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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES ("MDAR") HEREBY GIVES NOTICE OF A GENERAL HEARING, PURSUANT TO M.G.L. C.30A, § 2 and 950 CMR 20.04 which requires the Commissioner of the Department of Agricultural Resources to hold a public hearing for the permanent adoption of 330 CMR 30.00 Animal Rescue and Shelter Regulations. The regulation is designed to protect the Commonwealth's domestic animal population from the introduction of infectious disease via imported animals as well as ensure that only healthy animals are placed in peoples' homes as pets.

All persons desiring to provide oral testimony are hereby notified to appear upon the following dates and times at the respective designated location: September 24, 2013 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the 100 Cambridge Street, 2nd Floor Conference Rooms B,C, D, Boston, MA 02114.

In addition to oral testimony, written comments will be accepted before and at the Hearing. MDAR will continue to accept written comments until September 24, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. Written comments should be addressed to Gregory C. Watson, Department of Agricultural Resources, 251 Causeway Street, Suite 500 Boston, MA 02114.

UPDATE: The comment period has been extended and MDAR will continue to accept written comments until October 8, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

The full text of the regulation and background information is available at "<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/agr/animal-health/shelter-and-rescue/>" A hard copy of the full text of the regulation and background information are also available upon written request made to the Commissioner.

By: Gregory C. Watson, Commissioner.