

32-1305. Health and ownership records; change of address notification; escape notification. (a) A person who possesses a dangerous regulated animal shall meet the requirements set forth in this section.

(b) A person who possesses a dangerous regulated animal shall maintain health and ownership records on each dangerous regulated animal and shall maintain the records for the life of the animal. If possession of the dangerous regulated animal is transferred to another person, a copy of the health and ownership records shall accompany the animal.

(c) A person who possesses a dangerous regulated animal shall maintain an ongoing program of veterinary care which includes a veterinary visit to the premises at least annually.

(d) A person who possesses a dangerous regulated animal shall notify the local animal control authority in writing within 10 days of a change in address or location where the dangerous regulated animal is kept.

(e) A person with a United States department of agriculture license for dangerous regulated animals shall forward a copy of such person's United States department of agriculture inspection report to the local animal control authority within 30 days of receipt of the inspection report.

(f) A person who possesses a dangerous regulated animal shall prominently display a sign on the structure where the animal is housed indicating that a dangerous regulated animal is on the premises.

(g) A person who possesses a dangerous regulated animal shall immediately notify local law enforcement officials of any escape of a dangerous regulated animal. The person who possesses the dangerous regulated animal is liable for any costs incurred by any person, city, county or state agency resulting from the escape of a dangerous regulated animal unless the escape is due to a criminal act by another person or a natural event.

(h) A person who possesses a dangerous regulated animal shall maintain a written recovery plan in the event of the escape of a dangerous regulated animal. The person shall maintain live traps or other equipment necessary to assist in the recovery of the dangerous regulated animal.

(i) If requested by the local animal control authority, a person may not move a dangerous regulated animal from such animal's location unless the person notifies the local animal control authority prior to moving the animal. The notification shall include the date and the location where the animal is moved. This subsection shall not apply to a dangerous regulated animal transported to a licensed veterinarian.

(j) If a person who possesses a dangerous regulated animal can no longer care for the animal, the person shall take the appropriate steps to find long-term placement for the dangerous regulated animal.

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