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**Applicable Organisation Member Requirements**

Legislative requirements

1. Comply with Victorian State and Local Government Legislation, Regulations and Codes of Practice applying to the welfare, keeping, breeding and management of dogs and cats.
2. Ensure that all dogs and cats that are three months of age and over are microchipped and registered with the municipality in which they reside.
3. Ensure existing council registrations are renewed by 10 April each year.

Accommodation / Housing

4. Ensure housing pens to be designed, constructed, serviced and maintained in a way that ensures the good health and wellbeing of the animals, while preventing escape of animals and injury to humans and animals.
5. Ensure animals are housed and confined in a safe and secure manner.
6. Provide housing & equipment suitable for the size of the animal and containment requirements.
7. Provide adequate protection from adverse environmental conditions & climatic extremes.
8. Provide adequate ventilation and sufficient space for animals to stand and move freely at all times, including during transportation.
9. Ensure that no part of a pen/cage floor area may be made from wire.
10. Ensure that pens/cages must not be stacked on top of one another.

Animal health

11. Ensure reasonable protection from disease, distress and injury.
12. Provide prompt veterinary treatment in the case of animal injury or illness.
13. Maintain cleanliness and hygiene in premises where animals are kept.
14. Make every effort to control pests such as fleas, ticks, etc.
15. Treat animals regularly for internal and external parasites and vaccinate against common diseases.
16. Provide sufficient exercise to maintain health and fitness.
17. Provide appropriate food and water in clean containers to maintain good health.
18. Ensure animals have access to water of sufficient quantity and quality.
19. Ensure animals be provided with a safe, balanced and complete diet

Banned procedures (tail docking, ear cropping, dog debarking)

20. Ensure that the owner or person in charge of an animal must not allow a prohibited procedure to be conducted on an animal.
21. Ensure that the owner or person in charge of an animal cannot show or exhibit an animal, or allow an animal to be shown or exhibited, where the animal has had a prohibited procedure conducted illegally on it.

Breeding

22. Ensure that only healthy animals are bred and then only as required.
23. Ensure that proper records of their breeding activities are kept and all such records shall be open for inspection by any person authorised by the organisation.

Collars

24. Ensure that the use of collars incorporating protrusions designed to puncture or bruise the animals skin is prohibited.
25. Ensure that electronic collars are only used as specified under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Regulations 2008.

Dog working & environmental conditions (Not applicable to cat organisations)

26. Ensure that dogs are not pushed beyond their natural abilities by administering drugs or medications to enhance performance.
27. Ensure that dogs are not worked in conditions that may result in them suffering from hypothermia, hyperthermia or dehydration.

#### Dog training (Not applicable to cat organisations)

28. Ensure that dogs are not trained or worked beyond their willingness and capabilities.
29. Ensure that all training methods used are humane and not cause undue fear, distress or pain.

#### Domestic animal businesses

30. Where required by law to be a domestic animal business (breeding, rearing, training, boarding, pound or shelter), the owner must be registered with the municipality in which they reside or in which the business premises is based.

#### Euthanasia

31. Ensure animals which cannot be kept be dealt with humanely.
32. Ensure animals which must be destroyed, are killed in a humane manner.
33. Ensure animals are not be euthanized using blunt force trauma.

#### Hereditary disease

34. Ensure that all possible action is taken to reduce the incidence of hereditary diseases.
35. Ensure that they are familiar with and comply with the mandatory Code of Practice for the Breeding of Animals with Heritable Defects that Cause Disease.

#### Sale of animals

36. Ensure that no animal leaves the seller before 8 weeks of age.
37. Ensure that all dog and cat advertisements for sale, include each animals' full microchip number and the number of the council registered domestic animal business.
38. Ensure that all dogs and cats sold have current vaccinations, with a valid certificate to be provided to new owner.
39. Ensure that all dogs sold or given away are implanted with a microchip by an authorised implanter and accompanied by a signed transfer of ownership form.
40. Ensure that purchasers of desexed animals are provided with a copy of the desexing certificate.
41. Ensure that new owners are provided with literature about feeding, desexing, parasite control, health, housing, responsible pet ownership, current legislation regarding registration, training & socialisation of dogs, vaccination.
42. Ensure that all dogs and cats sold are accompanied with a breeder health declaration.
43. Ensure that, where an animal is returned within 3 days of sale for any reason not supported from a veterinary practitioner, the seller takes back the animal and refunds 75% of the purchase price.
44. Ensure that, where an animal is returned within 21 days of sale accompanied by a statement from a veterinary practitioner that the animal is unacceptable for health reasons, the seller takes back the animal and refunds 100% of the purchase price.
45. Ensure that, where an animal is diagnosed with, suffering from, dies of, or is euthanized because of a physical defect or disease that is traceable to the point of sale within 3 years of purchase, the seller refunds 100% of purchase price where the owner provides supporting statements from a veterinary practitioner.
46. Ensure that where animals are sold or given away, that they are in the best possible state of health.
47. Ensure that animals are not allowed to be used as donations or prizes.

#### Tethering

48. Ensure that no cat is tethered.
49. Ensure that dogs are only tethered in accordance with the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986*, Regulations and Code of Practice for the Tethering of Animals.
50. Ensure that dog tethering systems limits the risk of tangling and prevent overlap of adjacent chains.
51. Ensure that pregnant bitches more than 7 weeks gestation, whelping bitches and lactating bitches with puppies are not tethered.
52. Ensure that puppies under 16 weeks of age are not tethered.

#### Transport

53. Ensure that animals are transported in a safe and secure manner.
54. Ensure that animals are not transported in the boot of a sedan type car.
55. Ensure that when on the back of a ute or trailer that the animal/s are appropriately tethered or caged.
56. Ensure that when travelling, animals are provided with adequate ventilation.  
Ensure that sealed transport containers have multiple ventilation holes on at least three sides of the container.