

Amendments to Cabinet Regulation No 359 of 21 June 2022 on the procedure for the registration of pet animals

Issued pursuant to Article 25(6) and (6)¹ of the Law on Veterinary Medicine.

Cabinet Regulation No 359 of 21 June 2022 on the procedure for the registration of pet animals (Latvijas Vēstnesis, 2022, No 122) is amended as follows:

1. The statement of reasons for the adoption of a legal act shall be worded as follows:

"Issued pursuant to Article 25(6) and (6)¹ of the Law on Veterinary Medicine."

2. The following Paragraph 1.3 is added:

"1.3 exceptions where microchip marking and registration of cats and pet ferrets is not mandatory."

3. Paragraph 3 is amended to read as follows:

"3. The database is a component of the unified state information system "Agricultural Data Centre Information System". In order to ensure compliance with the requirements laid down in legislation governing the welfare and protection of animals, a dog, cat, and ferret shall be registered in the database.

4. The following Paragraph 3.¹ is added:

"3.¹ Cats and domestic ferrets coming from another country shall be registered in the database within 10 days of arrival."

5. The following Paragraph 3.² is added:

"3.² Chip marking and registration of cats and domestic ferrets is not mandatory if:

3.².1. it shall not be used for reproduction;

3.².2 it shall not be alienated;

3.².3. it shall not be placed in an animal hotel;

3.².4. it does not participate in an exhibition or any other public event;

3.².5. the cat does not roam freely outside the area under the use of its owner or keeper;

3.².6. it is an ownerless cat."

6. Reword Paragraph 5 as follows:

"5. A dog, cat, and ferret placed in an animal shelter and not marked with a microchip and registered in a database, shall be marked with a microchip and registered in accordance with the laws and regulations regarding animal shelters and animal hotels.

7. The following Paragraph 8.1.9 is added:

"8.1.9. the mother's microchip number (if known);"

8. Paragraph 8.2.1 is amended to read as follows:

8.2.1. the given name(s), surname, and personal identity number of the natural person (if a personal identity number has not been assigned to the person, the nationality, number and date of issue of a valid personal identification document, and date of birth of the person) or the name and registration number of the legal person;

9. Paragraph 8.3.1 is amended to read as follows:

8.3.1. the given name(s), surname, and personal identity number of the natural person (if a personal identity number has not been assigned to the person, the nationality, number and date of issue of a valid personal identification document, and date of birth of the person) or the name and registration number of the legal person;

10. Reword Paragraph 9 as follows:

"9. If a practising veterinarian finds that a pet animal is marked with a microchip and has a pet passport or vaccination certificate, but it is not registered in the database, the practising veterinarian shall compare the number of the microchip implanted into the animal with the number entered in the pet passport or vaccination certificate and register the pet animal in the database in accordance with Paragraph 8 of these Regulations.

11. Reword Paragraph 10 as follows:

"10. If a practising veterinarian finds that a domestic (pet) animal is marked with a microchip, but is not registered in the database and does not have a passport or vaccination certificate for the domestic (pet) animal, he or she shall prepare and issue a passport for the domestic (pet) animal and, in accordance with Paragraph 8 of these Regulations, register the domestic (pet) animal in the database.

12. The following Paragraph 16.10 is added:

16.10. the fact of the animal's reproduction after each birth of the offspring, indicating the date of birth of the offspring and the number of offspring in the litter;

13. The following Paragraph 16.11 is added:

In the case of a dog born before 31 August 2023, indicate whether the animal is kept tied up."

14. Reword Paragraph 17 as follows:

"17. The event with the animal referred to in Paragraph 16.1 of these Regulations shall be registered within 72 hours in one of the following ways:

17.1. in person at a practising veterinarian, local government, data centre, or State and local government unified customer service centre:

17.1.1. by the owner of the animal or his or her authorised representative and the new owner of the animal presenting themselves thereof;

17.1.2. by the owner of the animal or their authorised representative presenting himself in person and the submission of the information referred to in Paragraph 8.2 of these Regulations, certified by the owner of the new animal;

17.1.3. by the owner of the animal or their authorised representative presenting himself in person, and indicating the country in which the animal will be kept, as well as the given name(s) and surname of the new owner of the animal, if the animal will be kept in another country;

17.2. by the previous and new owner of the animal - a natural person (except a non-resident) - logging in to the State administration services portal www.latvija.lv, entering information regarding the change of owner, and having it approved by the new owner;

17.3. by sending an application electronically signed by the owner of the existing and new animal to the data centre or veterinary medical practice institution with the information referred to in Paragraph 8.2 of these Regulations;

17.4. If the animal is transferred to another country, the owner of the animal or their authorised representative shall submit an application to the data centre, indicating the given name(s) and surname of the new owner and the country where the animal will be kept."

15. Reword Paragraph 18 as follows:

"18. The owner of the animal or their authorised person shall register the events referred to in Paragraphs 16.2, 16.3, 16.4, 16.8, 16.10, and 16.11 of these Regulations in the database within 72 hours after the event in one of the following ways:

18.1. in the data centre;

18.2. with a practising veterinarian;

18.3. on the State Administration Services Portal www.latvija.lv;

18.4. with the municipality;

18.5. with the unified customer service centre of the State and local government."

16. Paragraph 22.4 is amended to read as follows:

"22.4. a domestic (pet) animal is excluded from the database if no event involving the animal has been recorded in the database within 25 years after its date of birth;"

17. Paragraph 22.8 is amended to read as follows:

"22.8. place and maintain on its website a list of those veterinary practice institutions with which a contract regarding the marking and registration of pet animals in the

database has been concluded. The name of the institution (for a natural person - the given name, surname, and the number of the certificate of veterinary practice), the actual address, the contact telephone number, and the number in the Register of Objects of Surveillance of the Food and Veterinary Service shall be indicated in the list.

18. The following Paragraph 26 is added:

"26. Paragraphs 8.1.9, 16.10, and 16.11 of these Regulations shall enter into force on 1 January 2025.