



Agriculture and Markets

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Dear Dog and Cat Rescue/Adoption Organizations:

Section 408 of the New York State Pet Dealer Licensing Law becomes effective November 12, 2017. The following criteria must be met to comply with this law.

Any person eligible for exemption from the definition of pet dealer according to paragraph (c) of subdivision four of section four hundred of Article 26A must be registered by the Department. Such registration will be renewable annually and must be accompanied by a yearly fee of one hundred dollars. In order to be eligible for exemption of pet dealer status, an organization must:

- 1.) Be tax exempt according to 501(c)(3) of the federal Internal Revenue Code;
- 2.) Be incorporated as a not-for-profit organization in New York State;
- 3.) Be registered with the New York State Charities Bureau

Following the receipt of your application by the Department, you will receive an acknowledgment letter. Then, the Department will review your application and required materials to grant or deny registration within 30 days.

Once your registration application is approved, you will receive a Pet Dealer Exemption Identification Number which is to be conspicuously displayed on organization websites, publications, and/or advertisements made to the public.

For more information, please visit www.agriculture.ny.gov/ai/small_animals.html.

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