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Subject: RULES AND REGULATIONS ON PET SHOPS

Section I. BASIC POLICY AND OBJECTIVES

Pursuant to Section 2 of Republic Act 8485 known as the “Animal Welfare Act of the Philippines” and in order to set forth the rules, regulations and processes for the registration and accreditation of pet shops and other similar establishments, including their operations/administrations, the following are hereby promulgated for the information and guidance of all concerned.

The Basic Freedom of animals are the following as adopted by Committee on Animal Welfare and Animal Welfare Division:

- Freedom from thirst, hunger and malnutrition;
- Freedom from physical discomfort and pain;
- Freedom from injury and disease;
- Freedom to conform to essential behavior patterns; and
- Freedom from fear and distress.

Section 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS

- 2.1 **Animal Welfare Division** refers to a division of the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) which objective is to implement animal welfare in the Philippines by supervising and regulating the establishment and operation of all facilities involving animals.
- 2.2 **Pet Animals** refer to domestic, domesticated and captive-bred animals intended for protection, utility, companionship, therapy, values formation, and breeding.
- 2.3 **Pet Shop** refers to a fixed establishment primarily intended for the wholesale and retail of various pet animals.
- 2.4 **Pet Shop Veterinarian** refers to a licensed veterinarian under service agreement either on a full time or part time basis.
- 2.5 **Wild Animals** includes those that are directly captured from the wild.

Section 3. GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES QUALIFICATIONS / REGULATIONS FOR PET SHOPS

- 3.1 Pet shops shall have appropriate facilities to store/keep pet animals that are offered for sale or trade; (See Appendix 1)

- 3.2 Pet shops shall provide written information to buyers on the proper care and handling of pet animals as well as an Owner's Pledge on responsible ownership ; (See Appendix 2) and
- 3.3 Pet shops shall develop procedures for emergencies.

Section 4. BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR PET SHOPS

4.1 Basic Facilities and Equipment

4.1.1 There shall be provisions for clean water and food. Environmental enrichment facilities such as toys, transport carriers shall be made available; perches appropriate to the size of the species shall be provided. (See Appendix 3)

4.1.2 Pet shops shall have proper ventilation, hygiene and sanitation.

4.2 Owners, Staff and Pet Shop Veterinarians.

4.2.1. Owners and Staff shall have training on animal handling, care and emergency procedures. They shall have knowledge of all the products they are selling.

4.2.2 Pet shop veterinarians shall provide a signed written program of veterinary care.

4.2.3 The pet shops for the purpose of animal behavior, feeding management and environmental enrichment shall have a BAI-AWD certified caretaker.

4.3 Disease Control and Daily Health Program

4.3.1 Dead or sick animals must be removed from the display cages immediately and the cages should be properly cleaned.

4.3.2 The normal behavior of the animals shall not be curtailed.

4.3.3 Only apparently healthy animals shall be sold. Upon selling the animal, the owner should be advised to consult a veterinarian for continuation of a health program.

Section 5. PRACTICES THAT NEED SPECIAL ATTENTION

- 5.1 Dominant animals shall be segregated from submissive animals, (even of the same species) to prevent stress and trauma.
- 5.2 Predator birds/mammals/reptiles shall be visually and physically segregated from other non-predators.
- 5.3 The sale of birds e.g. sparrows or allowable birds shall be limited to pet shops and marketplaces. They shall have proper ventilation and protection from the sun and other harmful elements.
- 5.4 Pet shops as a matter of policy shall not sell animals for experimental/laboratory purposes.
- 5.5 Puppies for sale shall be properly vaccinated and accompanied by appropriate certificate.

- 5.6 The gadgets, paraphernalia, equipment used for the care, handling, training, restraining, control of the animals and for other purposes should meet the approval of the Animal Welfare Division, Bureau of Animal Industry, Department of Agriculture.

Section 6. IDENTIFICATION OF ANIMALS

- 6.1 All dogs and cats on the premises shall be properly identified as follows:
- 6.1.1. Microchips, at the withers between the scapula; Tattoo (ear, axilla, medial thigh) or temporary marking. Except for temporary markings these should be done by a licensed veterinarian.
- 6.2 All captive bred birds shall be properly banded with closed leg bands. (See Appendix 4 and 5). Trauma to the legs should be avoided.
- 6.3 Other animals such as but not limited to rodents, lagomorphs, reptiles, amphibians shall be identified through a label posted on the cages.
- 6.4 A label attached to the cages or enclosure shall bear a description, number, species, scientific name, common name and breed of the animal.
- 6.5 All pet shops shall have a weekly inventory of all its animals.

SECTION 7. PERIOD IN WHICH THE ANIMAL CAN BE DISPLAYED IN A PET SHOP

- 7.1.1 No dog or cat should be displayed for more than 14 days.

SECTION 8. TRANSPORT CARRIERS FOR ANIMALS

- 8.1 Safe and comfortable transport carriers should be provided (plastic bags are not allowed).
- 8.2 Transport carriers shall not be used as permanent cages.

SECTION 9. COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS SELLING PETS

- 9.1 Pets sold in other commercial establishments such as but not limited to agricultural and poultry supply should comply with the same rules and regulations on pet shops.
- 9.2 In the case of wild animals the requirements imposed by RA 9147 otherwise known as Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act and existing rules and regulations are likewise to be secured.
- 9.3 Other local government requirements shall be secured.

Section 10. PROHIBITED ACTS

- 10.1 Birds tied on the legs and carried upside down while being transported and peddled.
- 10.2 Pet shops shall not buy and sell any stolen animal and paraphernalia.

10.3 Veterinary clinics and hospitals shall not be located inside the pet shops or vice-versa. They cannot have one common entrance

10.4 Turtles should not be stacked one on top of the other.

10.5 Stuffed animals should not be displayed or sold in pet shops, neither in veterinary clinics or hospitals.

Section 11. PENAL PROVISIONS

Violation of any of the provisions of these Rules and Regulations shall be penalized in accordance with the law.

Section 12. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

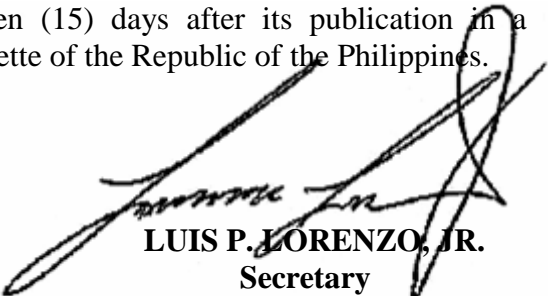
In case any provision of these Rules and Regulations is declared contrary to law and/or unconstitutional, other provisions which are not affected thereby shall continue to be enforced and in effect.

Section 13. REPEALING CLAUSE

All Administrative Orders, Rules and Regulations and other administrative issuance or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Regulation are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 14. EFFECTIVITY

This Regulation shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation or Official Gazette of the Republic of the Philippines.



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Secretary

Bird cage stocking density: (pet shop)

	Species	cu. in.	space/bird
1.	African lovebirds	9	729
2.	Budgerigar	10	1000
3.	Cockatiel	13	2197
4.	Finches	7	343
5.	Parakeets	9	729

Recommended space for Mice, Rats, Hamsters, Guinea Pigs, Rabbits, Cats, and Dogs.

<i>Animals</i>	<i>Weight (kg.)</i>	<i>Flr. Area/Animal, ft²</i>	<i>Height, in</i>
Cats	<4	3.0	24
	>4	>4.0	24
Dogs	<15	8.0	-
	Up to 30	12.0	-
	>30	>24.0	-
Chickens	<0.25	0.25	-
	Up to 0.5	0.5	-
	Up to 1.5	1.00	-
	Up to 3.0	2.00	-
	>3.0	≥3.00	-
Pigeons	-	0.8	-
Quail	-	0.25	-
Rabbits	<2	1.5	14
	Up to 4	3.0	14
	Up to 5.4	4.0	14
	>5.4	>5.0	14
	<i>Weight (gms.)</i>	<i>Flr. Area/Animal, in.²</i>	<i>Height, in</i>
Guinea pigs	<350	60	7
	>350	>101	7
Hamsters	<60	10	6
	Up to 80	13	6
	Up to 100	16	6
	>100	>19	6
Mice	<10	6	5
	Up to 15	8	5
	Up to 25	12	5
	>25	>15	5
Rats	<100	17	7
	Up to 200	23	7
	Up to 300	29	7
	Up to 400	40	7
	Up to 500	60	7
	>500	>70	7

Recommended housing dimensions for individually housed Reptiles and Amphibians:

<i>Animal</i>	<i>Length*</i>	<i>Width</i>	<i>Height</i>
Turtle	5x animal's length	3x animal's length	must be escape-proof
Crocodilian**	5x animal's length	2x animal's length	must be escape-proof
Lizard**	3x animal's length	2x animal's length	Arboreal and semi-aquatic: 2x animal's length. Terrestrial: between 1 & 8 feet.
Snake	¾ animal's length	1/3 animal's length	Arboreal: ¾ animal's length. Others: ½ animal's length or between 1 and 8 feet.
Small Amphibian	18 inches	10 inches	12 inches or 10 gallon tank.
Large Amphibian (Bullfrog)	30 inches	12 inches	12 inches or 15 gallon tank.

*Based on adult length

**The cage should be large enough to allow the animal to move about freely, and the sides of the cage should be smooth to prevent the animal from abrading its rostrum while rubbing along the perimeter of the enclosure.

Pet Owners Pledge

I am acquiring a pet to love and enjoy.

- *It is a privilege to own a pet.*
- *I have a responsibility to care for my pet during its life expectancy.*

I am not impulsively obtaining a pet.

- *I have consulted the other members of my household.*
- *I have considered how it will change my lifestyle.*
- *I know my responsibility in regard to food, water, housing, medical care, training, and expense*

I am aware of society's animal surplus problem and my part in it.

- *I will control my pet's ability to produce surplus and unwanted offspring.*
- *I will obtain information on correct training of my pet.*
- *I will follow state and local laws pertaining to my pet and prevent it from infringing on the rights of others.*

I will not abandon my pet.

- *If I cannot properly care for my pet, I will try to find it a good home.*
- *If no other choice I will take it to an animal shelter for possible community placement, or to the provincial, city or municipal veterinary office*
- *I will take the responsibility myself and have it humanely euthanized by a licensed veterinarian.*

CONFORME:

ATTESTED BY:

Pet Owner

Proprietor

Name of Pet Shop

Recommended PERCHES

	<i>Species</i>	<i>diameter</i>
1.	African lovebirds	½ - 5/8 in.
2.	Budgerigar	3/8 – ½ in.
3.	Cockatiel	5/8 – 1 in.
4.	Finches	3/8 – ½ in.
5.	Parakeets	3/8- ½ in.

Note: number of perches required depends on the stocking density, the more perches the better to provide ample flight space.

Suggested Band Sizes for Select Parrot Species

<i>Species</i>	<i>Suggested Band Sizes</i>	<i>Most Often Used</i>
African grey parrot	14-16	14
Alexandrine parakeet	10-12-14	12
Bare-eyed cockatoo	12-14	14
Blue and gold macaw	16-18-20	18
Blue-crowned conure	10-11-12	10
Blue-fronted Amazon	14-16	14
Bourke's parakeet	Parakeet	Parakeet
Budgerigar	Parakeet	Parakeet
Calques	10-11-12	10
Chattering	10-11-12	equal
Cherry-headed conure	10-11-12	10
Citron cockatoo	12-14	14
Cockatiel	cockatiel	cockatiel
Double yellow-headed Amazon	14-16	equal
Derbyan parakeet	10-11-12	equal
Diamond doves	Parakeet	parakeet
Eclectus parrots	14-16	14
Fig parrots	cockatiel	cockatiel
Goffin's cockatoo	12-14	equal
Gold-capped conure	9	9
Goldies lorikeet	Lovebird	lovebird
Great-billed parrot	12-14-16	unsure
Greater sulfur crested cockatoo	16-18	equal
Green-cheeked conure	9-cockatiel	equal
Green-naped lorry	9	9
Green-winged macaw	18-20-22	20
Grey-cheeked parakeet	Lovebird-cockatiel	cockatiel
Hahn's macaw	10-11-12	10
Half-moon conure	9-cockatiel	equal
Hawk-headed parrot	12-14	12
Hyacinth macaw	20-22-24	20-22
Indian ringneck parakeet	9-9.5-10	9.5

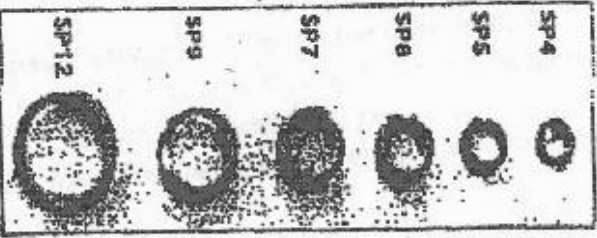
Jardine's parrot	10-11-12	12
Jenday conure	9-9.5-10	9.5
Kakarikis	14-16	lovebird
Lesser sulfur-crested cockatoo	Lovebird cockatiel	equal
Lilac-crowned Amazon	14-16	14
Lovebird	Lovebird	lovebird
Maroon-belly conure	9-cockatiel	cockatiel
Mealy .Amazon	14-16	14
Medium sulfur-crested cockatoo	14-16	14
Mexican red-headed Amazon	14-16	14
Meyer's parrot	9-9.5-10	10
Military macaw	16-18-20	18
Miltred conure	10-11-12	12
Moluccan Cockatoo	16-18-20	18
Mustache Parrot	9-9.5-10	9
Nandai conure	9-9.5-10	10
Noble macaw	10-11-12	10
Orange winged amazon	14-16	14
Panama amazon	16-18	equal
Parrotlet	parakeet-english parakeet- lovebird	english parakeet
Patagonian conure	10-11-12	12
Peach-fronted conure	9	9
Pionus Parrots	10-11-12	11
Plum-headed parakeet	Exotic cockatiel	cockatiel
Princess of wales	9-9.5-10	9-9.5
Quaker (monk) parakeet	exotic 9-9.5-10	9-9.5
Rainbow lorry	9-9.5-10	9-9.5
Red-bellied parrot	9-9.5-10	10
Red-fronted conure	10	10
Red-lored amazon	14	14
Red-fronted mcaw	14-16	16
Red-lory	10-11-12	10
Red-rumped parakeet	lovebird-cockatiel	equal
Rock pebbler	9-9.5	equal
Rosed breasted cockatoo	12-14	12
Rosella	exotic 9-9.5	equal
Scarlet macaw	18-20	18
Senegal parrot	9-9.5-10	9.5
Severe macaw	12-14	14
Spectacle amazon	12-14	12
Sun conured	9-9.5-10	9.5
Timneh grey parrot	12-14	14
Triton cockatoo	16-18	equal
Turquoisione parrot	parakeet	parakeet
Umbrella cockatoo	14-16-18	16
Violet necked lory	9	9
White eyed conure	10	10
Yellow collared macaw	10-12-14	12
Yellow crowned amazon	14	14
Yellow napped amazon	14-16	equal

Spiral Leg Bands or Banderettes to Track Your Flock

SPIRAL LEG BANDS

(SP Series)

Available in red, blue, green, pink, white, brown, yellow, black, ll, purple, and orange.



SP Series Number	Qty
SP4	100
SP5	100
SP6	100
SP7	100
SP12	100



BANDETTES

(BN Series)

Available in red, white, blue, green, pink and yellow.
Note: Banderettes are numbered 1-100 in each size & color.

Fits These Birds
Cornish, Day Old Quail
Punkeot, 1 to 4 weeks
Baby Chicken, Cockerel, Courta Quail
Phasant Hen, Mad. Pigeon, Turnstone, LORNET
Phasant, Cocks, Lg. Pigeon, 1 Month Old Chicken
Ringneck Phasants, Mallard, Wild Duck, Brant, Foular, Log and Run, Pigeon
Wild Ducks, Phasant, Loghorn Hens, Ancon Silco
Rock Hen, Wyandotte Hen, Rhode Island Hen, Leghorn Cocks, Wild Goose, Rocks, Turkey Hens, Gause, Jersey Giant Cocks

BN Series Number	Ship Qty
BN2	100
BN3	100
BN4	100
BN5	100
BN7	100
BN11	100



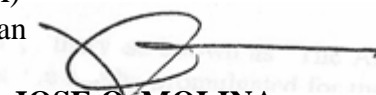
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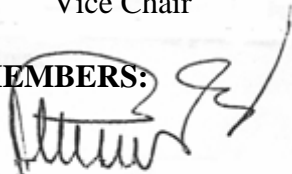


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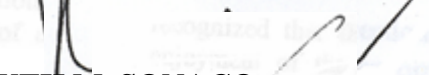
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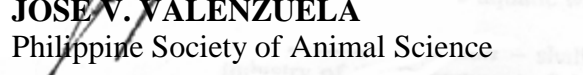
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