

New law provides that it shall be unlawful for any person to offer for sale or sell any dog or cat on any highway, right-of-way, flea market, public park, public playground, public swimming pool, any other public recreational area, or adjacent property to such locations regardless of whether or not access to those locations is authorized, or on any commercial or retail parking lot unless permission is granted by the owner of the parking lot.

New law creates exceptions for animal adoption days sponsored by animal welfare groups, sales occurring entirely on private property, sales at competitive cat or dog shows, and raffles for a dog or cat at certain fundraising events. New law shall not apply to a retail pet store or licensed breeder.

New law provides penalties of a fine of not more than \$250 for a first violation and not more than \$1,000 for second or subsequent violations.

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(Adds R.S. 14:102.27)