

THE FOLLOWING SECTION FROM ST. MARY'S COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL REGULATIONS APPLY TO ALL COMMERCIAL ANIMAL ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN ST. MARY'S COUNTY

§212.1 DEFINITIONS

Commercial Animal Establishment: Any person, partnership or corporation or other legal entity that has as its purpose the sale, transfer, or conveyance of any animal/animal services for consideration including, but not limited to, monetary, trade or barter. It shall include but not be limited to any pet shop, grooming shop, auction, zoological park, circus, performing animal exhibition, open air market, boarding or breeding kennel/cattery or any establishment with the purpose of training, leasing, or selling dogs. It shall not include licensed animal hospitals, animal shelters or humane society facilities.

§212.7 LICENSING/FEEES

- A. Commercial Animal Establishment Licensing. No person, partnership, or corporation shall operate a commercial animal establishment without first obtaining a commercial animal establishment license in compliance with this Section. License applications shall be accompanied by written verification from St. Mary's County Government that the applicant complies with the St. Mary's County Zoning Ordinance as amended from time to time. Applicant must apply through Animal Control for inspection prior to opening of business.
- (1) No fee shall be required of any government operated zoological park.
 - (2) All animals offered for sale by a commercial animal establishment must be examined by a Maryland licensed veterinarian within the last three (3) months prior to sale.
 - (a) Any animal under veterinarian treatment may not be offered for sale without written release from the veterinarian.
 - (b) Any owner or employee of a commercial animal establishment who knows of or should have known of any animal defect or illness shall make a purchaser aware of this information in writing prior to sale.
 - (3) Records must be maintained for a period of one (1) year for any animal presented for sale. Records shall contain the following but are not limited to:
 - (a) Animal Description - breed, sex, color, and age.
 - (b) The origin of purchase will include the supplier and the date of receipt.
 - (c) Medical records and any required treatment program.
 - (4) Every facility regulated by these Regulations shall be considered a separate enterprise requiring an individual license.
 - (5) The license period shall run for one year from the date of issuance. Renewal applications for licenses shall be made 30 days prior to expiration of said license. The license fee shall be \$50.00 with a \$200.00 penalty for noncompliance.
 - (6) Every Commercial Animal Establishment must undergo a bi-annual inspection by Animal Control.

FOR A COMPLETE COPY OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL REGULATIONS PLEASE SEE THE ST. MARY'S COUNTY WEBPAGE AT www.stmarysmd.com OR CALL ANIMAL CONTROL AT 301-475-8018.