California Pet Shop Law Guide

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Additional Considerations: [REMOVED]

Below are some additional legal considerations for anyone operating, investigating, or patronizing a pet shop. These are not all inclusive and do not contain all the requirements stated in the laws given later in this text.

- A health license is required for all new pet shops where dry and frozen feed is sold.

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Penal Code 597u. (a) A person, peace officer, officer of a humane society, or officer of a pound or animal regulation department of a public agency shall not kill an animal by using either of the following methods:
   (1) Carbon monoxide gas.
   (2) Intracardiac injection of a euthanasia agent on a conscious animal, unless the animal is heavily sedated or anesthetized in a humane manner, or comatose, or unless, in light of all the relevant circumstances, the procedure is justifiable.

(b) With respect to the killing of a dog or cat, a person, peace officer, officer of a humane society, or officer of a pound or animal regulation department of a public agency shall not use any of the methods specified in subdivision (a) or any of the following methods:
   (1) High-altitude decompression chamber.
   (2) Nitrogen gas.
   (3) Carbon dioxide gas.

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Penal Code 597y. A violation of Section 597u or 597v is a misdemeanor.