

**162.1 Purpose and scope.**

1. The purpose of [this chapter](#) is to accomplish all of the following:
  - a. Ensure that all dogs and cats handled by commercial establishments are provided with humane care and treatment.
  - b. Regulate the transportation, sale, purchase, housing, care, handling, and treatment of dogs and cats by persons engaged in transporting, buying, or selling them.
  - c. Provide that all vertebrate animals consigned to pet shops are provided humane care and treatment by regulating the transportation, sale, purchase, housing, care, handling, and treatment of such animals by pet shops.
  - d. Authorize the sale, trade, or adoption of only those animals which appear to be free of infectious or communicable disease.
  - e. Protect the public from zoonotic disease.
2. [This chapter](#) does not apply to livestock as defined in [section 717.1](#) or any other agricultural animal used in agricultural production as provided in [chapter 717A](#).

[C75, 77, 79, 81, §162.1]

[96 Acts, ch 1034, §7; 2010 Acts, ch 1030, §1, 29; 2021 Acts, ch 76, §40](#)

Referred to in [§162.11](#)