

Outline of the Act on Welfare and Management of Animals (Amending Act of 2019)

Background of the Amendment

• In 2012 when the Act on Welfare and Management of Animals was amended, a review clause was established to be reviewed after approximately 5 years from the enforcement of the Act

It is prescribed particularly that necessary consideration be given to the following matters

(1)Restrictions on the selling, etc. of young dogs or cats (regulations on the age at which they can be sold or provided for sale) (2)

Mandatory microchip implantation

Further optimization of animal handling business
Strengthening the measures against inappropriate treatment of animals

In black: The amended provisions comes into effect on June 1, 2020

In green: The amended provisions comes into effect on June 1, 2021

In blue: The amended provisions comes into effect on June 1, 2022

Main Amended Contents

1. Clarifying the provisions on responsibilities what animal owners, etc. must comply

2. Promoting, etc. proper care of animals by Type I animal handling businesses

- (1) Adding grounds for refusal of registration
- (2) Specifying compliance standards in Ordinance of the Ministry of the Environment
Compliance standards: Structure and scale of facilities for the care and keeping of animals, number of animals per employee, breeding methods, etc.
- (3) Limiting the selling of animals to the place of business
- (4) Introducing restriction of the selling, etc. of dogs or cats under 56 days(8 weeks) old

3. Strengthening regulations for proper care of animals

- (1) requirements to prevent breeding when providing proper care is difficult
- (2) prescribing the provisions by prefectural governors to provide guidance, advice, collecting reports, and conducting on-site inspections, etc.
- (3) strengthening regulations regarding specified animals (dangerous animals), prohibiting of keeping them for companion purpose, etc. and adding hybrids of specified animals to the list of regulated animals
- (4) strengthening penal provisions for animal cruelty crimes

Destroying or injuring: 5 years imprisonment, 5 million yen fine ← 2 years imprisonment, 2 million yen fine

Cruelty and abandonment: 1 year imprisonment, 1 million yen fine ← 1 million yen fine

4. Expanding the measures taken by prefectures, etc.

- (1) Prescribing the role of the center for welfare and management of animals
- (2) Expanding the role of officials in charge of welfare and management of animals
- (3) Prescribing permissible refusal of taking custody of dogs or cats what the owner is unknown

5. Implanting microchip, etc.

- (1) Breeders of dogs or cats, etc. will be required to implant and register microchips (those not subject to the obligation will be required to make effort to do so)
- (2) Owners of registered dogs or cats are required to submit a notification of changes

6. Others

- (1) Consideration of international trends in animal destroying methods
- (2) Mandatory reporting by veterinarians of animal cruelty
- (3) Strengthening cooperation among related organizations
- (4) Taking financial measures for local governments
- (5) Specifying review clause for required measures after approximately 5 years from the enforcement of this Act

動物愛護管理法の概要(2019年改正)

改正の背景

・平成24年の動物愛護管理法改正の際に、法施行後5年を経過した場合の見直し条項を規定
特に以下については必要な検討を行うことを規定

- ①幼齢の犬猫の販売等の制限(販売日齢の規制) ②マイクロチップの装着の義務づけ

動物取扱業のさらなる適正化
動物の不適切な取扱いへの対応の強化

黒字: 令和2年6月1日施行
緑字: 令和3年6月1日施行
青字: 令和4年6月1日施行

主な改正内容

1. 動物の所有者等が遵守すべき責務規定を明確化

2. 第一種動物取扱業による適正飼養等の促進等

- ①登録拒否事由の追加
- ②環境省令で定める遵守基準を具体的に明示
遵守基準: 飼養施設の構造・規模、従業員当り飼育頭数、繁殖の方法等
- ③動物の販売場所を事業所に限定
- ④出生後56日(8週)を経過しない犬又は猫の販売等を制限

3. 動物の適正飼養のための規制の強化

- ①適正飼養が困難な場合の繁殖防止の義務化
- ②都道府県知事による指導、助言、報告徴収、立入検査等を規定
- ③特定動物(危険動物)に関する規制の強化・愛玩目的での飼養等を禁止・特定動物の交雑種を規制対象に追加
- ④動物虐待罪に対する罰則の引き上げ
殺傷 : 懲役5年、罰金500万円←懲役2年、罰金200万円
虐待・遺棄 : 懲役1年、罰金100万円←罰金100万円

4. 都道府県等の措置等の拡充

- ①動物愛護管理センターの業務を規定
- ②動物愛護管理担当職員の拡充
- ③所有者不明の犬猫の引取りを拒否できる場合を規定

5. マイクロチップの装着等

- ①犬猫の繁殖業者等にマイクロチップの装着・登録を義務付ける(義務対象者以外には努力義務を課す)
- ②登録を受けた犬猫を所有した者に変更届出を義務付ける

6. その他

- ①殺処分の方法に係る国際的動向の考慮
- ②獣医師による虐待の通報の義務化
- ③関係機関の連携の強化
- ④地方公共団体に対する財政措置
- ⑤施行後5年を目途に必要な措置を講ずる検討条項