

Pet Shop Info Packet

General Information

This packet was developed to provide information on licensure of Michigan pet shops. Copies of applicable state laws are included via links to alert you to Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) requirements concerning the licensing of a pet shop. An [application form](#) is also included, among other pertinent pieces of information.

A pet shop is defined by state law as a place where animals are sold or offered for sale, exchange, or transfer. You will need a pet shop license to sell dogs, cats, rabbits, ferrets, hedgehogs, sugargliders, and other non-rodent, non-livestock mammals. Other laws may cover animals in stores even when a pet shop license is not required.

Application Procedure

To apply for a Michigan pet shop license, you must complete the enclosed [application form](#) providing all of the information requested. You will also need to arrange for veterinary services for the pet shop and include the name and address of the veterinarian on the application form.

1. Look over the pet shop license [application form](#) and additional materials found here (see below). Familiarize yourself with the laws and regulations governing pet shops (see below). Public Act 287 of 1969 in particular details what types of stores need to attain a pet shop license to conduct business. If applicable, fill out the [application form](#).
2. Submit the [application](#) along with the \$150 application fee to the Michigan Department of Agriculture, Animal Industry Division, P.O. Box 30017, Lansing, MI, 48909.
3. An MDA Inspector will then contact you and visit the store to conduct a pre-licensing inspection.
4. After your application has been approved and processed and a satisfactory pre-licensing inspection has been completed and filed in the Lansing office, a pet shop license will be issued.
5. After receiving the license, you may then conduct business as a licensed Michigan pet shop.

MDA strives to provide a timely response to pet shop license application. You can help by being sure your application is complete. You can also help by thoroughly reviewing the above linked laws, regulations, and other documents before your pre-licensing

inspection. If you have any questions or concerns, please call our office at (517) 373-1077.

Additional Materials

- [The Pet Shop License Application Form](#)
This application form must be filled out and submitted to the department to initiate pre-licensing procedures.
- [An Overview of Regulations Governing Pet Shops](#)
This sheet summarizes requirements of Public Act 287 of 1969 and Regulation 151.
- [Michigan Pet Shop Animal Record Form](#)
A copy of this form must be completed for every regulated animal, and completed forms must be retained onsite for a minimum of 2 years.
- [Pet Shop Health Certificate](#)
A copy of this form must be completed by a licensed veterinarian for every dog, cat and ferret, and completed forms must be maintained onsite for a minimum of 2 years.
- [Ferret Health Advisory Sheet Memorandum](#)
Explains requirements for the Ferret Health Advisory Sheet as required by Public Act 358 of 1994.
- [Ferret Health Advisory Sheet](#)
Must accompany every ferret sold or transferred in the State of Michigan.
- [Chlamydiosis \(Psittacosis\) Brochure](#)
This brochure explains the disease chlamydiosis and how it affects birds and humans.
- [NASPHV Psittacosis Compendium](#)
Requirements for chlamydiosis/psittacosis control.
- [Turtle Health Advisory Sheet](#)
This sheet must be distributed with every turtle sold in Michigan.
- [Salmonella in Reptiles](#)
This fact sheet explains the disease salmonella and how it affects reptiles and humans.

Laws and Regulations

NOTE: *Knowledge of these laws is required before a license will be issued.*

The laws relative to pet shop licensure are (follow the links):

- [Pet Shops, Dog Pounds and Animal Shelters: Public Act 287 of 1969, as amended:](#)
The primary law pertaining to pet shops. This law specifies who does and does not need a pet shop license and it includes requirements for importing and selling puppies and kittens.
- [Regulation 151 \(Pet Shops, Dog Pounds and Animal Shelters\):](#)
Regulations and requirements for operating a licensed pet shop. This is a very important regulation to read and understand, as it covers areas that MDA Inspectors review when visiting pet stores.
- [Regulation 112 \(Importation of Dogs\):](#)
This describes the specific regulations governing the importation of dogs into the state.
- [The Animal Industry Act: Public Act 466 of 1988, as amended:](#)
Requirements for importing wild and exotic animals such as birds and reptiles.
- [Regulations for The Animal Industry Act:](#)
This describes the specific regulations operating under the Animal Industry Act.
- [The Turtle Act: Public Act 424 of 1988:](#)
State requirements for the sale of small turtles. (Federal law covers to whom turtles may be sold, state law covers specifics about the sale.)
- [The Ferret Act: Public Act 358 of 1994 :](#)
Legalized and controls the sale and breeding of ferrets.
- [Sale of Baby Chicks, Rabbits, Ducklings, or Other Fowl or Game: Public Act 163 of 1945 :](#)
Prohibits the sale of dyed chicks, rabbits, ducklings, etc.
- [Pseudorabies and Swine Brucellosis Control and Eradication Act: Public Act 239 of 1992:](#)
Swine laws, pertinent for stores selling pot-bellied or other pet pigs.