Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) General Provisions

NRS 574.210 Definitions. As used in <u>NRS 574.210</u> to <u>574.510</u>, inclusive, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in <u>NRS 574.220</u> to <u>574.330</u>, inclusive, have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

(Added to NRS by 1993, 2145; A 2011, 1595)

NRS 574.220 "Ambient temperature" defined. "Ambient temperature" means the temperature surrounding an animal.

(Added to NRS by <u>1993, 2145</u>)

NRS 574.230 "Animal" defined. "Animal" includes every living creature that is not a human being. (Added to NRS by <u>1993, 2145</u>)

NRS 574.240 "Animal shelter" defined. "Animal shelter" means a facility:

- 1. For receiving and holding animals;
- 2. Designated by a local government for receiving and holding animals; or
- 3. Operated by a society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, which is in compliance with the provisions of <u>NRS 574.010</u> to <u>574.040</u>, inclusive, for receiving and holding animals.

(Added to NRS by <u>1993, 2145</u>)

NRS 574.245 "Breeder" defined. "Breeder" means a dealer, operator or other person who is responsible for the operation of a commercial establishment engaged in the business of breeding dogs or cats for sale or trade. The term does not include a person who breeds dogs or cats as a hobby.

(Added to NRS by 2011, 1593)

NRS 574.250 "Cattery" defined. "Cattery" means a place where at least 10 cats of not less than 6 months of age are kept, harbored or maintained for:

- 1. Boarding;
- 2. Training; or
- 3. Breeding for sale to a retailer or dealer.

For the purposes of this section, spayed or neutered cats must not be counted when determining the number of cats that are being kept, harbored or maintained.

(Added to NRS by <u>1993, 2146</u>)

NRS 574.260 "Dealer" defined. "Dealer" means a person who, for compensation or profit, buys, sells, breeds, trades or imports cats or dogs for resale.

(Added to NRS by <u>1993, 2146</u>)

NRS 574.270 "Housing facility" defined. "Housing facility" means a building, room or other area which contains one or more primary enclosures.

(Added to NRS by <u>1993, 2146</u>)

NRS 574.280 "Kennel" defined. "Kennel" means a place where at least 10 dogs of not less than 6 months of age are kept, harbored or maintained for:

- 1. Boarding;
- 2. Training; or
- 3. Breeding for sale to a retailer or dealer.

For the purposes of this section, spayed or neutered dogs, dogs used by or being trained for use by the Armed Forces, police officers, search and rescue teams or other similar organizations, dogs used in farming or ranching, and dogs used by or being trained for use by persons with disabilities, including, but not limited to, dogs used to assist persons in wheelchairs, must not be counted when determining the number of dogs that are being kept, harbored or maintained.

(Added to NRS by <u>1993, 2146</u>; A <u>2005, 631</u>)

NRS 574.290 "Operator" defined. "Operator" means a person responsible for the operation of:

- 1. A cattery, kennel or commercial establishment engaged in the business of selling animals; or
 - 2. An animal shelter.

(Added to NRS by <u>1993, 2146</u>)

NRS 574.300 "Pet" defined. "Pet" means a domestic cat or dog commonly kept for pleasure. (Added to NRS by <u>1993, 2146</u>)

NRS 574.310 "Primary enclosure" defined. "Primary enclosure" means a structure used to restrict the immediate movement of a dog or cat to a limited amount of space, such as a room, pen, run, cage, compartment or hutch, and in which an animal is regularly so restricted for more than 7 hours during a 24-hour period.

(Added to NRS by 1993, 2146; A 2011, 1595)

NRS 574.320 "Retailer" defined. "Retailer" means a person who acquires pets for resale.

(Added to NRS by <u>1993, 2146</u>)

NRS 574.330 "Veterinarian" defined. "Veterinarian" means a person authorized pursuant to <u>chapter 638</u> of NRS to practice veterinary medicine in this state.

(Added to NRS by <u>1993, 2146</u>)

NRS 574.340 Applicability.

1. The provisions of <u>NRS 574.210</u> to <u>574.510</u>, inclusive, do not apply to:

(a) The exhibition, production, marketing or disposal of any livestock, poultry, fish or other agricultural commodity or animal.

(b) Activities for which a license is required by the provisions of <u>chapter 466</u> of NRS.

(c) The housing of domestic cats or dogs kept as pets or cared for, without remuneration other than payment for reasonable expenses relating to the care of the cats or dogs, on behalf of another person in a home environment.

- (d) The exhibition of dogs or cats.
- 2. As used in this section:
 - (a) "Animal" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 564.010.
 - (b) "Livestock" has the meaning ascribed to it in <u>NRS 569.0085</u>.

(Added to NRS by 1993, 2146; A 2011, 1595)

NRS 574.350 Enforcement by society for prevention of cruelty to animals prohibited. No member, agent or officer of a society for the prevention of cruelty to animals may enforce the provisions of <u>NRS 574.210</u> to <u>574.510</u>, inclusive.

(Added to NRS by 1993, 2147; A 2011, 1595)

Breeders

NRS 574.353 Annual permits: Application; fees; suspension, revocation or denial.

1. In addition to any ordinance adopted pursuant to <u>NRS 244.189</u>, <u>244.335</u> or <u>244.359</u>, the board of county commissioners of each county, if its jurisdiction to enact and enforce ordinances relating to animals is not limited by an interlocal agreement, shall adopt an ordinance requiring each breeder in an unincorporated area of the county to obtain an annual permit to act as a breeder issued by the board or by the animal control agency of the county, if any. Each such board of county commissioners may impose a fee for the issuance of the annual permit which does not exceed the approximate cost of providing the services associated with the issuance of the annual permits.

2. In addition to any ordinance adopted pursuant to <u>NRS 266.325</u> or <u>266.355</u>, the city council or other governing body of each incorporated city, whether organized under general law or special charter, if its jurisdiction to enact and enforce ordinances relating to animals is not limited by an interlocal agreement, shall adopt an ordinance requiring each breeder in the incorporated area of the city to obtain an annual permit to act as a breeder issued by the city council or other governing body or by the animal control agency, if any. Each such city council or other governing body of an incorporated city may impose a fee for the issuance of the annual permit which does not exceed the approximate cost of providing the services associated with the issuance of the annual permits.

3. After a board of county commissioners or a city council or other governing body of an incorporated city adopts an ordinance pursuant to subsection 1 or 2, as applicable, the board or governing body shall issue a permit and assign a permit number to each breeder who:

- (a) Submits an application on a form and in the manner prescribed by the ordinance;
- (b) Pays a fee, if any, prescribed by the ordinance; and
- (c) Complies with any other requirements prescribed by the ordinance.

4. Each permit issued pursuant to subsection 3 must specify the address of the premises at which the person may act as a breeder.

5. The number of the permit assigned to a breeder pursuant to subsection 3 must be displayed in all advertising in which the breeder offers a dog or cat for sale and on any receipt of sale of a dog or cat sold by the breeder.

6. For the purpose of enforcing the provisions of <u>NRS 574.360</u> to <u>574.440</u>, inclusive, as those provisions apply to breeders, any animal control agent of the issuing authority may enter and inspect the premises specified on the permit at any reasonable hour.

7. An ordinance adopted pursuant to subsection 1 or 2 may provide for the suspension, revocation or denial of a permit for a violation of the provisions of <u>NRS 574.360</u> to <u>574.440</u>, inclusive, as those provisions apply to breeders.

(Added to NRS by 2011, 1594)

NRS 574.356 Prohibited acts. A breeder shall not:

- 1. Sell a dog or cat:
 - a) Unless the dog or cat has had:
 - i. A registered microchip subcutaneously inserted into the dog or cat; and
 - ii. All the required vaccinations for rabies which are appropriate based upon the age of the dog or cat; or
 - iii. Without providing a written sales contract to the purchaser; or
- 2. Breed a female dog:

- a) Before she is 18 months old; or
- b) More than once a year.

(Added to NRS by 2011, 1594)

Duties of Operators

NRS 574.360 Buildings and grounds; housing facilities. An operator shall ensure that:

- 1. The buildings and grounds at all locations where dogs or cats are kept:
 - a) Are clean and in good repair; and
 - b) Do not become accumulated with trash.
- 2. Housing facilities:
 - a) Are constructed and maintained in such a manner as to:
 - i. Protect the dogs or cats inside from injury;
 - ii. Prevent the dogs or cats inside from escaping; and
 - iii. Restrict the entrance of other dogs and cats.

b) Have adequate and reliable sources of electrical power and potable water available. (Added to NRS by <u>1993, 2147</u>)

NRS 574.370 Enclosures generally. An operator shall:

- 1. Provide all dogs and cats with primary enclosures located indoors, except dogs and cats that are acclimated to the outdoor environment.
- 2. Ensure that the interior of a housing facility for indoor primary enclosures is constructed and maintained in such a manner as to be substantially impervious to moisture and to facilitate regular cleaning.
- 3. Provide a suitable method to eliminate excessive water from the interior of a housing facility for indoor primary enclosures. Any drains must be constructed and maintained in such a manner as to avoid foul odors. Any closed system for drainage must be equipped with traps that prevent the release of sewage into the housing facility.
- 4. Ensure that indoor primary enclosures are constructed and maintained in such a manner as to:
 - a) Protect the dogs or cats inside from excessive illumination while providing an ample amount of light, by natural or artificial means, or both, of a sufficient distribution and intensity to allow for routine inspection and cleaning.
 - b) Provide a sufficient amount of heat when necessary to protect the dogs or cats inside from cold and to maintain their health and comfort. The ambient temperature of an indoor primary enclosure in which one or more cats or dogs are kept must not be allowed to fall below 50 degrees Fahrenheit, unless each cat or dog is acclimated to a lower temperature.
 - c) Provide adequate ventilation at all times to maintain the health and comfort of the dogs or cats inside. The system of ventilation must provide fresh air by means of windows, doors, vents or air-conditioning, and be designed to maintain drafts, odors and the condensation of moisture at a minimum. If the ambient temperature reaches 85 degrees Fahrenheit or greater, air-conditioning, exhaust fans and vents, or other auxiliary ventilation must be provided.

(Added to NRS by <u>1993, 2147</u>)

NRS 574.380 Dogs and cats kept outdoors. If dogs or cats are kept outdoors, an operator shall:

1. Provide a suitable method for the rapid drainage of surface water from the area where each dog or cat is kept.

- 2. Provide each dog or cat with a sufficient amount of shelter to:
 - a) Remain dry from rain and snow;
 - b) Have enough shade to protect itself from any direct sunlight that is likely to cause overheating or discomfort;

- c) Remain cool during a period for which the National Weather Service has issued a heat advisory;
- d) Protect the animal from wind which creates a wind chill below 50 degrees Fahrenheit or for which the National Weather Service has issued a high wind warning; and
- e) Remain warm when the atmospheric temperature falls below 50 degrees Fahrenheit. If the ambient temperature falls below 50 degrees Fahrenheit, the operator shall provide such an additional amount of clean bedding material or other protection as necessary for the dog or cat to remain warm.

3. After considering the ambient temperature, provide each dog or cat with a sufficient amount of food and water necessary to sustain it in a healthy condition at that temperature.

(Added to NRS by 1993, 2147; A 2011, 1595)

NRS 574.390 Primary enclosures generally.

- 1. An operator shall ensure that a primary enclosure:
 - a) Has a solid floor;
 - b) Is not stacked on top of another primary enclosure; and
 - c) Is constructed and maintained in such a manner as to:
 - i. Protect the dogs or cats inside from injury;
 - ii. Prevent the dogs or cats inside from escaping;
 - iii. Keep other dogs or cats out;
 - iv. Allow the dogs or cats inside convenient access to food and water;
 - v. Enable the dogs or cats inside to remain clean and dry;
 - vi. Provide sufficient space for each dog or cat inside to turn about freely and to stand, sit and lie in a comfortable, normal position; and
 - vii. Prevent the dogs or cats inside from biting or otherwise harming an animal or person outside of the primary enclosure.
- 2. The provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection 1 do not apply to an animal shelter. (Added to NRS by <u>1993</u>, <u>2148</u>; A <u>2011</u>, <u>1596</u>)

NRS 574.400 Floor space of primary enclosure. An operator shall ensure that a primary enclosure in which a dog or cat that is at least 6 months old is kept has a minimum amount of floor space which is calculated by finding the mathematical square of the sum of 6 inches plus the length of the dog or cat measured from the tip of its nose to the base of its tail, and dividing that amount by 144, to arrive at the minimum amount of square footage required for the floor space.

(Added to NRS by <u>1993, 2148</u>)

NRS 574.410 Dogs or cats kept in primary enclosures together. If dogs or cats are kept in primary enclosures, an operator shall ensure that:

- 1. Dogs placed together with other dogs and cats placed together with other cats are compatible.
- 2. A dog or cat that displays a vicious disposition is not placed together with any other dog or cat.

3. A female dog or cat is not placed together with any intact male dog or cat during periods of estrus, except for supervised breeding.

4. An immature dog or cat is not placed together with an adult dog or cat, except with its mother or when permanently maintained in a breeding colony. (Added to NRS by <u>1993, 2148</u>)

NRS 574.420 Food and water. An operator shall ensure that:

1. Potable water is offered to each dog or cat at least twice daily for not less than 1 hour on each occasion, unless potable water is accessible to the dog or cat at all times or except as otherwise required to provide adequate care.

2. Each dog or cat is fed at least once each day, except as otherwise required to provide adequate care.

3. The food provided to a dog or cat is wholesome, palatable, free from contamination, and of sufficient quality and nutritive value to meet the normal daily requirements for the dog or cat, based upon its condition and size.

- 4. Supplies of perishable food are adequately refrigerated.
- 5. Containers of food are:

a) Durable, except that disposable receptacles may be used if they are discarded after each feeding; and

b) Located so as to be accessible to the dogs or cats while reducing to a minimum any contamination from excreta.

6. Containers of food and water are kept clean. Self-feeders must not be used for the feeding of dry food unless they are cleaned regularly to prevent molding, deterioration and the caking of food.

(Added to NRS by <u>1993, 2148</u>)

NRS 574.430 Sanitization. An operator shall ensure that:

1. Insects, ectoparasites and avian, mammalian and reptilian pests are kept under control.

2. Supplies of food and bedding material are stored in facilities that afford adequate protection from infestation or contamination by vermin.

3. For primary enclosures used to restrict the immediate movement of a dog or cat:

a) Excreta are removed at least once daily to prevent contamination and to reduce to a minimum odors and the risk of disease; and

b) Each such primary enclosure is disinfected at least once daily and before placing another dog or cat in the primary enclosure. If a hosing or flushing method of cleaning is used, all dogs and cats must be removed from the primary enclosure and adequate measures must be taken to protect the dogs and cats in other primary enclosures from being contaminated with water and other wastes.

4. Primary enclosures used to restrict the immediate movement of an animal other than a dog or cat are cleaned, washed and disinfected at least once every 2 weeks to prevent any accumulation of debris or excreta and to reduce to a practical minimum substances and organisms injurious to the health of animals or humans.

5. Pens or runs with hard surfaces, and cages and rooms, are sanitized at least once every 2 weeks by:

a) Washing them with water of a temperature not less than 120 degrees Fahrenheit and with soap or detergent;

- b) Washing all soiled surfaces with a safe and effective disinfectant; or
- c) Cleaning all soiled surfaces with live steam.

6. Pens or runs with gravel, sand or dirt surfaces are cleaned as often as necessary by removing and replacing the soiled gravel, sand or dirt.

7. Sewage, solid wastes, soiled bedding, dead animals and debris are removed from housing facilities regularly and disposed of properly.

8. Facilities for disposal are maintained in such a manner as to reduce to a minimum odors and the risk of disease or infestation by vermin.

9. Adequate facilities, such as washrooms, basins or sinks, are provided for the cleanliness of persons handling animals.

(Added to NRS by <u>1993, 2149</u>; A <u>2011, 1596</u>)

NRS 574.440 Program to control disease and care for health. An operator shall, with the approval of a veterinarian, establish and maintain a program to control disease and care for the health of dogs and cats. As part of this program, an operator shall ensure that:

1. Each dog and cat is observed daily by the person directly responsible for its care, or by someone else under that person's direct supervision.

2. Blind, lame, injured, ill or diseased dogs and cats are provided with the appropriate veterinary care that is consistent with the purposes for which a dog or cat is being kept or humanely euthanized.

3. Any dogs or cats under quarantine or being treated for a communicable disease are kept separate from other dogs and cats.

(Added to NRS by <u>1993, 2149</u>)

Retailers and Dealers

NRS 574.450 Examination by veterinarian; sale of cat or dog that requires immediate treatment prohibited; conditions under which presence of parasites requires treatment.

1. A retailer or dealer shall, after the acquisition of a cat or dog for resale, cause the cat or dog to be examined by a veterinarian. The retailer or dealer shall not sell the cat or dog before it is initially examined by a veterinarian.

- 2. A retailer or dealer shall cause a cat or dog acquired for resale to be reexamined by a veterinarian:
 - a) Fourteen days after the date of its initial examination; and
 - b) Every 30 days thereafter until sold.

3. If a veterinarian conducting an examination pursuant to this section finds that the cat or dog has no illness, disease or other condition that is terminal or requires immediate hospitalization or immediate surgical intervention, the veterinarian shall provide a written statement setting forth his or her findings to the retailer or dealer.

4. A retailer or dealer shall not knowingly sell a cat or dog if it has an illness, disease or other condition that is terminal or requires immediate hospitalization or immediate surgical intervention.

5. For the purposes of this section, the presence of internal or external parasites does not constitute an illness, disease or other condition that is terminal or requires immediate hospitalization or immediate surgical intervention unless the cat or dog is clinically ill as a result of the parasite. (Added to NRS by 1993, 2149; A 1997, 2772)

NRS 574.460 Provision of written statement to purchaser of cat: Required disclosures; signature of seller and purchaser.

1. A retailer or dealer shall, before selling a cat, provide the purchaser of the cat with a written statement that discloses:

a) The name, address and telephone number of the retailer or dealer.

b) The date the cat was born, if known.

c) The name and address of the person from whom the retailer or dealer obtained the cat and, if the person holds a license issued by the United States Department of Agriculture, the person's federal identification number.

d) The name and address of the breeder of the cat and, if the breeder holds a license issued by the United States Department of Agriculture, the breeder's federal identification number.

e) The registration numbers, if any, of the cat's sire and dam with the appropriate breed registry or any health certifications from a health certification organization such as the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals or its successor organization, if any.

f) A record of any immunizations administered to the cat before the time of sale, including the type of vaccine, date of administration and name and address of the veterinarian who prescribed the vaccine.

g) Any sterilization requirements for the cat required by local ordinance.

- h) The medical history of the cat, including, without limitation:
 - i. The date that a veterinarian examined and, if applicable, reexamined the cat pursuant to subsections 1 and 2 of <u>NRS 574.450</u> and determined that the cat did not have any illness, disease or other condition that is terminal or requires immediate hospitalization or immediate surgical intervention. For the purposes of this subparagraph, the presence of internal or external parasites does not constitute an illness, disease or other condition that is terminal or requires immediate hospitalization or immediate surgical intervention, unless the cat is clinically ill as a result of the parasite.
 - Whether any treatment or medication has been administered by the veterinarian who examined or, if applicable, reexamined the cat pursuant to subsections 1 and 2 of <u>NRS</u> <u>574.450</u> and if such treatment or medication was administered, a statement indicating on what date it was administered and for what illness, disease or condition.
 - iii. The date on which the veterinarian sterilized the cat, if applicable.
 - iv. The name and address of the veterinarian who performed the examinations, reexaminations or sterilization or administered any treatments or medications.
 - v. That a copy of the veterinarian's evaluation of the health of the cat made pursuant to <u>NRS 574.450</u> is available to the purchaser.

2. The written statement must be signed and dated by the retailer or dealer and contain a space for the purchaser to sign and date the statement as an attestation that the purchaser has read and understands the disclosures contained in the statement.

(Added to NRS by 1993, 2150; A 1997, 2773; 2009, 2019)

NRS 574.470 Provision of written statement to purchaser of dog: Required disclosures; signature of seller and purchaser.

- 1. A retailer or dealer shall, before selling a dog, provide the purchaser of the dog with a written statement that discloses:
 - a) The name, address and telephone number of the retailer or dealer.
 - b) The date the dog was born, if known.

c) The name and address of the person from whom the retailer or dealer obtained the dog and, if the person holds a license issued by the United States Department of Agriculture, the person's federal identification number.

d) The name and address of the breeder of the dog and, if the breeder holds a license issued by the United States Department of Agriculture, the breeder's federal identification number.

e) The registration numbers, if any, of the dog's sire and dam with the appropriate breed registry or any health certificates from a health certification organization such as the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals or its successor organization, if any.

f) A record of any immunizations administered to the dog before the time of sale, including the type of vaccine, date of administration and name and address of the veterinarian who prescribed the vaccine.

- g) Any sterilization requirements for the dog required by local ordinance.
- h) The medical history of the dog, including, without limitation:

2. The date that a veterinarian examined and, if applicable, reexamined the dog pursuant to subsections 1 and 2 of <u>NRS 574.450</u> and determined that the dog did not have any illness, disease or other condition that is terminal or requires immediate hospitalization or immediate surgical intervention. For the purposes of this subparagraph, the presence of internal or external parasites does not constitute an illness, disease or other condition that is terminal or requires immediate nor equires immediate hospitalization or immediate surgical intervention.

3. Whether any treatment or medication has been administered by the veterinarian who examined or, if applicable, reexamined the dog pursuant to subsections 1 and 2 of <u>NRS 574.450</u> and, if such treatment or medication was administered, a statement indicating on what date it was administered and for what illness, disease or condition.

4. The date on which the veterinarian sterilized the dog, if applicable.

5. The name and address of the veterinarian who performed the examinations, reexaminations or sterilization or administered any treatments or medications.

a) That a copy of the veterinarian's evaluation of the health of the dog performed pursuant to <u>NRS 574.450</u> is available to the purchaser.

6. The written statement must be signed and dated by the retailer or dealer and contain a space for the purchaser to sign and date the statement as an attestation that the purchaser has read and understands the disclosures contained in the statement.

(Added to NRS by 1993, 2150; A 1997, 2774; 2009, 2020)

NRS 574.480 Posting of notice concerning dog or cat offered for sale. A retailer or dealer shall conspicuously post within close proximity to the primary enclosure of a dog or cat offered for sale the following notice printed in at least 48-point type upon paper that is at least 11 inches wide and 17 inches long:

NEVADA LAW REQUIRES THAT INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DATE OF BIRTH, SOURCE, LINEAGE AND MEDICAL HISTORY OF THESE DOGS (OR CATS) BE PROVIDED TO THE PURCHASER BEFORE THE COMPLETION OF ANY SALE.

(Added to NRS by <u>1993, 2151</u>; A <u>1997, 2775</u>)

NRS 574.485 Imposition of administrative fines for violation of <u>NRS 574.460</u>, <u>574.470</u> or <u>574.480</u>; deposit in State General Fund.

1. In addition to any other penalty provided by law, the Director of the State Department of Agriculture may impose an administrative fine on any retailer or dealer who violates the provisions of <u>NRS</u> <u>574.460</u>, <u>574.470</u> or <u>574.480</u> in an amount not to exceed:

For the first violation	\$250
For the second violation	500
For each subsequent violation	. 1,000

2. All fines collected by the Director pursuant to subsection 1 must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the State General Fund.

(Added to NRS by 1997, 2772; A 1999, 3699)

NRS 574.490 Duties upon determination that pet was sold with condition that requires immediate treatment. If a person purchases a pet from a retailer or dealer and, within 10 days after the sale, a veterinarian determines that the pet has an illness, disease or other condition that is terminal or requires immediate hospitalization or immediate surgical intervention and that was in existence on the date of the sale, the retailer or dealer shall, at the option of the purchaser, either:

1. Refund the purchase price of the pet if the pet is returned or provide the purchaser with another pet of equal value; or

2. Reimburse the purchaser, in an amount not to exceed the purchase price of the pet, for expenses incurred by the purchaser in obtaining a diagnosis and treatment for the pet from a veterinarian chosen by the retailer or dealer.

(Added to NRS by <u>1993, 2151</u>)

NRS 574.500 Separating dog or cat from mother; penalty.

1. A retailer, dealer or operator shall not separate a dog or cat from its mother until it is 8 weeks of age or accustomed to taking food or nourishment other than by nursing, whichever is later.

2. A person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(Added to NRS by 1993, 2151; A 2009, 2020; 2011, 1608)

NRS 574.510 Knowingly selling dog or cat with condition requiring immediate treatment prohibited; penalties.

1. A retailer or dealer who sells a dog or cat that the retailer or dealer knows has any illness, disease or other condition that is terminal or requires immediate hospitalization or immediate surgical intervention and fails to disclose such information at the time of sale is guilty of a misdemeanor. In addition to any other penalty that may be imposed, the court may prohibit a person convicted of a violation of this section from selling any dogs or cats for not more than 1 year.

2. For the purposes of this section, the presence of internal or external parasites does not constitute an illness, disease or other condition that is terminal or requires immediate hospitalization or immediate surgical intervention unless the dog or cat is clinically ill as a result of the parasite.

(Added to NRS by <u>1993, 2151</u>)