

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Animal Welfare Act is amended by changing  
5 Section 3.5 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 605/3.5)

7 Sec. 3.5. Information on dogs and cats available for  
8 adoption by an animal shelter or animal control facility.

9 (a) An animal shelter or animal control facility must  
10 provide to the adopter prior to the time of adoption the  
11 following information, to the best of its knowledge, on any  
12 dog or cat being offered for adoption:

13 (1) The breed, age, date of birth, sex, and color of  
14 the dog or cat if known, or if unknown, the animal shelter  
15 or animal control facility shall estimate to the best of  
16 its ability.

17 (2) The details of any inoculation or medical  
18 treatment that the dog or cat received while under the  
19 possession of the animal shelter or animal control  
20 facility.

21 (3) The adoption fee and any additional fees or  
22 charges.

23 (4) If the dog or cat was returned by an adopter, then

1 the date and reason for the return.

2 (5) The following written statement: "A copy of our  
3 policy regarding warranties, refunds, or returns is  
4 available upon request."

5 (6) The license number of the animal shelter or animal  
6 control facility issued by the Illinois Department of  
7 Agriculture.

8 (7) If the animal is a dog, then the organization from  
9 which the dog was obtained, the organization's address,  
10 and the organization's phone number.

11 (b) The information required in subsection (a) shall be  
12 provided to the adopter in written form by the animal shelter  
13 or animal control facility and shall have an acknowledgement  
14 of disclosures form, which must be signed by the adopter and an  
15 authorized representative of the animal shelter or animal  
16 control facility at the time of the adoption. The  
17 acknowledgement of disclosures form shall include the  
18 following:

19 (1) A blank space for the dated signature and printed  
20 name of the authorized representative handling the  
21 adoption on behalf of the animal shelter or animal control  
22 facility, which shall be immediately beneath the following  
23 printed statement: "I hereby attest that all of the above  
24 information is true and correct to the best of my  
25 knowledge."

26 (2) A blank space for the dated signature and printed

1 name of the adopter, which shall be immediately beneath  
2 the following statement: "I hereby attest that this  
3 disclosure was posted on or near the cage of the dog or cat  
4 for adoption and that I have read all the disclosures. I  
5 further understand that I am entitled to keep a signed  
6 copy of this disclosure."

7 (c) A copy of the disclosures and the signed  
8 acknowledgement of disclosures form shall be provided to the  
9 adopter and the original copy shall be maintained by the  
10 animal shelter or animal control facility for a period of 2  
11 years from the date of adoption. A copy of the animal shelter's  
12 or animal control facility's policy regarding warranties,  
13 refunds, or returns shall be provided to the adopter.

14 (d) An animal shelter or animal control facility shall  
15 post in a conspicuous place in writing on or near the cage of  
16 any dog or cat available for adoption the information required  
17 by subsection (a) of this Section 3.5.

18 (Source: P.A. 96-1470, eff. 1-1-11.)