Pet Store Permit Requirements

Effective June 1, 2010 all pet stores/pet shops are required to obtain a Pet Shop Permit through the City of Laredo Health Department Animal Control Division. To obtain the permit one must:

- Operate within the city limits and submit application 20 days before the permit is needed
- An inspection must be made to determine sanitation, keeping practices, washing facilities, feeding, care and handling of pets, appropriate and safe enclosures that prevent direct contact to assure the safety of the pet and the public
- Must have procedure for handling of sick animals and have proof of being disease free
- A microchip registration is required
- Rabies vaccination is required for all pets three (3) months of age
- No prohibited animals are allowed to be sold
- A record of all animals sold, auctioned, or otherwise disposed must be kept and provided to the City of Laredo Health Department upon request.
- Puppies and kittens under the age of 8 weeks may not be sold, traded, or and/or given away without the written approval of a veterinarian
- The permit number shall be prominently displayed
- A written statement including pertinent information on the pet health and the pet shop permit number must be provided to all who purchase a pet.
- Fee(s) and permits are not refundable and non-transferable.
- Permits must be renewed on a yearly basis.

This summary is **not all inclusive** of the changes and does not highlight every change. For a review of the complete ordinance or for the permit application please link to the City of Laredo Health Department webpage and link to the Animal and Fowl Ordinance at http://www.cityoflaredo.com/health/health.htm

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