

Standards that must be complied with

The following is an outline of the standards with which businesses must comply. In some cases, local governments may add measures independently to match regional circumstances.

1. Items pertaining to the structure, size, etc., of animal facilities, etc.

- Ensuring appropriate width and space for individual animals
- Installing the necessary facilities (watering and feeding utensils, toys, etc.)

2. Items pertaining to the maintenance and management of animal facilities, etc.

- Cleaning at least once per day
- Preventing the escape of animals

3. Items pertaining to animal management methods, etc.

- Limitation on sales, etc., of juvenile animals
- Pre-sales confirmation of animal condition
- Pre-sales explanations to purchasers
- Proper care and keeping
- Limitation on advertising content
- Limitation on trade that violates related laws

4. General items

- Display of signs and name tags (identification tags)
- Assignment of a person responsible for animal handling

What is a person responsible for animal handling

A person responsible for an animal handling is a person possessing the knowledge and skills needed to manage business affairs appropriately, including having an ability to explain about the proper care and handling of animals to purchasers. A person responsible for an animal handling must have one of the following :

- 1) actual experience of six months or more,
- 2) a diploma from a specified school, or
- 3) a specified qualification.

For each place of business, a business operator must designate at least one full-time person responsible for animal handling from among all regular employees. Furthermore, the business operator must have a person responsible for animal handling attend training sessions that are provided by the prefecture, etc., at least once a year.

