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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Agricultural Resources, under its authority pursuant to M.G.L. c. 129, §§ 2, 7, 9, 37 and 39A and M.G.L. c. 140, § 139A and in accordance with M.G.L. c. 7, § 3B and M.G.L. c. 30A, will hold a public hearing on amendment of 330 CMR 12.00, promulgation of 330 CMR 30.00 and promulgation of a related fee change at 801 CMR 4.00. Amendments to 330 CMR 12.00 clarify licensing procedures and facility and animal care standards for the operation of pet shops. 330 CMR 30.00 is being proposed to establish reasonable regulations for the operation of animal shelters and animal rescue organizations. The amendment of 801 CMR 4.00 establishes a nominal fee of \$100 annually to register the animal shelter or rescue with MDAR.

A public hearing will be conducted on the following date at the following location to receive comments on the proposed regulations.

Tuesday, April 23, 2019, 1:00 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Conference Rooms C and D
100 Cambridge Street,
Boston, MA 02184

Testimony may be presented orally or in writing at the hearing. Written comments will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Monday, April 29, 2019. Written testimony must be submitted by email to michael.cahill@mass.gov or by mail to Michael Cahill, 251 Causeway Street, 5th floor, Boston, MA 02114-2151.

Copies of the proposed regulations are available on the MDAR website at: Pet Shop Program: <https://www.mass.gov/pet-shop-licensing-and-inspection-program>; and, Shelter/Rescue Program: <https://www.mass.gov/animal-shelter-and-rescue-program>

or may be obtained by calling Michael Cahill at 617-626-1794.

For special accommodations for this event or to obtain this information in an alternative format, you may contact ADA coordinator Donald Gomes at 617-626-1608.