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Title： Taichung City Self-Government Ordinance for Animal Protection Ch

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Article 1 The Taichung City (Taichung or the City) Self-Government Ordinance for Animal Protection (the Ordinance) is hereby established for the purpose of respecting animal life, improving animal welfare, maintaining public safety, and increasing pet owners' sense of responsibility for their pets.

Article 2 The Competent authority for the Ordinance is the Agriculture Bureau of Taichung City Government (the Bureau), and the administering agency is the Taichung City Animal Protection and Health Inspection Office (the Office).

Article 3 Definition of Terms
1. "Animal" refers to dogs, cats, and other vertebrate animals that are raised or managed by humans, including animals raised and used for commercial purposes, laboratory animals, pets, and other animals.
2. "Pet owner" refers to a person who owns or manages an animal.
3. "Pet" refers to dogs, cats, and other animals that are raised or managed for the purpose of companionship or enjoyment.

Article 4 When pet owners bring their pets into public places or places accessible to the public, they shall use leashes, carriers, or other appropriate protective measures according to the pet's size and species.
If a pet owner fails to utilize the appropriate protective measures, the Office may, if necessary, take the pet into protective custody and transfer it to an animal shelter or other designated location.
When pet owners bring their pets into a place specifically designated for animal use, the regulations of the place may have precedence, and such pet owners are not subject to the restrictions of Paragraph 1.

Article 5 Pet owners who are required to register their pets shall, within 2 months of the date of the pet's birth, acquisition, or transfer, bring the pet to the Office or its designated location to complete registration. A microchip shall be implanted, and a pet registration certificate must be obtained.

Article 6 Employers shall require workers not to engage in the slaughter of dogs or cats, or the sale, purchase, consumption, or possession of their carcasses or internal organs or of any food products containing such within workplaces, dormitories, or other activity spaces provided by the employer.
The employer referred to in Paragraph 1 shall be determined based on the employment relationship at the time of the worker's conduct.

Article 7 When the Bureau receives a report of an animal in distress or that has been abused or injured in a public place or a location accessible to the public, it shall carry out rescue operations, provide shelter, and offer necessary emergency medical care. The Bureau may also request assistance from relevant agencies of the Taichung City Government or commission veterinary institutions or private organizations to handle the matter.
The Bureau shall establish and formulate guidelines for a review committee to review expenses related to animal rescue, sheltering,

and emergency medical care.

Article 8 Citizens who adopt or reclaim dogs or cats from the City’s animal shelters may be exempt from the following fees:
1. Adopting stray dogs or cats: Microchip fee, implantation service fee, pet registration fee, and rabies vaccination fee
2. Reclaiming owned dogs or cats: Pet registration fee and rabies vaccination fee
To encourage citizens of the City to register, neuter, and implant microchips in their pets, the Bureau may subsidize related expenses. The types of pets eligible for registration and neutering subsidies as well as the associated costs shall be publicly announced by Bureau.

Article 9 The Office shall appoint animal protection inspectors who shall be responsible for animal protection within their jurisdiction, including cases of animal abuse or injury, and enforcement against the use of animal traps.
When performing the duties mentioned above, animal protection inspectors may request assistance from police personnel.
If police personnel demonstrate outstanding performance in assisting with the aforementioned duties, the Bureau may recommend them for commendation to the Police Department.

Article 10 Acts that violate the Animal Protection Act, the Ordinance, or other
related laws may be reported to the Office through a statement of the facts of the matter or the provision of evidence. The Office may offer rewards for such reports.
Upon discovering or receiving reports of such cases, animal protection inspectors may, together with police personnel, enter public places, places accessible to the public, or private premises to conduct investigations, enforcement actions, and emergency protection or placement of abused animals. However, entry into private premises for investigation, enforcement, or emergency placement of abused animals shall require the consent of the owner, person in charge, or manager of the premises.
Personnel carrying out the above duties must present official identification or wear clearly recognizable symbols that indicate their authority.

Article 11 The Bureau may provide guidance or assistance or entrust private organizations or groups to establish animal shelters. If necessary, the Bureau shall coordinate with relevant agencies to provide public land for use as shelters for stray dogs.
Schools at all levels, private organizations, and groups may submit a project proposal to the Bureau to apply for subsidies or be entrusted to carry out tasks related to animal protection and epidemic prevention, including animal adoption, sterilization, rescue, shelter management, and educational promotion of animal protection.
Those whose performance of the aforementioned subsidized or entrusted tasks is excellent may be rewarded by the Bureau. The reward regulations shall be stipulated by the Bureau.

Article 12 Businesses that engage in the breeding, sale, or boarding of specific
pets for profit may obtain a permit from the Taichung City Government in accordance with the Specific Pet Business Management Regulations. Such businesses shall complete business registration in accordance with the law before commencing operations.
Such businesses shall join the city's pet industry trade association as members within 1 month of starting operations.
The aforementioned trade association shall cooperate with the Bureau and assist its members in promoting animal protection efforts.

Article 13 The Taichung City Government shall establish an Animal Welfare Fund to enhance animal welfare in the city.
Regulations for income, expenditures, custody, and utilization of the aforementioned fund shall be separately stipulated by the Bureau.

Article 14 (Repealed)

Article 14-1 Elementary and secondary schools in the city may assign personnel
to participate in animal protection education and training courses organized by the Office or its commissioned organizations.
Participants may also be rewarded.
The guidelines for the aforementioned commissioned activities and rewards shall be separately stipulated by the Bureau.

Article 15 An employer who violates the provisions of Article 6, Paragraph 1 shall be fined between NT$15,000 and NT$75,000. However, if the employer can provide evidence that they have fulfilled their obligation to educate and inform their employees about the law, they shall be exempt from the fine.
"Fulfilled their obligation to educate and inform" refers to actions such as posting educational posters or conducting legal awareness training sessions for employees, with written or video documentation as proof.

Article 16 Pet owners who violate the provisions of Article 5 shall be fined between NT$10,000 and NT$50,000.

Article 17 Any owner, person in charge, or manager of a premises who violates
the provisions of Article 10, Paragraph 2 by evading or obstructing an animal protection inspector or refusing to allow an animal protection inspector to conduct an investigation, enforcement action, or emergency protective placement of abused animals shall be fined between NT$10,000 and NT$50,000.

Article 18 A pet owner who violates the provisions of Article 4, Paragraph 1 shall be advised by the Office and ordered to make improvements within a specified period. If the improvements are not made by the deadline, a fine of between NT$3,000 and NT$15,000 shall be imposed, and repeated fines may be issued for continued non-compliance.

Article 19 This Ordinance shall come into effect on the date of its official announcement.

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