

22 (5) Once a hearing date is set, failure to appear before the special master may, at the
23 special master's discretion, result in the dismissal of the hearing with prejudice. In such
24 instances, the process will proceed and the dog shall be classified as aggressive or
25 dangerous.

26 (6) Once a dog is classified as aggressive or dangerous, the division shall provide
27 written notification to the owner by registered mail, certified hand delivery (signed
28 receipt) or service of process. The owner may then file a petition for certiorari in the
29 Circuit Court of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Court to appeal the classification within
30 thirty (30) days after receipt of a written determination of aggressive or dangerous dog

1 classification. If the division allows the owner to maintain possession of the dog during a
2 dangerous dog appeal, the owner must confine the dog in a securely fenced or enclosed
3 area to prevent the dog from escaping or coming in contact with any person or domestic
4 animal other than a person or domestic animal in the immediate household of the owner,
5 pending a resolution of the appeal. If the division allows the owner to maintain
6 possession of the dog during an aggressive dog appeal, the owner must confine the dog in
7 a securely fenced or enclosed area to prevent the dog from escaping or coming in contact
8 with any domestic animal other than a domestic animal in the immediate household of the
9 owner, pending a resolution of the appeal.

10 (b) *Aggressive dog mandates and responsibilities.* Within fourteen (14) days after a dog has been
11 classified as aggressive or an aggressive dog classification is upheld on appeal, the aggressive
12 dog shall be implanted with an approved electronic animal identification device (EAID) at the
13 owner's sole expense and the aggressive dog shall be spayed/neutered unless a licensed
14 veterinarian has examined the dog and certified in writing, that at such time spaying/neutering
15 the classified dog will endanger its health because of infirmity, disability, illness or other medical
16 consideration. However, the dog will be spayed/neutered as soon as its health permits. If there is
17 a disagreement concerning the health status for sterilizing an aggressive dog, the division may
18 have the animal care and control staff/contract veterinarian examine the dog to determine its
19 eligibility for sterilization. If the disagreement cannot be resolved, the division and the owner
20 shall agree on a third veterinarian to examine the animal for sterilization eligibility. The cost of
21 the third veterinarian shall be split evenly between the division and the owner. The opinion of the
22 third veterinarian shall govern.

23 (1) *Responsibilities for owner.* An aggressive dog shall at all times wear a muzzle
24 when it is off the owner's property and must be restrained by a substantial chain or leash
25 not exceeding six (6) feet in length and under the control of a competent person. The
26 muzzle must be made in a manner that will not cause injury to the dog or interfere with
27 its vision or respiration but must prevent it from biting any person or domestic animal.

28 (c) *Dangerous dog mandates and responsibilities.*

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30 (2) *Responsibilities for owner.*

- 1 a. The owner shall immediately notify the division when a dangerous dog:
- 2 1. Is loose, unconfined or lost/stolen;
- 3 2. Has bitten a human being or attacked another domestic animal;
- 4 3. Is sold, given away, or dies; or
- 5 4. Is moved to another address.
- 6 b. Prior to a dangerous dog being sold or given away, the owner shall provide
- 7 the name, address and phone number of the new owner to the division. The new
- 8 owner shall execute a document to be supplied by the division, acknowledging
- 9 that the owner is aware of the dangerous dog classification, and that the owner
- 10 shall comply with the requirements of this section. The new owner must comply
- 11 with all of the requirements of this chapter. If the animal is moved out of the
- 12 county to another jurisdiction within the state, the owner is required to abide by
- 13 F.S. ch. 767. The animal control authority at the new location must be notified by
- 14 the owner of a dog classified as dangerous, that the dog is in its jurisdiction.
- 15 c. While on the owner's property, a dangerous dog must be securely confined
- 16 indoors or securely confined outdoors in an enclosed and locked structure,
- 17 suitable to prevent the entry of any person other than adult members of the
- 18 immediate household and constructed to prevent the dog from escaping. The
- 19 structure must have minimum dimensions of four (4) feet by ten (10) feet. Such
- 20 structure shall have secure sides and a secure top and bottom to prevent the dog
- 21 from escaping over, under or through the structure. The enclosure shall provide a
- 22 humane existence for the dog and protection from the elements.
- 23 d. When being transported, a dangerous dog must wear a muzzle and be safely
- 24 and securely restrained within a vehicle.
- 25 e. The owner shall prominently display a sign to be provided by the division at
- 26 the owner's expense, on his/her premises at all entry points warning children and
- 27 adults that there is a dangerous dog on the property. The fee for this sign shall be
- 28 established by the board by resolution.
- 29 f. A dangerous dog shall at all times wear a muzzle when it is not securely
- 30 confined indoors or securely confined outdoors in an enclosed and locked

1 structure on the owner's property. A dangerous dog may be off the owner's
2 premises or out of its enclosure if it is muzzled and restrained by a substantial
3 chain or leash not exceeding six (6) feet in length and under the control of a
4 competent person. The muzzle must be made in a manner that will not cause
5 injury to the dog or interfere with its vision or respiration but must prevent it from
6 biting any person or domestic animal.

7 g. A dangerous dog shall not be used as a guard dog as defined in this chapter.

8 h. Dogs that have been classified as dangerous shall not be used for hunting
9 purposes.

10 i. Dogs that have been classified as dangerous shall not be brought to a dog park
11 or public park or public beach that allows dogs.

12 j. When any person or domestic animal other than the owner or a person or
13 domestic animal in the immediate household of the owner visits the premises
14 where the dangerous dog is maintained, the owner shall secure the dangerous dog
15 in an enclosed and locked structure to prevent such person or domestic animal
16 from coming into contact with the dangerous dog.

17 k. Dogs that have been classified as dangerous shall not be brought to any
18 nonresidential establishment other than a veterinary office or other facility where
19 the dangerous dog is being treated, trained or boarded.

20 l. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a dangerous dog may be cared for at a boarding
21 facility or by a pet sitter if the boarding facility or pet sitter acknowledges in
22 writing that the dog is a dangerous dog and agrees to comply with this chapter.

23 The division shall have the authority to make inspections to ensure that the provisions
24 cited herein are complied with.

25 An owner of a dangerous dog shall have the option to have said dog humanely
26 euthanized at his/her sole expense by the division or licensed veterinarian if the owner
27 is unable to comply with the requirements cited herein.

28 *(3) Violations.*

29 a. The division is responsible for investigating alleged violations of this section
30 after a dog is classified as aggressive or dangerous. A citation may be issued to

1 the owner of any aggressive or dangerous dog alleged to be in violation of this
2 section. The investigating officer may issue such citation upon the receipt of one
3 (1) sworn affidavit of complaint. This affidavit shall specify the address or
4 location of the alleged violation, the nature, time and date(s) of the act, the name
5 and address of the owner, if known, and a description of the dog. In the event that
6 a third or subsequent citation is issued to the owner for violation of this section,
7 the owner shall be required to appear in court.

8 b. An animal care and control officer may impound a dangerous dog if the owner
9 fails to comply with the dangerous dog mandates and responsibilities cited herein.
10 A dangerous dog impounded under this section may be redeemed by the owner
11 upon the owner's compliance with the dangerous dog mandates and
12 responsibilities and payment of any boarding fees, impound fees, or other
13 applicable fees established by the board by resolution. If the owner does not
14 comply with the dangerous dog mandates and responsibilities and redeem the
15 dangerous dog within fourteen (14) days of the date the dog was impounded, the
16 dog shall become the property of the county.

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18 (d) *Vicious dog*.

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20 (3) *Vicious dog classification process*.

21 a. The division shall investigate any incident involving any dog that may be
22 vicious and shall, if possible, interview the owner and require a sworn affidavit
23 from any person, animal control officer, or enforcement officer desiring to have a
24 dog classified as vicious. The division shall provide written notification of
25 sufficient cause finding, to the owner, by registered mail, certified hand delivery
26 (signed receipt) or service of process. The ten (10) business day time period from
27 date of notification, shall allow the owner to file a written request for a hearing
28 before a special master prior to a final determination of the vicious classification.
29 The hearing shall be held no sooner than five (5) calendar days and not more than
30 twenty-one (21) calendar days after receipt of the request from the owner. The

1 appeal bond, any applicable fees for the care and boarding of said dog (due
2 through the fifth day following the date of the request for hearing) must
3 accompany the owner's written request. The appeal bond and fees shall be
4 established by the board by resolution. The appeal bond shall be remitted to the
5 division in the form of a money order, a certified check, a cashier's check, or a
6 bank check payable to the county. The division shall provide notice of the
7 hearing to the owner by U.S. mail, electronic mail, facsimile, certified mail or
8 certified hand delivery. If the owner fails to appeal within the ten (10) business
9 day period, the dog shall be humanely euthanized.

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11 (4) *Notice of appeal.* If within the thirty (30) day period after written notification of
12 the special master's decision is received, the owner files a petition for certiorari in the
13 Circuit Court of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Court, the dog must be held by the division
14 and may not be destroyed while the appeal is pending.

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16 **SECTION 7. PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 4, SECTION 29 ENTITLED**
17 **"HOBBY BREEDER PERMITS" IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:**

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19 (a) *Hobby breeder permits.*

20 (1) No person shall breed a dog or cat or offer a dog or cat for breeding or stud
21 purposes without first obtaining an appropriate breeding permit issued by the division.
22 The cost of the permit and other related fees shall be established by the board by
23 resolution.

24 (2) Hobby breeders shall:

25 a. Not breed more than two (2) litters or more than nineteen (19) dogs, cats,
26 puppies, or kittens during a one (1) year period;

27 b. Not offer for sale, sell, trade, receive any compensation for or give away more
28 than two (2) litters or more than nineteen (19) dogs, cats, puppies, or kittens
29 during a one (1) year period;

30 c. Keep records for the duration of the hobby breeder permit and all permit
31 renewals as to the birth of each litter of puppies or kittens and shall make such
32 records available for review by the division upon request;

- 1 d. Keep records including but not limited to records concerning rabies
2 vaccinations, all other inoculations and any medical condition(s) of each dog, cat,
3 puppy or kitten intended to be sold, given away, or otherwise conveyed;
- 4 e. On a quarterly basis, the name, address, and telephone number of the new
5 owner of any dog, cat, puppy or kitten placed in the county shall be provided to
6 the division;
- 7 f. Furnish to each new owner of a dog, cat, puppy or kitten the hobby breeder
8 permit number so the new owner has proof and assurance that the animal was
9 legally bred;
- 10 g. Not offer a puppy or kitten under the age of eight (8) weeks for sale, trade,
11 other compensation or free giveaway, with the exception of animals taken to an
12 animal shelter;
- 13 h. Recommend to each new owner that any animal sold, transferred or given
14 away be examined by a licensed veterinarian within one (1) week of the date of
15 transfer and notify the new owner of state requirements for rabies vaccinations;
- 16 i. List the person's hobby breeder permit number on all advertisements and
17 literature concerning the sale or free giveaway of any dog, cat, puppy or kitten of
18 the hobby breeder;
- 19 j. Adhere to minimum standards regarding the care and manner of keeping of
20 animals as provided in section 4-24, animal care; manner of keeping; and
- 21 k. Allow the division to inspect the premises wherein an animal that is the
22 subject of a hobby breeder permit is maintained and to view any animal that is the
23 subject of the permit, if the division has probable cause to believe that a violation
24 of section 4-24, animal care; manner of keeping, exists. Such inspection will be
25 limited to that necessary to ascertain compliance with section 4-24, animal care;
26 manner of keeping. If a hobby breeder refuses to allow the division to perform an
27 inspection as provided herein, the division may apply for a warrant pursuant to
28 F.S. ch. 933. All reports of such inspections shall be in writing and maintained by
29 the division.

1 (3) A hobby breeder permit is valid for a period of one (1) year from the date of
2 issuance and must be renewed annually. Renewal applications for permits shall be made
3 at least thirty (30) days prior to expiration.

4 (4) A hobby breeder permit is not transferable, assignable, or refundable.

5 (5) Each person owning an animal intended to be used for breeding or studing shall
6 obtain a hobby breeder permit prior to using any dog or cat for breeding or stud purposes.
7 A hobby breeder must obtain an unaltered license tag for each unaltered dog or cat
8 covered under the hobby breeder permit.

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10 (d) *Violations.*

11 (1) Failure to apply for a permit prior to operating as a hobby breeder shall constitute a
12 violation.

13 (2) Failure to reapply for a permit at least thirty (30) days before expiration of the
14 existing permit shall constitute a violation.

15 (3) Refusal to allow an animal control officer to inspect an animal or the premises as
16 provided in section 4-29(a)(2)k. shall constitute a violation.

17 (4) It shall be a violation of this chapter to counterfeit a hobby breeder permit or official
18 certificate of veterinary inspection or to maliciously destroy a hobby breeder permit.

19 (e) *Permit denial, revocation, and suspension.*

20 (1) By notice of adverse action, the division may deny, revoke or suspend any permit
21 if it is determined that:

22 a. There has been a material misstatement or misrepresentation in the permit
23 application;

24 b. The applicant/permit holder has been cited for at least three (3) violations of
25 this chapter within a two-year period, each resulting in the imposition of a fine;

26 c. The applicant/permit holder has failed to pay a fine or to request a hearing in
27 county court to answer the charges of a citation within thirty (30) days of issuance
28 of the violation;

1 d. The applicant/permit holder or his/her agent has been convicted of a violation
2 of law involving cruelty to animals or has had a final judgment entered against
3 him/her pursuant to F.S. § 828.073; or
4 e. An animal under the care and responsibility of an applicant/permit holder has
5 been found to be in need of immediate veterinary care that, if not treated, would
6 result in suffering, pain or death.

7 (2) No permit fee shall be refunded for a permit that is revoked or suspended. For a
8 permit that is denied after review, the permit fee shall be refunded as provided by the
9 board by resolution.

10 (f) *Appeal process.*

11 (1) Any applicant or permit holder who has been denied a permit or whose permit has
12 been revoked or suspended may appeal this action to a special master within the ten-day
13 period after the division originates the adverse action. A written notice of appeal and
14 appeal bond must be filed with the division within ten (10) days of the notice of adverse
15 action. The board of county commissioners is hereby authorized to establish the amount
16 of the appeal bond by resolution. The appeal bond shall be remitted to the division in the
17 form of a money order, a certified check, a cashier's check, or a bank check payable to
18 the county.

19 (2) The appeal will be heard by a special master within thirty (30) calendar days after
20 the applicant or permit holder has submitted a notice of appeal. The initial hearing on the
21 appeal may be continued by the division, the special master, or the applicant or permit
22 holder beyond the thirty (30) calendar days for good cause shown.

23 (3) Unless otherwise provided herein, the hearing before the special master shall be
24 governed as provided in section 4-30, *Animal care and control special master hearing*.

25 (4) The denial, revocation or suspension of the permit shall be upheld or reversed by the
26 special master.

27 (5) All decisions by the special master shall be final and reviewable by writ of certiorari
28 to the county circuit court.

29 (6) The special master shall provide the applicant or permit holder with written notice of
30 his/her decision.

1 (g) *Owner requirements following notice of adverse action and/or appeal process.*

2 (1) If the notice of adverse action of denial, revocation or suspension of a hobby breeder
3 permit is not appealed, the applicant or permit holder shall come into compliance with
4 this chapter within ten (10) days after the notice of adverse action.

5 (2) Any person whose permit has been revoked may not reapply for a period of one (1)
6 year. Each reapplication for a permit shall be accompanied by a fee to be established by
7 the board by resolution.

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10 **SECTION 8. PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 4, SECTION 30 ENTITLED**
11 **“ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL HEARING BOARD” IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:**
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13 **Sec. 4-30. ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL SPECIAL MASTER HEARINGS.**

14 (a) The board of county commissioners shall appoint special masters who shall make decisions
15 relating to any hearings that have been initiated as provided in this ordinance.

16 (b) An assistant county attorney shall serve as the prosecuting attorney for the division.

17 (c) Upon request of the division, or at such other times as may be necessary, a hearing before a
18 special master may be convened. A record shall be kept of all special master hearings and all
19 hearings shall be open to the public.

20 (d) At the hearing, the burden of proof shall be upon the division to show by a preponderance of
21 the evidence that a violation of this ordinance has occurred.

22 (e) The division shall provide notice of any hearing before a special master to the alleged
23 violator by U.S. Mail, electronic mail (with delivery receipt), facsimile (with delivery receipt),
24 certified mail, or hand delivery.

25 (e) All testimony shall be under oath and shall be recorded. The formal rules of evidence shall
26 not apply but fundamental due process shall be observed and shall govern the proceedings. Upon
27 determination of the special master, irrelevant, immaterial or unduly repetitious evidence may be
28 excluded, but all other evidence of a type commonly relied upon by reasonably prudent persons
29 in the conduct of their affairs shall be admissible, whether or not such evidence would be
30 admissible in a trial in the courts of the State of Florida. Any part of the evidence may be
31 received in written form.

1 (f) The Special Master may inquire of or question any witness present at the hearing. The
2 alleged violator, his/her attorney, the division or attorney representing the division shall be
3 permitted to inquire of or question any witness present at the hearing. The special master may
4 consider testimony presented by the division, the alleged violator or any other witnesses.

5 (g) At the conclusion of the hearing, the special master shall orally render his or her decision
6 based on evidence entered into the record. The decision shall then be transmitted to the alleged
7 violator in the form of a written order including findings of fact, and conclusions of law
8 consistent with the record. All decisions of the special master shall be final. Unless otherwise
9 provided in this ordinance, the order may include a notice that it must be complied with by a
10 specified date.

11 (h) Any person may appeal a final order of a special master within thirty (30) days by filing a
12 petition for writ of certiorari in the Circuit Court of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Court.

13 (i) The special master shall have the power to:

14 (1) Subpoena alleged violators and witnesses to its hearings. Subpoenas may be
15 served by a Sheriff or other authorized persons consistent with Rule 1.410(d),
16 Florida Rules of Civil Procedure upon request by the Special Master.

17 (2) Subpoena records and other documentary materials.

18 (3) Take testimony under oath.

19 (4) Issue orders having the full force and effect of law to command whatever steps are
20 necessary to bring a violation into compliance.

21 (5) Issue orders requiring an owner to reimburse the county for any costs incurred to
22 care for an animal.

23 (j) If the county prevails in any hearing before the special master, the alleged violator's appeal
24 bond shall be forfeited, in whole or in part, to the county to the extent necessary to cover the cost
25 of the special master. If the alleged violator prevails in any hearing before the special master, the
26 appeal bond shall be returned to the alleged violator.

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28 **SECTION 9. PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 4, SECTION 32 ENTITLED**
29 **"VIOLATIONS, CIVIL INFRACTIONS, CIVIL PENALTIES" IS AMENDED AS**
30 **FOLLOWS:**

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1 (o) Failure to comply with any provision of this chapter shall constitute a separate and distinct
2 violation.

3 (p) Each day a violation of any provision of this chapter exists shall constitute a separate and
4 distinct violation.

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7 **SECTION 10. REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT:**

8 All local laws and ordinances in conflict with any provisions of this Ordinance are hereby
9 repealed to the extent of such conflict.

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11 **SECTION 11. SAVINGS CLAUSE:**

12 Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, all provisions of Palm Beach County
13 Ordinance No. 98-22, as amended by Ordinances 2001-065, 2003-29, 2005-44, 2008-004, and
14 2009-019 and all licenses, permits, enforcement orders, and ongoing enforcement actions issued
15 thereunder are specifically preserved and remain in full force and effect.

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17 **SECTION 12. SEVERABILITY:**

18 If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Ordinance is for any
19 reason held by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, inoperative, or void, such
20 holding shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance.

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22 **SECTION 13. INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF LAWS AND ORDINANCES:**

23 The provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Palm Beach
24 County Code. The sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish
25 such, and the word Aordinance@ may be changed to Asection,@ Aarticle,@ or other appropriate
26 word.

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28 **SECTION 14. ENFORCEMENT:**

29 This Ordinance is enforceable by all means provided by law. Additionally, the County
30 may choose to enforce this Ordinance by seeking injunctive relief in the Circuit Court of Palm
31 Beach County.

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2 **SECTION 15. PENALTY:**

3 Any violation of any portion of this Ordinance shall be punishable as provided by law.

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5 **SECTION 16. CAPTIONS:**

6 The captions, section headings, and section designations used in this Ordinance are for
7 convenience only and shall have no effect on the interpretation of the provisions of this
8 Ordinance.

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10 **SECTION 17. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

11 The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective upon filing with the Department
12 of State. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Section 24(d) and (e) of this Ordinance shall become
13 effective on July 1, 2011.

APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach
County, Florida, on this the ____ day of _____, 20____.

SHARON R. BOCK, CLERK

**PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

By: _____
Karen Marcus, Chair

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY**

By: _____
County Attorney

EFFECTIVE DATE: Filed with the Department of State on the ____ day of
_____, 20____.