

## On-site inspections, penal provisions, etc.

Officers in charge of animal welfare from prefectures and other entities will enter the place of business when necessary to make inspections. If a business is found not to comply with a necessary standard or is deemed to have inappropriate animal management or facilities, the prefectural governor or mayor of the designated city may issue a recommendation or an order for improvement to the business operator. If the business operator is found to be acting maliciously, the governor, etc., may rescind registration or order the suspension of business. A person who operates a business without registration or who does not comply with an improvement order or an order to suspend business shall be subject to a fine of not more than 300,000 yen. Furthermore, a person who fails to report changes to the content of his/her registration or who reports false information will be subject to a fine of not more than 200,000 yen.



### Be sure to check the following when purchasing an animal!

(When purchasing a mammal, bird, or reptile)

While there are various ways to obtain an animal, if you are purchasing from an animal handling business (pet shop, breeder, etc.), be sure to make certain that the business is operating lawfully.

#### Is there a sign or name tag (identification tag)?

-Businesses that have been registered by the prefectural governor, etc., display a sign noting their registration number and other information.



#### Did you receive an explanation before purchasing the animal?

-Before selling an animal, a business must inform the purchaser of the following: the health status of the animal, whether or not it has received its shots, the proper method for caring for it, its standard weight and height, etc.



#### Is the business selling animals that are too young?

-Animals that have not been weaned must not be sold. Furthermore, animals such as dogs and cats that must be socialized must remain with their parents and siblings during the socialization period.

#### Are the cages too small? Are they too bright?

-Sufficient space must be provided to allow animals to stand and sleep, and consideration must be given to light and noise to ensure that they are not in excessive distress.