

The NYS Pet Dealer Licensing Program began in 2001 and is provided for in Article 26-A of the Agriculture and Markets Law.

The primary goals of the program are to ensure that dogs and cats are properly cared for, have adequate and humane housing and receive veterinary care while kept by the pet dealer. Further, it provides consumers purchasing dogs and cats from pet dealers with the information concerning the animal's health, medical history and origin.



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**New York
State Pet
Dealer and
Breeder
Licensing
Program**



Andrew Cuomo, New York Governor

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## Who is a Pet Dealer?

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- > Any person who engages in the sale or offers to sell more than nine (9) dogs and/or cats per year to the public  
or
- > Any person who engages in the sale of more than twenty five (25) dogs and/or cats, (born and raised on their premise) per year to the public.
- > This may include pet stores, pet brokers, breeders and non-incorporated rescues.
- > Duly incorporated humane societies and breeders who sell less than twenty five (25) dogs and/or cats annually born and raised on their premise are exempt from mandatory licensing.



## How does one acquire a license?

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To obtain a pet dealer license, an interested applicant should:

- > Remit a completed NYS Pet Dealer License Application to the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets with the appropriate non-refundable application fee. Applications can be printed from our website.
- > Applicants must receive a compliant inspection conducted by NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets inspectors.
- > Licenses are valid for one year from issuance. Licenses must be renewed 30 days prior to its expiration date.



## License Fees

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License fees are paid annually and are non-refundable.

- >> \$100.00 — Pet Dealers selling or offering to sell more than twenty five (25) dogs and/or cats to the public
- >> \$25.00 — Pet Dealers selling or offering to sell between nine (9) and twenty five (25) dogs and/or cats to the public. Breeders DO NOT qualify for this license.



## Complaint Issues

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The department reviews all complaints expressing concern regarding the care, facility, operation and record keeping of any licensed pet dealer. Electronic complaint forms are the preferred way to notify the department of a complaint and can be found on our website @:  
[www.agriculture.ny.gov/AI/small\\_animals.html#2](http://www.agriculture.ny.gov/AI/small_animals.html#2)