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AN ACT relating to animals; requiring notice of any sterilization requirements for dogs and cats required by local ordinance to be posted in a public park and the office of each licensed veterinarian; requiring a retailer or dealer who sells a dog or cat to disclose to the purchaser any sterilization requirements for the animal required by local ordinance; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

Existing law governs the sterilization of pets that are released by various releasing agencies, including societies to prevent cruelty to animals, animal shelters, nonprofit entities that provide temporary shelter for pets and organizations that take into custody pets which have been abandoned, abused or neglected. (NRS 574.600-574.660) **Section 1** of this bill requires each licensed veterinarian to post in his office written notice of any sterilization requirements for dogs or cats required by local ordinance. **Section 1** further requires a governmental entity with jurisdiction over a public park to post written notice in the park of any sterilization requirements for the animals required by local ordinance. **Sections 2 and 3** of this bill require a retailer or dealer who sells a dog or cat to disclose to the purchaser the name and address of the breeder of the dog or cat and any sterilization requirements for the animal required by local ordinance. (NRS 574.460, 574.470) A retailer or dealer who fails to comply with the disclosure requirements is subject to an administrative fine imposed by the Director of the State Department of Agriculture in an amount not to exceed \$250 for the first violation, \$500 for the second violation and \$1,000 for each subsequent violation. (NRS 574.485)

**Section 4** of this bill provides that a retailer, dealer or operator must not separate a dog or cat from its mother until it is 8 weeks of age or accustomed to taking food or nourishment other than by nursing, whichever is later. (NRS 574.500)

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** Chapter 574 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

*1. A licensed veterinarian shall post written notice in a conspicuous place in his office of any sterilization requirements for dogs or cats required by local ordinance.*

*2. A governmental entity with jurisdiction over a public park in which dogs or cats are allowed shall post written notice in a conspicuous place in the park of any sterilization requirements for dogs or cats required by local ordinance.*

*3. As used in this section, “licensed veterinarian” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 638.007.*



**Sec. 2.** NRS 574.460 is hereby amended to read as follows:

574.460 1. A retailer or dealer shall, before selling a cat, provide the purchaser of the cat with a written statement that discloses:

(a) The name, address and telephone number of the retailer or dealer.

(b) The date the cat was born, if known.

(c) The name and address of the person from whom the retailer or dealer obtained the cat and, if the person holds a license issued by the United States Department of Agriculture, the person's federal identification number.

(d) The name and address of the breeder of the cat ~~[, if any,]~~ and, if the breeder holds a license issued by the United States Department of Agriculture, the breeder's federal identification number.

(e) The registration numbers, if any, of the cat's sire and dam with the appropriate breed registry or any health certifications from a health certification organization such as the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals or its successor organization, if any.

(f) A record of any immunizations administered to the cat before the time of sale, including the type of vaccine, date of administration and name and address of the veterinarian who prescribed the vaccine.

(g) *Any sterilization requirements for the cat required by local ordinance.*

(h) The medical history of the cat, including, without limitation:

(1) The date that a veterinarian examined and, if applicable, reexamined the cat pursuant to subsections 1 and 2 of NRS 574.450 and determined that the cat did not have any illness, disease or other condition that is terminal or requires immediate hospitalization or immediate surgical intervention. For the purposes of this subparagraph, the presence of internal or external parasites does not constitute an illness, disease or other condition that is terminal or requires immediate hospitalization or immediate surgical intervention, unless the cat is clinically ill as a result of the parasite.

(2) Whether any treatment or medication has been administered by the veterinarian who examined or, if applicable, reexamined the cat pursuant to subsections 1 and 2 of NRS 574.450 and if such treatment or medication was administered, a statement indicating on what date it was administered and for what illness, disease or condition.

(3) *The date on which the veterinarian sterilized the cat, if applicable.*



(4) The name and address of the veterinarian who performed the examinations , ~~{or}~~ reexaminations *or sterilization* or administered any treatments or medications.

~~{(h)}~~ (i) That a copy of the veterinarian's evaluation of the health of the cat made pursuant to NRS 574.450 is available to the purchaser.

2. The written statement must be signed and dated by the retailer or dealer and contain a space for the purchaser to sign and date the statement as an attestation that he has read and understands the disclosures contained in the statement.

**Sec. 3.** NRS 574.470 is hereby amended to read as follows:

574.470 1. A retailer or dealer shall, before selling a dog, provide the purchaser of the dog with a written statement that discloses:

(a) The name, address and telephone number of the retailer or dealer.

(b) The date the dog was born, if known.

(c) The name and address of the person from whom the retailer or dealer obtained the dog and, if the person holds a license issued by the United States Department of Agriculture, the person's federal identification number.

(d) The name and address of the breeder of the dog ~~{-if any-}~~ and, if the breeder holds a license issued by the United States Department of Agriculture, the breeder's federal identification number.

(e) The registration numbers, if any, of the dog's sire and dam with the appropriate breed registry or any health certificates from a health certification organization such as the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals or its successor organization, if any.

(f) A record of any immunizations administered to the dog before the time of sale, including the type of vaccine, date of administration and name and address of the veterinarian who prescribed the vaccine.

(g) *Any sterilization requirements for the dog required by local ordinance.*

(h) The medical history of the dog, including, without limitation:

(1) The date that a veterinarian examined and, if applicable, reexamined the dog pursuant to subsections 1 and 2 of NRS 574.450 and determined that the dog did not have any illness, disease or other condition that is terminal or requires immediate hospitalization or immediate surgical intervention. For the purposes of this subparagraph, the presence of internal or external parasites does not



constitute an illness, disease or other condition that is terminal or requires immediate hospitalization or immediate surgical intervention, unless the dog is clinically ill as a result of the parasite.

(2) Whether any treatment or medication has been administered by the veterinarian who examined or, if applicable, reexamined the dog pursuant to subsections 1 and 2 of NRS 574.450 and, if such treatment or medication was administered, a statement indicating on what date it was administered and for what illness, disease or condition.

(3) *The date on which the veterinarian sterilized the dog, if applicable.*

(4) The name and address of the veterinarian who performed the examinations , ~~for~~ reexaminations *or sterilization* or administered any treatments or medications.

~~(4)~~ (i) That a copy of the veterinarian's evaluation of the health of the dog performed pursuant to NRS 574.450 is available to the purchaser.

2. The written statement must be signed and dated by the retailer or dealer and contain a space for the purchaser to sign and date the statement as an attestation that he has read and understands the disclosures contained in the statement.

**Sec. 4.** NRS 574.500 is hereby amended to read as follows:

574.500 A retailer, dealer or operator shall not separate a dog or cat from its mother until it is *8 weeks of age or* accustomed to taking food or nourishment other than by nursing ~~it~~ , *whichever is later.*

