

- (h) *Cat* means any member of the Animal species *felis catus* or *felis domesticus*.
- (i) *County* means Lowndes County, Georgia.
- (j) *Dog* means any member of the Animal species *canis familiaris*.
- (k) *Pet Animal* mean any domesticated Animal commonly kept at a residence primarily for pleasure and companionship and not for work or utility purposes. Pet Animals include Dogs, domestic Cats, domestic caged birds, canaries, parrots, rabbits, hamsters, guinea pigs and similar rodents, fish, and reptiles so long as such Animals are not kept to supplement food supplies or for any commercial purpose. Pet Animal does not include livestock or potbellied pigs.
- (l) *Pet Shop* means a retail establishment where Pet Animals are sold, exchanged, bartered, or offered for sale as Pet Animals to the general public at retail. Such definition shall not include an Animal Care Facility, Animal Rescue Organization, the Animal Shelter, or other facility owned by the County.

IV. RESTRICTIONS ON THE SALE OF ANIMALS

A Pet Shop may not sell, deliver, offer for sale, barter, auction, or otherwise dispose of Dogs or Cats but may host adoption events as provided herein.

V. ADOPTION EVENTS

- (a) A Pet Shop may host adoption events at which Dogs and/or Cats are offered for adoption by an Animal Care Facility, an Animal Rescue Organization, or Animal Services; provided however, such an event (i) may not be for more than three (3) consecutive days, (ii) may be held only once per calendar month, and (iii) may not offer for adoption any Dog or Cat which is younger than eight (8) weeks old.
- (b) A Pet Shop hosting any such adoption event shall post, in a conspicuous location on the enclosure of each such Dog or Cat, a sign listing the name organization by and from which the Dog or Cat is being offered for adoption.
- (c) A Pet Shop shall notify Animal Services at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to any such adoption event.

VI. ENFORCEMENT

Animal Services shall be responsible for the enforcement of this Ordinance and Animal Service Officers may issue citations pursuant to this Ordinance.

VII. SEVERABILITY

If any paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, provision, part, or portion of this Ordinance be declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, or if any paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, provision, part, or portion of this Ordinance