

Regulation for Enforcement of the Act on Welfare and Management of Animals

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In accordance with the enforcement of the Act Partially Amending the Act on Welfare and Management of Animals (Act No. 68 of 2005), and based on the provisions of the Act on Welfare and Management of Animals (Act No. 105 of 1973), and in order to enforce said Act, a Ministerial Ordinance to amend the entirety of the Regulation for Enforcement of the Act on Welfare and Management of Animals is enacted as follows.

(Terms)

Article 1 The terms used in this Ministerial Ordinance have the same meanings as those used in the Act on Welfare and Management of Animals (hereinafter referred to as the “Act”).

(Application, etc. for Registration of Type I Animal Handling Business)

Article 2 (1) An application for registration of a Type I animal handling business set forth in Article 10(2) of the Act shall be made by submitting a written application using Form 1.

(2) The documents specified by an Ordinance of the Ministry of the Environment referred to in Article 10(2) of the Act shall be as follows:

(i) In the case of a corporation, a certificate of registered information for said corporation

(ii) A document to indicate that the applicant (in the case where the applicant is a corporation, the corporation and its officers) does not fall under any of Article 12(1)(i) to (vi) inclusive

(iii) A document to indicate that a person responsible for animal handling assigned to each place of business does not fall under any of Article 12(1)(i) to (vi) inclusive

(iv) A floor plan of the animal facility showing clearly the locations of the following equipment, etc., as well as a sketch drawing of the neighboring vicinity of the animal facility (limited to a person who has installed or intends to install

an animal facility):

- (a) Cages, etc. (which means hutches, cages, aquaria or other equipment to be used for the care or keeping of animals; the same shall apply hereinafter)
 - (b) Lighting equipment (excluding animal facilities where said equipment is not necessary due to reasons such as the business hours being limited to the daytime)
 - (c) Water supply facilities
 - (d) Drainage facilities
 - (e) Washing equipment (which means washing tanks, etc. for washing animal facilities, equipment, animals and the like; the same shall apply hereinafter)
 - (f) Disinfection equipment (which means disinfectant spraying apparatus, etc. for disinfecting animal facilities, equipment and the like; the same shall apply hereinafter)
 - (g) Facilities for accumulating sewage, residue or other waste
 - (h) Temporary storage places for animal carcass
 - (i) Storage facilities for feed
 - (j) Cleaning equipment
 - (k) Air conditioning equipment (excluding outdoor facilities)
 - (l) Equipment for shielding light or keeping wind and rain out (excluding cases where said equipment is not necessary due to reasons such as all the cages, etc. being indoors; the same shall apply hereinafter)
 - (m) Training yards (limited to a person who intends to engage in a training business that conducts training in an animal facility [which means conducting the training of animals in the course of trade])
- (3) A prefectural governor may request an applicant to submit documents that the governor finds necessary, in addition to those prescribed in the preceding paragraph.
- (4) The matters specified by an Ordinance of the Ministry of the Environment set forth in Article 10(2)(vii) of the Act shall be as follows:
- (i) The date of commencement of the business
 - (ii) In the case of a corporation, the names and addresses of its officers
 - (iii) The fact that an applicant has the necessary title to conduct business, with respect to the land and building where the place of business and animal facility exist
 - (iv) Names of employees who explain to customers important matters on matters such as proper methods for the care and keeping of animals, or who handle animals, outside the place of business
 - (v) Business hours (in the case where it exhibits specified mature cats, business hours and the hours during which specified mature cats are exhibited prescribed in Article 8(iv))

(5) A prefectural governor shall issue a registration certificate using Form 2 to an applicant, when he/she has made the registration set forth in Article 10(1) of the Act.

(6) When a registration certificate is lost or destroyed, or when a notification pursuant to the provisions of Article 14(2) of the Act is submitted, a Type I animal handling business operator may have a registration certificate re-issued by submitting an application to the prefectural governor from whom he/she has received registration.

(7) An application for re-issuance of a registration certificate under the preceding paragraph shall be made by submitting a written application using Form 3.

(8) A person who has been issued a registration certificate shall, when the registration certificate is lost, notify the prefectural governor in writing to that effect without delay; provided,

however, that this shall not apply to cases where he/she has made an application set forth in paragraph (6).

(9) A person who has a registration certificate (in the cases listed in item (ii), an heir, a person who has served as an officer representing the dissolved company, or a bankruptcy administrator or liquidator) shall, in the following cases, return the registration certificate to the prefectural governor who has issued it, no later than the day on which 30 days have elapsed from the relevant day (in the case where the person who received the registration dies, the day on which the fact comes to be known):

(i) The registration has been revoked;

(ii) The person comes to fall under any of the items of Article 16(1) of the Act;

(iii) After a registration certificate has been re-issued pursuant to paragraph (6), the person finds or restores the original registration certificate.

(Matters to be Stated in the Health and Safety Plan for Dogs, Cats, etc.)

Article 2-2 The matters specified by an Ordinance of the Ministry of the Environment set forth in Article 10(3)(ii) of the Act shall be the methods for caring for, keeping, breeding and exhibiting young dogs, cats, etc., with consideration given to the maintenance of their health and safety.

(Standards for Registration of Type I Animal Handling Business)

Article 3 The standards specified by an Ordinance of the Ministry of the Environment as being necessary for maintaining the health and safety of animals and ensuring the proper handling of animals set forth in Article 12(1) of the Act shall be as follows:

(i) The applicant has the necessary title for conducting business, with respect to the buildings of the place of business and animal facility, and the land relating thereto

(ii) For a person who intends to engage in a sales business (which means selling

animals in the course of trade; the same shall apply hereinafter), the contents of the document that clearly states the method for conducting the business using Appended Form 1 conform to those provided for in Article 8(i) to (iii) inclusive, (v) to (vii) inclusive, and (x)

(iii) For a person who intends to engage in a rental business (which means renting animals in the course of trade; the same shall apply hereinafter), the contents of the document that clearly states the method for conducting the business using Appended Form 1 conform to those provided for in Article 8(ii), (iii), (viii) and (x)

(iv) For each place of business, one or more full-time employees are posted as dedicated persons responsible for animal handling at said place of business

(v) For each place of business, a person who falls under any of the following requirements is posted as an employee who explains to customers important matters on matters such as proper methods for the care and keeping of animals, or who handles animals:

(a) The person has experience of half a year or more in the category of services provided for in the right column of the appended table corresponding to the category of Type I animal handling business that he/she intends to engage in

(b) The person has graduated from an educational institution such as a school that provides education on the knowledge and techniques for the category of Type I animal handling business that he/she intends to engage in for one year or more

(c) The person is certified by an objective examination conducted by a fair and specialized institution that he/she has obtained the knowledge and techniques for the category of Type I animal handling business that he/she intends to engage in

(vi) Employees who explain to customers important matters on matters such as proper methods for the care and keeping animals, or who handle animals, outside the place of business, fall under any of the requirements listed in (a) to (c) inclusive of the preceding item

(vii) The applicant has, or is expected by the commencement of the business to install, an animal facility necessary to ensure the proper handling of animals to be used for the business in light of the contents of and the method for conducting the business

(2) The standards on the structure, size and management of animal facilities specified by an Ordinance of the Ministry of the Environment set forth in Article 12(1) of the Act shall be as follows:

(i) An animal facility is equipped with equipment, etc. listed in Article 2(2)(iv)(a) to (m) inclusive

(ii) In the case where pests such as rats, flies, mosquitoes and fleas are likely to enter an animal facility, the facility is of a structure capable of preventing their entry

(iii) Floors, inside walls, ceilings and accessory equipment are of a structure that is easy to clean and otherwise facilitates the maintenance and management of sanitary conditions

(iv) An animal facility is of a structure and strength capable of preventing animals from escaping, according to the types, behavior, physical capabilities, quantity and the like of the animals to be cared for or kept

(v) An animal facility and equipment, etc. installed therein are of a scale necessary for conducting business

(vi) An animal facility secures a space necessary to conduct work pertaining to the care or keeping of animals

(vii) Cages, etc. installed in an animal facility shall be as follows:

(a) No materials that would interfere with hygiene control, such as those that are difficult to wash due to their lack of water resistance, are used

(b) The undersides of the cages, etc. are of a structure that prevents urine, feces, etc. from leaking

(c) The lateral sides and ceilings of the cages, etc. are of a structure that secures ventilation at all times, and enables a person to see inside from the outside; provided,

however, that this shall not apply to cases where there are any special circumstances such as that animals pertaining to said the care or keeping are injured or sick

(d) Measures to prevent cages, etc. from toppling over due to impact, such as fixing them to the floor, etc. of the animal facility, have been taken

(e) Cages, etc. are of a structure and strength capable of preventing animals from destroying them easily

(viii) The structure or size of the animal facility is not materially inappropriate in light of the type and number of animals handled

(ix) For an animal facility for dogs or cats, measures are taken to prevent customers, visitors or others from entering said facility at night (which means the period from 8 pm to 8 am; the same shall apply hereinafter), such as separating the facility from other areas (limited to persons who intend to engage in a sales business, rental business or exhibition business [which means exhibiting animals in the course of trade; the same shall apply hereinafter] and who intend to operate at night); provided,

however, that for an animal facility for specified mature cats (which means cats falling under both of the following; the same shall apply hereinafter), said measures are taken during the hours at night when the cats are not exhibited (limited to persons who intend to engage in a sales business, rental business or exhibition business and who intend to operate during the hours at night when specified mature cats are not exhibited)

- (a) Aged one year or older
- (b) When being exhibited from 8 pm to 10 pm, cats are exhibited under conditions that allow them to freely move to a facility where they can rest
- (3) The standards specified by an Ordinance of the Ministry of the Environment as being appropriate for maintaining the health and safety of young dogs, cats, etc. and ensuring that dogs, cats, etc. are cared for until the end of their life, set forth in Article 12(1) of the Act, shall be as follows:
 - (i) A health and safety plan for dogs, cats, etc. meets the standards specified by an Ordinance of the Ministry of the Environment as being necessary for maintaining the health and safety of animals and ensuring the proper handling of animals set forth in paragraph (1), the standards on the structure, size and management of animal facilities specified by an Ordinance of the Ministry of the Environment set forth in the preceding paragraph, and the standards set forth in Article 8
 - (ii) A health and safety plan for dogs, cats, etc. is clear and concrete for ensuring the maintenance of the health and safety of young dogs, cats, etc.
 - (iii) With respect to dogs, cats, etc. that are no longer suited for sale, the handling stated in a health and safety plan for dogs, cats, etc. is appropriate for ensuring that dogs, cats, etc. are cared for until the end of their life.

(Renewal of Registration of Type I Animal Handling Business)

Article 4 (1) An application for renewal of registration under Article 13(1) of the Act shall be made by submitting a written application using Form 4 during the period from two months before the expiry date of said registration to the expiry date thereof (hereinafter referred to as the “renewal application period” in this Article).

(2) A person who has received two or more registrations for a Type I animal handling business and who applies for renewal of one of the registrations for which he/she can apply for renewal thereof pursuant to the preceding paragraph (referred to as “registration during the renewal application period” in the following paragraph) may, notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, concurrently apply for renewal of the other registration of Type I animal handling business before the renewal application period.

(3) A prefectural governor may, when an application is filed for renewal of registration before the renewal application period pursuant to the preceding paragraph, renew said registration. In this case, the effective period of the registration for Type I animal handling business renewed before the renewal application period therefor shall commence from the day on which the effective period of the registration during renewal application period in the event of the registration during renewal application period being renewed commences.

(4) The provisions of Article 2(5) shall apply mutatis mutandis to the renewal of

registration set forth in Article 13(2) of the Act.

(Notification of Registration Change for Type I Animal Handling Business)

Article 5 (1) A notification set forth in Article 14(1) of the Act shall be made by submitting a written notification using Form 5 in the case where a person intends to change any of the matters set forth in Article 10(2)(iv) or (3)(i) of the Act; a written notification using Form 6 in the case where a person intends to install an animal facility; or a written notification using Form 6-2 in the case where a person intends to engage in a business of selling dogs, cats, etc.

(2) The written notifications set forth in the preceding paragraph shall be accompanied by the documents listed in the following items:

(i) In the case where a sales business operator (which means a person who is engaged in a sales business under registration; the same shall apply hereinafter) or rental business operator (which means a person who is engaged in a rental business under registration; the same shall apply hereinafter) intends to change any of the matters set forth in Article 10(2)(iv) of the Act: a document which clearly states the method for conducting the business using Appended Form 1

(ii) In the case where a person intends to install an animal facility: documents prescribed in Article 2(2)(iv)

(3) A notification under Article 14(2) of the Act shall be made by submitting a written notification using Form 7.

(4) The minor changes specified by an Ordinance of the Ministry of the Environment set forth in Article 14(2) of the Act shall be as follows:

(i) An increase in the scale of the animal facility, the total increase in floor area of which, based on the combined period from the day on which he/she has received the registration pursuant to Article 10(1) of the Act (in the case where he/she has given a notification under Article 14(1) or (2), from the day on which he/she has given the notification; the same shall apply in this item and the following Article), is less than 30% of the gross floor area of the animal facility as of the day on which he/she has received the registration pursuant to Article 10(1)

(ii) The total floor area of the portion subject to changes in cages, etc.; washing equipment; disinfection equipment; facilities for accumulating sewage, residue or other waste; temporary storage place for animal carcass; storage facilities for feed; cleaning equipment; air conditioning equipment; and training yard, pertaining to the following matters and covering the entire period from the day on which he/she has received the registration pursuant to Article 10(1) of the Act, is less than 30% of the gross floor area of the animal facility that is equipped with said equipment, etc.

(a) Addition of equipment, etc.

(b) Change of location of equipment, etc.

(iii) Addition or change of location of lighting equipment or equipment, etc. for

shielding light or keeping wind and rain out

(iv) Change of the equipment, etc. set forth in Article 2(2)(iv) to equipment, etc. with functions that are equal or superior to those of the current equipment, etc.

(v) Change in the method for managing the animal facility

(vi) Change in the business hours the range of which does not extend to nighttime

(5) The documents specified by an Ordinance of the Ministry of the Environment set forth in Article 14(2) of the Act shall be as follows:

(i) In the case where a person is a corporation, and there is any change in its name or address, or its representative's name: the document prescribed in Article 2(2)(i)

(ii) In the case where there is any change in the matters set forth in Article 10(2)(iii) of the Act: the document prescribed in Article 2(2)(iii)

(iii) In the case where there is any change in the matters set forth in Article 10(2)(vi)(a) or (b) of the Act: the document prescribed in Article 2(2)(iv)

(iv) In the case where a person is a corporation, and there is any change in its officers: the document prescribed in Article 2(2)(ii)

(6) A prefectural governor may request a person who has submitted a notification pursuant to Article 14(1) or (2) of the Act to submit other documents that the governor deems necessary, in addition to those set forth in the preceding paragraph.

(7) A notification set forth in Article 14(3) of the Act shall be made by submitting a written notification using Form 7-2.

(Notification of Discontinuance, etc. of Type I Animal Handling Business)

Article 6 A notification set forth in Article 16(1) of the Act shall be made by submitting a written notification using Form 8. In this case, a registration certificate for a valid registration in his/her possession shall be attached to said notification.

(Posting of a Sign)

Article 7 The posting of a sign set forth in Article 18 of the Act shall be made by posting a sign which contains the following matters using Form 9 at a position that can easily be seen from the entrance door for customers in the place of business; provided, however, that in the case where he/she conducts the business outside the facility, the posting of a sign shall, in addition to those mentioned above, be made by posting an identification badge which contains the matters listed in items (i) to (v) inclusive using Form 10 at a position that can easily be seen by customers such as on the chest of employees, for every employee having contact with customers.

- (i) The name of the Type I animal handling business operator (in the case of a corporation, its name)
- (ii) The name and address of the place(s) of business
- (iii) The category of the Type I animal handling business in the registration
- (iv) The registration number
- (v) The date of registration, and the last day of the effective period
- (vi) The name of a person responsible for animal handling

(Standards to be Complied with by Type I Animal Handling Business Operators)

Article 8 The standards specified by an Ordinance of the Ministry of the Environment set forth in Article 21(1) of the Act shall be as follows:

(i) A sales business operator shall sell animals (limited to those belonging to the Mammalia class) that have become able to eat the same feed as adult animals by themselves after weaning.

(ii) A sales business operator and rental business operator shall sell or rent animals that have acquired sufficient ability to cope with changes in the environment in which they are cared for and with transportation.

(iii) A sales business operator and rental business operator shall sell or rent animals for which no health problems have been found after visually observing their condition (limited to those which can obviously be recognized by appearance, including but not limited to diarrhea, vomiting and quadriplegia) for two days or more

(iv) A sales business operator, rental business operator and exhibition business operator (which means a person who is engaged in an exhibition business under registration; the same shall apply hereinafter) shall, when exhibiting dogs or cats, do so from 8 am to 8 pm; provided, however, that in the case where specified mature cats are exhibited, this provision shall not prevent them from being exhibited from 8 am to 10 pm. In this case, exhibition hours for specified mature cats (which means the number of hours from the earliest time to the latest time from among the exhibition start times and the exhibition closing times for specified mature cats [in the case where more than one specified mature cat is exhibited, the exhibition start times and exhibition closing times for each specified mature cat]) shall not exceed a total of 12 hours per day.

(v) When intending to sell an animal to a Type I animal handling business operator, a sales business operator shall, when entering into a contract, explain the following information on the characteristics and conditions of the animal he/she intends to sell in advance to said business operator by delivering a document (including an electromagnetic record), so that said business operator can properly care for and keep said animal according to its physiology, biology, behavior and the like, and request said business operator to confirm that the business operator has received said document by providing a signature or other

means; provided, however, that for the information listed in (b) to (j) inclusive, it is sufficient to be explained on an as-needed basis:

- (a) The name of the species, etc.
- (b) Information on the body size such as standard body weight and standard length of body at the time of sexual maturity
- (c) Information on the period of caring for the animal such as an average life span
- (d) The structure and scale of animal facility appropriate for the care and keeping of the animal
- (e) The appropriate method for feeding and watering
- (f) The appropriate method for exercising and resting
- (g) The types of diseases which said animal has a high probability of contracting such as major zoonotic infections and methods for prevention therefor
- (h) The methods and expenses for sterilization or castration measures (limited to an animal belonging to the Mammalia class)
- (i) Measures other than those set forth in (h) to restrict the animal from breeding without good reason (excluding cases where sterilization or castration measures are taken using an irreversible method)
- (j) The contents of the prohibition of abandonment and regulation under relevant laws and regulations pertaining to said animal
- (k) The result of sex determination
- (l) The birth date (in the case of an animal that has been imported, etc. and whose birth date is not known, the estimated birth date and import date, etc.)
- (m) The implementation status of sterilization or castration measures (limited to an animal belonging to the Mammalia class)
- (n) The name and registration number or address of a person who bred the animal (in the case of an imported animal whose breeder is not known, the name and address of the person who exported said animal; in the case of a surrendered animal whose breeder is not known, the name and address of the person who surrendered the animal)
- (o) The name of the owner (limited to the case where the business operator intends to sell an animal not owned by him/her)
- (p) The history of illness, vaccination status, etc. of said animal
- (q) Status of emergence of genetic disease in the parents or littermates of said animal (limited to that belonging to the Mammalia class, and excluding those which cannot be learned through interviews, etc. with those concerned)
- (r) In addition to those listed in (a) to (q) inclusive, any other matters necessary for the proper care and keeping of said animal
- (vi) A sales business operator shall, upon providing information pursuant to Article 21-4 of the Act, request the customer to confirm by providing a signature, etc. that the customer has received said information.
- (vii) For an animal that has undergone any medical treatment for diseases, etc.,

vaccination and the like while it has been cared for or kept, a sales business operator shall, when entering into a contract, deliver the customer a certificate issued by a veterinarian for medical treatment for diseases, etc., vaccination and the like. In addition, if there is any certificate for medical treatment for diseases, etc., vaccination and the like received from a supplier of said animal, the sales business operator shall also deliver it to the customer.

(viii) A rental business operator shall, when entering into a contract, provide the customer in advance with the following information on the characteristics and condition of the animal, so that said customer can properly care for and keep said animal according to its physiology, biology, behavior and the like:

(a) The name of the species, etc.

(b) The structure and scale of animal facility appropriate for the care and keeping of the animal

(c) The appropriate method for feeding and watering

(d) The appropriate method for exercising and resting

(e) Types of diseases which said animal has a high probability of contracting such as major zoonotic infections and methods for prevention therefor

(f) The contents of the prohibition of abandonment and regulation under relevant laws and regulations pertaining to said animal

(g) The result of sex determination

(h) The implementation status of sterilization or castration measures (limited to an animal belonging to the Mammalia class)

(i) The vaccination status of said animal

(j) In addition to those listed in (a) to (i) inclusive, any other matters necessary for the proper care and keeping of said animal

(ix) A bidding intermediary (which means a person who is engaged in a business of holding a bidding by providing a venue for those intending to sell or buy animals under registration; the same shall apply hereinafter) shall, upon the conclusion of a sales contract by bidding, confirm that an explanation by the sales business operator upon the conclusion of a sales contract set forth in item (v) has been made.

(x) With respect to the explanation for sales upon the conclusion of a sales contract set forth in item (v), the provision of information pursuant to Article 21-4 of the Act, the confirmation by a customer of said provision of information set forth in item (vi), and the status of providing information at the conclusion of a rental contract set forth in item (viii), an animal handling business operator shall prepare a book of records made using Form 11, clarify the customer pertaining to said sale or rental, and retain the book for five years. A bidding intermediary shall, for each animal that the bidding intermediary has sold by bidding, receive from the sales business operator a copy of documents concerning the explanation for sales upon the conclusion of a sales contract set forth in item

(v) and the confirmation by a customer of said provision of information, clarify the sales business operator and customer pertaining to said copy, and retain this copy for five years; provided, however, that this shall not apply to cases where the sales business operator for dogs, cats, etc. keeps a book concerning individual dogs, cats, etc. pursuant to Article 22-6(1) of the Act.

(xi) In performing transactions of animals such as purchasing and selling, an animal handling business operator shall confirm in advance with the other party that the other party is not or will not be in violation of any relevant laws and regulations concerning transactions of animals, and in the case where any violation is confirmed, he/she shall refrain from performing transactions of animals with the other party. In particular, when performing transactions of specified animals, an animal handling business operator shall confirm by means of a permit, etc. in advance that the other party has received the permission set forth in Article 26(1) of the Act, and in the case where it is confirmed that the other party has not received permission, he/she shall refrain from performing transactions of specified animals with the other party.

(xii) In addition to those listed in the preceding items, an animal handling business operator shall comply with the detailed standards specified by the Minister of the Environment concerning the method for managing the animals and the like.

(Methods, etc. for Providing Information in Sales)

Article 8-2 (1) The animals specified by an Ordinance of the Ministry of the Environment set forth in Article 21-4 of the Act shall be animals categorized as mammals, birds or reptiles.

(2) The information specified by an Ordinance of the Ministry of the Environment as being necessary for maintaining the proper care and keeping of animals set forth in Article 21-4 of the Act shall be the following matters:

(i) The name of the species, etc.

(ii) Information on the body size such as standard body weight and standard length of body at the time of sexual maturity

(iii) Information on the period of caring for the animal such as an average life span

(iv) The structure and scale of animal facility appropriate for the care and keeping of the animal

(v) The appropriate method for feeding and watering

(vi) The appropriate method for exercising and resting

(vii) Types of diseases which said animal has a high probability of contracting such as major zoonotic infections and methods for prevention therefor

(viii) The methods and expenses for sterilization or castration measures (limited to an animal belonging to the Mammalia class)

- (ix) In addition to those set forth in the preceding item, any other measures to restrict the animal from breeding without good reason (excluding cases where sterilization or castration measures are taken using an irreversible method)
- (x) The contents of the prohibition of abandonment and regulation under relevant laws and regulations pertaining to said animal
- (xi) The result of sex determination
- (xii) The birth date (in the case of an animal that has been imported, etc. and whose birth date is not known, the estimated birth date and import date, etc.)
- (xiii) The implementation status of sterilization or castration measures (limited to an animal belonging to the Mammalia class)
- (xiv) The name and registration number or address of a person who bred the animal (in the case of an imported animal whose breeder is not known, the name and address of the person who exported said animal; in the case of a surrendered animal whose breeder is not known, the name and address of the person who surrendered said animal)
- (xv) The name of the owner (limited to the case where the business operator intends to sell an animal not owned by him/her)
- (xvi) The history of illness, vaccination status, etc. of said animal
- (xvii) Status of emergence of genetic disease in the parents or littermates of said animal (limited to that belonging to the Mammalia class, and excluding those which cannot be learned through interviews, etc. with those concerned)
- (xviii) In addition to those listed in the preceding items, any other matters necessary for the proper care and keeping of said animal

(Appointment of a Person Responsible for Animal Handling)

Article 9 A person responsible for animal handling set forth in Article 22(1) of the Act shall be appointed from among such employees meeting the following requirements:

- (i) Those falling under any of the requirements listed in Article 3(1)(v)(a) to (c) inclusive.
- (ii) Those having the ability to give guidance on the knowledge and techniques learned in training for persons responsible for animal handling to all of the employees in the place of business other than persons responsible for animal handling.

(Training for Persons Responsible for Animal Handling)

Article 10 (1) When holding training for persons responsible for animal handling, a prefectural governor shall notify registered Type I animal handling business operators of the date, location, etc. of the training in advance.

- (2) The Type I animal handling business operator who has received the notice under the preceding paragraph shall inform all of the persons responsible for

animal handling appointed by him/her of the details of the notice without delay.

(3) The Type I animal handling business operators shall request all the persons responsible for animal handling appointed by them to undergo training held by the prefectural governor pertaining to said registration in accordance with the following requirements; provided, however, that in the case where the prefectural governor separately specifies, said training may be substituted with training for persons responsible for animal handling held by another prefectural governor specified by said prefectural governor.

(i) To request a person responsible for animal handling to undergo training at least once a year.

(ii) To request a person responsible for animal handling to undergo training for at least three hours per session.

(iii) To request a person responsible for animal handling to undergo training on the following items:

(a) Laws and regulations on welfare and management of animals (including ordinances)

(b) The methods for managing an animal facility

(c) The methods for managing animals

(d) In addition to those listed in (a) to (c) inclusive, any other matters concerning the implementation of operations of the Type I animal handling business

(Book Keeping Concerning Individual Dogs, Cats, etc.)

Article 10-2 (1) The matters specified by an Ordinance of the Ministry of the Environment set forth in Article 22-6(1) of the Act shall be as follows:

(i) The name of the species, etc. of said dog, cat, etc.

(ii) The name and a registration number or address of the breeder of said dog, cat, etc. (in the case of an imported dog, cat, etc. whose breeder is not known, the name and address of the person who exported said dog, cat, etc.; in the case of a surrendered dog, cat, etc. whose breeder is not known, the name and address of the person who surrendered said dog, cat, etc.)

(iii) The birth date of said dog, cat, etc. (in the case of a dog, cat, etc. that has been imported, etc. and whose birth date is not known, the assumed birth date and import date, etc.)

(iv) The date on which he/she came to own said dog, cat, etc.

(v) The name and registration number or address of the person who sold or surrendered said dog, cat, etc. to said sales business operator for dogs, cats, etc.

(vi) The date on which he/she sold or delivered said dog, cat, etc.

(vii) The name and registration number or address of the other party to whom he/she sold or delivered said dog, cat, etc.

(viii) The status of confirmation that the other party to whom he/she sold or delivered said dog, cat, etc. is not in violation of any relevant laws and regulations concerning transactions of animals

(ix) The name of a person who sold said dog, cat, etc.

(x) The status of provision of information prescribed in Article 21-4 of the Act, and of confirmation by the customer of said provision of information as set forth in Article 8(vi), when selling said dog, cat, etc.

(xi) The date on which said dog, cat, etc. died (limited to the case where the death occurred while the sales business operator for dogs, cats, etc. was the care or keeping it; the same shall apply in the following item)

(xii) The cause of the death of said dog, cat, etc.

(2) The book set forth in Article 22-6(1) of the Act shall be retained for five years from the date of entry.

(3) The retention prescribed in the preceding paragraph may be made by recording media for recording by electromagnetic means (which means an electronic method, a magnetic method, or any other method not recognizable to human senses).

(4) An animal handling business operator shall, in retaining the book, endeavor to keep in order and retain such documents that contain information on any matters to be recorded in said book, including but not limited to transaction slips and post-mortem examination reports.

(Notification Concerning Individual Dogs, Cats, etc.)

Article 10-3 (1) The notification set forth in Article 22-6(2) of the Act shall be made by submitting a written notification using Form 11-2 to the prefectural governor having jurisdiction over the location of the place of business pertaining to said notification within 60 days after expiration of the period set forth in the following paragraph.

(2) The period specified by an Ordinance of the Ministry of the Environment set forth in Article 22-6(2) of the Act shall be the period from April 1 of every year to March 31 of the following year.

(3) The period set forth in the preceding paragraph shall be, in the case where an applicant newly receives registration of Type I animal handling business, from the day on which he/she receives the registration to March 31 of the same fiscal year.

(4) When reporting the number of specified animals set forth in Article 22-6(2)(ii) and (iii) of the Act, the applicant shall report the total number of specified animals for each month during said period.

(Order to Submit Post-mortem Examination Reports, etc. to Sales Business Operators for Dogs, Cats, etc.)

Article 10-4 The order under Article 22-6(3) of the Act shall be made by delivering a written order using Form 11-3 to the sales business operator for dogs, cats, etc.

(Scope of a Type II Animal Handling Business Operator)

Article 10-5 (1) The animal facility set forth in Article 24-2 of the Act shall be a

facility which can be separated from a portion used for a residence (excluding animal facilities of a person who is temporarily commissioned to care for or keep animals [limited to the case where the number of animals does not exceed the number prescribed in the following paragraph]).

(2) The number specified by an Ordinance of the Ministry of the Environment set forth in Article 24-2 of the Act shall be, corresponding to the category set forth in the following items, the number provided for in said respective items:

(i) The total number of large-size animals (cattle, horses, pigs or ostriches, or any other animals of the same or larger size that are categorized as mammals or birds) and specified animals: 3

(ii) The total number of medium size animals (dogs or cats, or other animals of the same or larger size that are categorized as mammals, birds or reptiles; provided, however, that large-size animals are excluded): 10

(iii) The total number of animals categorized as mammals, birds or reptiles, other than those listed in the preceding two items: 50

(iv) The total number of animals listed in items (i) and (ii): 10

(v) The total number of animals listed in items (i) to (iii) inclusive: 50

(3) The cases specified by an Ordinance of the Ministry of the Environment set forth in Article 24-2 of the Act shall be as follows:

(i) Where officials of the national government or local governments handle animals in connection with the activities performed as emergency measures necessitated by extraordinary disasters

(ii) Where police personnel handle animals as part of performing the police duties prescribed in Article 2(1) of the Police Act (Act No.162 of 1954)

(iii) Where Self-Defense Forces personnel handle animals in connection with their security activities over facilities, units or organizations of the Self-Defense Forces

(iv) Where animal quarantine officers handle animals in connection with operations of the animal quarantine service under Article 7 of the Rabies Prevention Act (Act No. 247 of 1950), Article 40, Article 43, Article 45 or Article 46-2 of the Act on Domestic Animal Infectious Diseases Control (Act No. 166 of 1951), and Article 55 of the Act Concerning Prevention of Infection of Infectious Diseases and Patients with Infectious Diseases (Act No. 114 of 1998)

(v) Where quarantine officers handle animals in connection with operations of the quarantine station pursuant to Article 56-2 of the Act Concerning Prevention of Infection of Infectious Diseases and Patients with Infectious Diseases

(vi) Where customs officers handle animals in connection with operations of the customs pursuant to the Customs Act (Act No. 61 of 1954)

(vii) Where officials of local governments handle animals in connection with operations pursuant to the provisions of laws

(viii) Where officials of local governments detain dogs in connection with

operations pursuant to the provisions of Article 6 or 18 of the Rabies Prevention Act

(ix) Where officials of the national government or local governments handle animals in connection with operations pursuant to the provisions of the Act on Conservation of Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (Act No. 75 of 1992)

(x) Where officials of the national government or local governments handle animals in connection with operations pursuant to the provisions of the Act on Protection and Management of Birds and Animals and Regulation of Hunting (Act No. 88 of 2002)

(xi) Where officials of the national government or local governments handle animals in connection with operations pursuant to the provisions of the Act on the Prevention of Damage pertaining to the Ecosystem, etc. by Specified Foreign Organisms (Act No. 78 of 2004)

(xii) Where government officials handle animals in connection with operations pursuant to the provisions of Article 23 of the Juvenile Training School Act (Act No. 58 of 2014), Article 2 of the Women's Guidance Home Act (Act No. 17 of 1958), and Article 84 of the Act on Penal Detention Facilities and Treatment of Inmates and Detainees (Act No. 50 of 2005)

(Notification, etc. of a Type II Animal Handling Business)

Article 10-6 (1) A notification set forth in Article 24-2 of the Act shall be made by submitting a written notification using Form 11-4 and one copy thereof.

(2) The documents specified by an Ordinance of the Ministry of the Environment set forth in Article 24-2 of the Act shall be as follows:

(i) In the case of a corporation, a certificate of registered information for said corporation

(ii) A floor plan of the animal facility showing clearly the locations of the following equipment, etc., as well as a sketch drawing of the neighboring vicinity of the animal facility (for (h) to (k) inclusive, limited to the case where these facilities have been installed):

(a) Cages, etc.

(b) Water supply facilities

(c) Disinfection equipment

(d) Storage facilities for feed

(e) Cleaning equipment

(f) Equipment for shielding light or keeping wind and rain out

(g) Training yards (limited to a person who intends to engage in a training business that conducts training in an animal facility [which means conducting the training of animals in the course of trade])

(h) Drainage facilities

(i) Washing equipment

(j) Facilities for accumulating sewage, residue or other waste

(k) Air conditioning equipment (excluding outdoor facilities)

(3) A prefectural governor may request an applicant to submit documents that the governor finds necessary, in addition to those prescribed in the preceding paragraph.

(4) The items specified by an Ordinance of the Ministry of the Environment set forth in Article 24-2(vii) of the Act shall be as follows:

(i) The date of commencement of operations

(ii) The fact that an applicant has the necessary title to conduct business, with respect to the land and building where the animal facility exists

(Notification of Change of a Type II Animal Handling Business)

Article 10-7 (1) A notification of change set forth in Article 24-3(1) of the Act shall be made by submitting a written notification using Form 11-5.

(2) The minor changes specified by an Ordinance of the Ministry of the Environment set forth in Article 24-3(1) of the Act shall be as follows:

(i) A decrease in the types and number of animals to be mainly handled that is not below the numbers listed in the items of Article 10-5(2)

(ii) An increase in the scale of the animal facility, the total increase in floor area of which, based on the combined period from the day on which he/she has given a notification under Article 24-2 of the Act (in the case where he/she has given a notification under Article 24-3(1) of the Act, from the day on which he/she has given the notification; the same shall apply in this item), is less than 30% of the gross floor area of the animal facility as of the day on which he/she has given a notification under Article 24-2

(iii) A change pertaining to any of the equipment, etc. set forth in Article 10-6(2)(ii) which increases, or changes the location of, said equipment, etc., or changes the equipment, etc. to equipment, etc. with functions that are equal or superior to those of the current equipment, etc.

(3) A notification set forth in Article 24-3(2) of the Act shall be made by submitting a written notification using Form 11-6 in the case where he/she changes the matters set forth in Article 24-2(i) or (ii) of the Act, or a written notification using Form 11-7 in the case where he/she discontinues using the animal facility pertaining to the notification.

(Notification of Discontinuation, etc. of a Type II Animal Handling Business)

Article 10-8 A notification of discontinuation, etc. set forth in Article 16(1) of the Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 24-4 of the Act shall be made by submitting a written notification using Form 11-8.

(Standards to be Complied with by a Type II Animal Handling Business Operator)

Article 10-9 The standards specified by an Ordinance of the Ministry of the Environment set forth in Article 21(1) of the Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 24-4 of the Act shall be as follows:

(i) An adoption business operator (which means a person who runs an adoption business after notification; the same shall apply hereinafter) shall, when placing animals, and for the animal he/she intends to place, explain to the new owner in advance the following information on the characteristics and condition of said animal, so that the new owner can properly care for and keep said animal according to its physiology, biology, behavior and the like:

(a) The name of the species, etc.

(b) The structure and scale of animal facility appropriate for the care and keeping of the animal

(c) The appropriate method for feeding and watering

(d) The appropriate method for exercising and resting

(e) The contents of the prohibition of abandonment and regulation under relevant laws and regulations pertaining to said animal

(f) An adoption business operator shall, when placing the animal and for an animal that has undergone any medical treatment for diseases, etc., vaccination and the like while it has been cared for or kept, deliver to the new owner a certificate issued by a veterinarian for medical treatment for diseases, etc., vaccination and the like.

In addition, if there is any certificate for medical treatment for diseases, etc., vaccination and the like received from the person who surrendered said animal, the adoption business operator shall also deliver it to the new owner.

(iii) A person who runs a rental business after notification shall, when renting an animal, provide the customer in advance with the following information on the characteristics and conditions of the animal, so that said customer can properly care for and keep said animal according to its physiology, biology, behavior and others:

(a) The name of the species, etc.

(b) The structure and scale of animal facility appropriate for the care and keeping of the animal

(c) The appropriate method for feeding and watering

(d) The appropriate method for exercising and resting

(e) The contents of the prohibition of abandonment and regulation under relevant laws and regulations pertaining to said animal

(iv) In addition to those listed in the preceding items, an animal handling business operator shall comply with the detailed standards specified by the Minister of the Environment concerning the method of managing the animals.

(Identification Card for On-site Inspection pertaining to Type I Animal Handling Business and Type II Animal Handling Business)

Article 11 The format of the certificate set forth in Article 24(2) of the Act (including cases where said provisions are applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to

Article 24-4 of the Act following the deemed replacement of terms) shall be as set forth in Form 12.

(Situation Where the Surrounding Living Environment Has Been Damaged)

Article 12 The situation specified by an Ordinance of the Ministry of the Environment set forth in Article 25(1) of the Act shall be one where it is deemed that an event falling under any of the following items is causing significant hindrance to the daily life of residents in the surrounding area (hereinafter referred to as “surrounding residents”) and where said hindrance has been commonly recognized among surrounding residents through complaints being filed by more than one surrounding resident to the prefectural governor, or otherwise:

- (i) Sounds such as cries generated frequently in connection with the care and keeping of animals
- (ii) Odor generated due to waste materials such as residues of feed and animal excrement inappropriately disposed of or left in connection with the care and keeping of animals
- (iii) Hair or feather of animals being scattered outside the premises of the animal facility
- (iv) Pests such as rats, flies, mosquitoes and fleas being generated in connection with the care for and keeping of animals

(Situation in Risk of Abuse)

Article 12-2 The situation specified by an Ordinance of the Ministry of the Environment set forth in Article 25(3) of the Act shall be one falling under any of the following items, and which is not expected to be improved, by reason of a failure to follow any instructions of prefectural officers, or a refusal to allow prefectural officers to grasp said situation including conducting on-site observation, by the person who has caused said situation:

- (i) Animal cries are excessively continuing to be generated, or abnormal animal cries are frequently being generated.
- (ii) Odor is continuously being generated due to waste materials such as residues of feed and animal excrement inappropriately disposed of or left in connection with the care and keeping of animals
- (iii) A large number of pests such as rats, flies, mosquitoes and fleas are being generated in connection with the care and keeping of animals.
- (iv) In light of the existence of undernourished individuals, it is deemed that feeding and watering of animals are not being performed at a fixed frequency.
- (v) It is deemed that some individuals are not being properly cared for or kept, including cases where they have abnormally long nails or their body surface is significantly dirty.
- (vi) The number of animals to be cared for is increasing due to breeding under

conditions where no measures are taken to restrict animals from breeding, and no efforts are made to reduce the number of animals to be cared for through adoption, etc.

(Cases Where No Permission is Required for the Care or Keeping of Animals)

Article 13 The cases specified by an Ordinance of the Ministry of the Environment set forth in Article 26(1) of the Act shall be as follows:

(i) Where a veterinarian cares for or keeps specified animals in a medical facility (which means a medical facility prescribed in Article 2(2) of the Veterinary Practice Act [Act No. 46 of 1992]) for the purpose of medical care

(ii) Where any person cares for or keeps specified animals in connection with activities performed as emergency measures necessitated by extraordinary disasters

(iii) Where police personnel care for or keep specified animals as part of performing the police duties prescribed in Article 2(1) of the Police Act

(iv) Where animal quarantine officers care for or keep specified animals in connection with operations of the animal quarantine service pursuant to Article 7 of the Rabies Prevention Act, Article 40 or Article 45 of the Act on Domestic Animal Infectious Diseases Control, or Article 55 of the Act Concerning Prevention of Infection of Infectious Diseases and Patients with Infectious Diseases

(v) Where quarantine officers care for or keep specified animals in connection with operations of the quarantine station pursuant to Article 56-2 of the Act Concerning Prevention of Infection of Infectious Diseases and Patients with Infectious Diseases

(vi) Where customs officers care for or keep specified animals in connection with operations of the customs pursuant to Article 70 of the Customs Act

(vii) Where officials of local governments care for or keep specified animals in connection with operations pursuant to the provisions of laws

(viii) Where officials of the national government or local governments care for or keep specified animals in connection with operations pursuant to the provisions of the Act on Conservation of Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora

(ix) Where officials of the national government or local governments care for or keep specified animals in connection with operations pursuant to the provisions of the Act on Protection and Management of Birds and Animals and Regulation of Hunting

(x) Where a person who has received the permission set forth in Article 26(1) of the Act cares for or keeps specified animals at a specified animal facility pertaining to said permission, outside the jurisdiction held by the prefectural governor pertaining to said permission, during a period not exceeding three days (limited to one who has notified the prefectural governor having jurisdiction over

the location where he/she intends to care for or keep the specified animals to that effect three days [the number of days listed in the items of Article 1(1) of the Act on Holidays of Administrative Organs [Act No. 91 of 1988] shall be excluded from the calculation] before the day on which he/she starts for the care or keeping the specified animals, using Form 13)

(xi) Where a person who has received the permission set forth in Article 26(1) of the Act has died or has been dissolved, the heir, or the bankruptcy administrator or liquidator thereof cares for or keeps specified animals pertaining to said permission, within the scope not exceeding 60 days from the day on which said person died or was dissolved

(Effective Period of Permission)

Article 14 The effective period of permission set forth in Article 26(1) of the Act shall, according to the types of the specified animals, be determined by the prefectural governor within the scope not exceeding five years.

(Application for Permission for the Care and Keeping)

Article 15 (1) The application for permission set forth in Article 26(2) of the Act shall be made by submitting a written application using Form 14, by each location of the specified animal facility.

(2) The documents specified by an Ordinance of the Ministry of the Environment set forth in Article 26(2) of the Act shall be as follows:

(i) A drawing showing the structure and scale of, a photograph of, and a sketch drawing of the neighboring vicinity of the specified animal facility

(ii) A document indicating that the applicant (in the case where the applicant is a corporation, the corporation and its officers) does not fall under any of Article 27(1)(ii)(a) to (c) inclusive

(iii) In the case where the measures provided for in Article 20(iii) have been taken for the specified animals pertaining to the application, the following documents, according to the contents of said measures:

(a) In case of “by microchip” (limited to that conforming to the ISO 11784 and ISO 11785 standards published by the International Organization for Standardization; the same shall apply hereinafter): A certificate for the identification number of said microchip issued by a veterinarian or administrative body

(b) In case of “by bird band” (limited to animals belonging to the bird class): A certificate for the identification number of said bird band, and a photograph of the wearing state

(iv) A document describing the management system for the care or keeping of specified animals (limited to the case where there is a person who engages in the care or keeping of specified animals, other than the person responsible for

administration set forth in paragraph (4)(iii))

(v) A plan for maintenance and inspection of the specified animal facility

(3) A prefectural governor may request an applicant to submit documents that the governor finds necessary, in addition to those prescribed in the preceding paragraph.

(4) The items specified by an Ordinance of the Ministry of the Environment set forth in Article 26(2)(viii) of the Act shall be as follows:

(i) Where the applicant has already been engaged in the care or keeping of specified animals pertaining to the application, the information on the number of said specified animals and on the contents of the measures for said specified animals prescribed in Article 20(iii)

(ii) In the case of a corporation, the names and addresses of its officers

(iii) A person responsible for administration of the specified animals

(5) A prefectural governor shall issue to the applicant a permit using Form 15, when permission set forth in Article 26(1) of the Act has been granted.

(6) In case a permit is lost or destroyed, or when a notification pursuant to the provisions of Article 28(3) of the Act is submitted, a specified animal caretaker may be entitled to have a permit re-issued by submitting an application to the prefectural governor pertaining to said permission.

(7) An application for re-issuance of a permit under the preceding paragraph shall be made by submitting a written application using Form 16.

(8) A person who has been issued a permit shall, in case he/she has lost the permit, notify the prefectural governor in writing to that effect without delay; provided, however, that this shall not apply to cases where he/she has made an application set forth in paragraph (6).

(9) A person who has a permit (in the case where the cause set forth in item (ii) occurs, an heir, a person who has served as an officer representing the dissolved company, or a bankruptcy administrator or liquidator) shall, when the following causes occur, return the permit to the prefectural governor who has issued it, no later than the day on which 60 days have elapsed from the day when the relevant cause occurred (in the case where the person who received the permission dies, the day on which the fact comes to be known):

(i) The permission has been revoked

(ii) A person who has received the permission dies, or merges or splits itself (limited to the case where the status of said person is not taken over), or dissolves itself

(iii) After receiving the re-issuance of a permit pursuant to paragraph (6), he/she discovers or restores the original permit.

(Notification of Discontinuation of the Care or Keeping of Animals)

Article 16 (1) Upon discontinuing the care or keeping of specified animals before

the expiration of the effective period of permission set forth in Article 14, the specified animal caretaker may notify the prefectural governor who granted the permission to that effect, using Form 17. In this case, a permit pertaining to a valid permission in his/her possession shall be attached to said notification. In this case, a permit pertaining to permission within the effective period in his/her possession shall be attached to said notification.

(2) Upon the notification set forth in the preceding paragraph, the permission pertaining to said notification shall become invalid as of the day on which the prefectural governor receives said notification.

(Standards for Permission)

Article 17 The standards specified by an Ordinance of the Ministry of the Environment set forth in Article 27(1)(i) of the Act shall be as follows:

(i) The structure and scale of a specified animal facility shall be as follows:

(a) A facility shall be of a structure and strength capable of preventing animals from escaping, according to the types of specified animals.

(b) A specified animal facility shall be of a structure and strength that there is no possibility that anyone other than the handler of specified animals pertaining to the application can easily touch said specified animals; provided, however, that this shall not apply to the case where the specified animals are exhibited for the purpose of deepening visitors' knowledge of animals through provision of the information on the biology, habitat environment, etc. of animals, and the prefectural governor acknowledges that the safety of visitors is ensured.

(c) In addition to what is provided for in (a) and (b), a specified animal facility shall meet the detailed standards for the structure and scale of a specified animal facility specified by the Minister of the Environment for each type of specified animal; provided, however, that this shall not apply to the case where the specified animals are exhibited for the purpose of deepening visitors' knowledge of animals through provision of the information on the biology, habitat environment, etc. of animals, and the prefectural governor acknowledges that the safety of visitors is ensured.

(ii) The method for the care or keeping of the specified animals shall not be deemed inappropriate for preventing harm to human life, body, or property.

(iii) Measures to be taken when it becomes difficult to care for or keep specified animals shall fall under either of the following items:

(a) To secure a new owner or a system to search for a new owner

(b) Disposal by slaughter (limited to the case where it is difficult to select (a), and disposal by slaughter is conducted at one's own responsibility)

(Permission of Changes)

Article 18 (1) An application for permission of changes set forth in Article 28(1) of

the Act shall be made by submitting a written application using Form 18.

(2) In the case where an applicant intends to change the matters set forth in Article 26(2)(iv) or (v) of the Act, the written application set forth in the preceding paragraph shall be accompanied by a drawing showing the structure and scale of, a photograph of, and a sketch drawing of the neighboring vicinity of the changed specified animal facility.

(3) A prefectural governor may request an applicant to submit documents that the governor finds necessary, in addition to those prescribed in the preceding paragraph.

(4) The minor changes specified by an Ordinance of the Ministry of the Environment set forth in Article 28(1) of the Act shall be a change in the measures to be taken when it becomes difficult to care for or keep specified animals which is a change from the measures set forth in item (iii)(b) of the preceding Article to the measures set forth in (a) of the same item.

(5) The provisions of Article 15(5) to (9) inclusive shall apply mutatis mutandis to the permission of changes set forth in Article 28(1) of the Act.

(Notification of Changes)

Article 19 (1) The items specified by an Ordinance of the Ministry of the Environment set forth in Article 28(3) of the Act shall be as follows:

(i) In the case of a corporation, the names and addresses of its officers

(ii) A person responsible for administration of the specified animals

(2) A notification set forth in Article 28(3) of the Act shall be made by submitting a written notification using Form 19.

(Method for the Care or Keeping of Animals)

Article 20 The methods specified by an Ordinance of the Ministry of the Environment set forth in Article 31 of the Act shall be as follows:

(i) To periodically inspect a specified animal facility

(ii) To periodically confirm the status of the care or keeping of the specified animals

(iii) Upon starting to care for or keep specified animals, measures specified by the Minister of the Environment such as attaching a microchip or bird band have been taken for each type of specified animals to clearly indicate that the business operator has received the permission set forth in Article 26(1) of the Act for said specified animals, and a notification shall be sent to the prefectural governor describing the measures that have been taken using Form 20 (excluding cases where said measures have already been taken); provided, however, that this shall not apply to the case where the business operator can continuously engage in the care or keeping of the specified animals pursuant to Article 5(1) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act, notwithstanding the

provisions of paragraph (3) of the same Article.

(iv) In addition to those listed in the preceding items, to follow the method for the care or keeping of the specified animals specified by the Minister of the Environment.

(Identification Card for On-site Inspection pertaining to Specified Animals)

Article 21 The format of the certificate set forth in Article 24(2) of the Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 33(2) of the Act shall be as set forth in Form 21.

(Cases Where There are No Reasonable Grounds to Justify a Request for Taking Custody of a Dog or Cat)

Article 21-2 The cases specified by an Ordinance of the Ministry of the Environment set forth in the proviso of Article 35(1) of the Act shall be as follows; provided, however, that this shall not apply to the case where it is found necessary to prevent the occurrence of impediments in preserving the living environment even if it falls under any of the following items:

(i) When a prefecture, etc. has been requested to take custody by a sales business operator for dogs, cats, etc.

(ii) When a prefecture, etc. has repeatedly been requested to take custody

(iii) When a prefecture, etc. has been requested to take custody of a puppy or kitten and when a person making such request has failed to follow the instructions of the prefecture, etc. regarding measures to restrict breeding

(iv) When a prefecture, etc. has been requested to take custody of a dog or cat due to its old age or disease

(v) When a prefecture, etc. has been requested to take custody of a dog or cat for a reason that does not make it difficult to care for the dog or cat

(vi) When no effort to find a new owner for the dog or cat for which the request for taking custody is being made, is made in advance

(vii) In addition to those listed in the preceding items, any other cases provided for in ordinances, regulations, etc. of a prefecture, etc. as being those where there are no reasonable grounds to justify a request for taking custody in light of the purpose of the provisions of Article 7(4) of the Act.

(Number of Copies of Written Applications and Written Notification to be Submitted)

Article 22 An application or notification to be submitted under the Act and this Ministerial Ordinance shall be submitted along with one copy thereof.

Supplementary Provisions (Ordinance of the Ministry of the Environment No. 19 of August 28, 2013)

(Effective Date)

Article 1 This Ministerial Ordinance shall come into effect as from the date of enforcement of the Act Partially Amending the Act on Welfare and Management of Animals (September 1, 2013); provided, however, that Article 2 shall come into effect as from the day of promulgation of this Ministerial Ordinance.

(Transitional Measures)

Article 2 The notification set forth in Article 2(1) of the Supplementary Provision of the Cabinet Order Partially Amending the Order for Enforcement of the Act on Welfare and Management of Animals (Cabinet Order No. 232 of 2013) shall be made by submitting a written notification using the form specified in the Supplementary Provision.

Supplementary Provisions Form (related to Article 2 of Supplementary Provisions)

(Omitted)

Supplementary Provisions (Ordinance of the Ministry of the Environment No. 18 of May 30, 2014)

This Ministerial Ordinance shall come into effect as from the day of promulgation.

Supplementary Provisions (Ordinance of the Ministry of the Environment No. 3 of February 20, 2015) (Extract)

(Effective Date)

Article 1 This Ministerial Ordinance shall come into effect as from date of the enforcement of the Act Partially Amending the Act on Protection and Management of Birds and Animals and Regulation of Hunting (Act No. 46 of 2014; hereinafter referred to as "Amendment Act") (May 29, 2015).

Supplementary Provisions (Ordinance of the Ministry of the Environment No. 23 of May 28, 2015)

This Ministerial Ordinance shall come into effect as from the date of enforcement (June 1, 2015) of the Juvenile Training Schools Act (Act No. 58 of 2014).

Supplementary Provisions (Ordinance of the Ministry of the Environment No. 10 of May 17, 2016)

This Ministerial Ordinance shall come into effect as from June 1, 2016.

Supplementary Provisions (Ordinance of the Ministry of the Environment No. 20 of August 4, 2016)

(Effective Date)

(1) This Ministerial Ordinance shall come into effect as from September 1, 2016.

(Transitional Measures)

(2) The documents, etc. actually existing upon enforcement of this Ministerial Ordinance which uses Appended Form 1 prior to the amendment by this Ordinance shall be deemed to be using Appended Form 1 after the amendment by this Ordinance.

Appended Table (related to Article 3(1))

Category of Type I Animal Handling Business	Related category for which business experience is deemed to exist
Selling (those who are engaged in the business with an animal facility)	Selling (limited to those who are engaged in the business with an animal facility) and renting
Selling (those who are engaged in the business without an animal facility)	Selling and renting
Keeping (those who are engaged in the business with an animal facility)	Selling (limited to those who are engaged in the business with an animal facility), keeping (limited to those who are engaged in the business with an animal facility), renting, training (limited to those who are engaged in the business with an animal facility), exhibiting, and buying and caring for animals (limited to the case where a person who has handed over said animals bears all or part of the expenses for said caring)
Keeping (those who are engaged in the business without an animal facility)	Selling, keeping, renting, training and exhibiting
Lending	Selling (limited to those who are engaged in the business with an animal facility) and renting
Training (those who are engaged in the business with an animal facility)	Training (limited to those who are engaged in the business with an animal facility)

Training (those who are engaged in the business without an animal facility)	Training
Exhibiting	Exhibiting
Holding a bidding by providing a venue for those intending to sell or buy animals	Selling and holding a bidding by providing a venue for those intending to sell or buy animals
Caring for animals after taking them over (limited to the case where the person who has handed over said animals bears all or part of the expenses necessary for said caring)	Selling (limited to those who are engaged in the business with an animal facility), keeping (limited to those who are engaged in the business with an animal facility), renting, training (limited to those who are engaged in the business with an animal facility), exhibiting, and buying and caring for animals (limited to the case where a person who has handed over said animals bears all or part of the expenses for said caring)

(Omitted)

Form 1 (related to Article 2(1))~ Form 21 (related to Article 21)