

**99D.27 Racing dog adoption program.**

A track licensed to race dogs under this chapter shall maintain a racing dog adoption program. The track shall advertise the availability of adoptable dogs in the media, including but not limited to racing programs. The track shall compile a list of persons applying to adopt a dog. A dog's owner or dog's trainer acting with the consent of the owner may participate in the program by placing the dog for adoption. The ownership of the dog shall be transferred from the owner of the dog to the person who is adopting the dog. A dog shall not be transferred to a person for purposes related to racing, breeding, hunting, laboratory research, or scientific experimentation. A dog shall not be transferred unless the dog has been examined by a veterinarian and found to be free of disease requiring extensive medical treatment. A dog shall not be transferred, until a veterinarian has certified that the dog has been sterilized. The track may transfer a dog to a governmental agency or nonprofit organization without examination or certification. However, other requirements relating to the transfer of a dog to a person by a track under this section apply to the transfer of a dog to a person by the agency or organization. A person violating this section is guilty of a simple misdemeanor.

89 Acts, ch 216, §10; 90 Acts, ch 1155, §1