



Animal Rescue Entity (ARE) – Registration.

A. An animal rescue entity shall comply with the following registration requirements:

1. An animal rescue entity shall obtain a certificate of registration from the Polk County Sheriff's Office. The obligation to obtain a certificate of registration applies to any entity currently qualifying as an animal rescue entity, and also to any entity that qualified as an unregistered animal rescue entity within the prior one-year time period.
2. The animal rescue entity shall pay a reasonable fee, as established by the Polk County board of commissioners, for a certificate of registration to provide for the actual cost of regulating animal rescue entities. The board shall establish fees and the Polk County Sheriff's Office shall set the effective terms for certificates of registration and renewed certificates.
3. An animal rescue entity may transfer a certificate of registration issued under this section to another person and/or ARE with the written consent of Polk County Sheriff's Office.

B. A person commits a violation for failure to obtain an animal rescue certificate of registration as required within this section.

C. Whenever a Polk County Sheriff's Office authorized representative is advised or has reason to believe that an animal rescue entity is operating without a certificate of registration, the representative may visit and conduct an on-site investigation of the premises of the suspected animal rescue entity. The purpose of the investigation is to determine whether the animal rescue entity is subject to the registration requirements of this section.

D. At any reasonable time, an authorized representative of the Polk County Sheriff's Office, another law enforcement agency, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon Department of Agriculture, or the United States Department of Agriculture may conduct an on-site investigation to determine whether the entity is in compliance with this section and Oregon law

Animal rescue entity – Record keeping.

A. An animal rescue entity shall maintain a record for each animal that identifies:

1. The sex, breed type and date of birth for the animal or, if the date of birth is unknown, the approximate age of the animal;
2. The date the animal rescue entity acquired possession, control or charge of the animal, the source of the animal, and weight of the animal upon intake;
3. A photograph of the animal taken within 24 hours of intake by the animal rescue entity;
4. The number of offspring the animal produced while in the possession or control of the animal rescue entity, if applicable; and

5. The disposition the animal rescue entity makes of each animal possessed by, controlled by or in the charge of the animal rescue entity, including the date of disposition, manner of disposition and the name and address for any individual or organization taking possession, control or charge of an animal.

B. An animal rescue entity shall permit an authorized representative of Polk County Sheriff's Office to inspect the records of the animal rescue entity required by this section and an animal rescue entity shall furnish reports and information as required by Polk County Sheriff's Office.

C. A person commits a violation for failure to comply with the record keeping and inspection requirements in this section.

Animal rescue entities – Inspections.

A. An animal rescue entity shall permit an authorized representative of the Polk County Sheriff's Office to inspect the records of the animal rescue entity relating to compliance with Oregon State Statute. An animal rescue entity shall furnish reports and information as required by Polk County Sheriff's Office.

B. An authorized representative of the Polk County Sheriff's Office shall conduct an on-site investigation of the premises of any registered animal rescue entity if the agency receives a complaint about the animal rescue entity related to the failure to comply with the requirements of applicable Oregon State Statute that the agency determines is credible and serious. The investigation by the agency shall be limited to determining if the animal rescue entity has failed to comply with the requirements of applicable Oregon State Statute.

C. If, during the course of an inspection made under ORS 609.415 and/or ORS 609.420, the Polk County Sheriff's Office authorized representative finds evidence of animal cruelty in violation of ORS 167.310 to 167.351, 167.352, 167.355 or 167.360 to 167.372, an authorized representative shall seize the evidence and report the violation to law enforcement. Evidence of animal cruelty found through a valid inspection under ORS 609.415 and/or ORS 609.420 shall be presumed admissible in any subsequent criminal proceeding.

D. An animal rescue entity commits a violation for failure to comply with any of the inspection requirements in this section.

Animal Rescue Entities – Enforcement.

A. Enforcement of violations of the provisions within is established at \$500.00 for each violation.

B. The provisions of ORS 609.415 and ORS 609.420 shall be enforced by the Polk County Sheriff's Office and may also conduct initial investigations relating to potential violations of statutory requirements.

C. If the Polk County Sheriff's Office authorized representative finds evidence of a violation of any of the provisions of ORS 609.415 and/or ORS 609.420 or the Polk County Sheriff's Office authorized representative finds evidence of animal cruelty in violation of ORS 167.310 to 167.351, 167.352, 167.355 or 167.360 to 167.372, may result in the impoundment of all animals under the animal rescue entity's control.

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