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## GREECE ANIMAL WELFARE LAW (4039/12) Νόμος 4039 ΦΕΚ 15 2/2/2012

GREEK PARLIAMENT January 31, 2012 (*For domesticated (despozomena) and stray companion animals and protect animals from exploitation use for profit Law*)

(*As amended and supplemented by this Law 4235/2014-Government Gazette 32 – 11/02 / 2014*) **Amendments highlighted**

### **Article 1**

#### *Definitions for the purposes of this Act*

- a) Animal – means any living organism, who is aware and moving on land, sea or air and in any water or wetland ecosystem.
- b) Welfare- is the set of rules to be applied by humans to animals, regarding their protection and welfare, so as not to cause hurt or suffering, they remain in the area dry, clean and protected from weather conditions, without being tied permanently living within unsuitable structures (*eg metal*) the care for medical care and providing adequate food and water, daily exercise or walk, and generally take care to respect their existence.
- c) Pet animal that is kept or intended to be maintained by humans, mainly in the home.
- d) Domesticated pet is not any wild animal that is kept or intended to be maintained by humans, mainly in the home, for reasons or caring for a pet is under the direct supervision and care of the owner, owner, attendant or guardian. Regarded as pets dogs – used for hunting, guarding flocks, storage spaces, assisting and protecting people with disabilities, as well as search and rescue dogs and dogs used by the armed forces and security forces.
- e) Stray pet – is an animal companion, which is either domiciled or located outside the boundaries of the residence of the owner, occupier, attendant or guardian and is not under the direct supervision and control. Hunting dogs and guard flocks, and search and rescue dogs during the hunt, education, care of the flock, research and rescue stray animals are not considered stray.
- f) Dangerous animal – An animal, which is proved to exhibit pronounced spontaneous aggressive behavior toward humans or other animals and the animal is suffering or has a serious disease entity that can be transmitted to humans or other animals and cannot be treated.

**Amendment** The case f of Article 1 shall be replaced as follows:

***f) A dangerous companion animal is the animal that exhibits unprovoked and unjustified aggression towards human or other animals (without having been threatened) and the animal is suffering or is a carrier of a serious disease that can be transmitted to humans or other animals and not be cured.***

g) A small pet animal is a pet animal, whose weight does not exceed ten (10) pounds.

h) Shelter for stray animals is a special facility designed for the care and temporary housing of a large number of stray or unwanted pets.

I) Serious illness is any illness and imminent risk to human or animal, the same or another species.

j) Circus is a temporary outdoor installation, tent or canopy, which made a profit musical and acrobatic performances or other events related to the entertainment of people with the participation of animals.

k) With a varied program Troupe (vaudeville) are a group of people, which a permanent or temporary facility operates for profit and to alternating sequence of entertainment programs, shows, fun little comic theatrical events, songs, dancing with varied content and the participation of animals. Competent Authorities Management Electronic Database Online registration of pets and their owners are those principles, which ensure the implementation, operation and supervision of the whole system of marking and registration of pets and those that own them.

m) Competent Authorities and Control Application of rules to protect animals and the system of registration of pets and their owners are those authorities that at regional level, regional units and municipalities, to ensure proper implementation and enforcement – in collaboration with the principles of the previous case of the I-system of the Internet Electronic Database marking and registration of pets and their owners, and imposing penalties for breaches of the rules of animal protection.

n) Competent bodies acknowledgment of offenses are those organs, which provide for the establishment of the infringements detected in the review function (the Municipal Police, hunting clubs, the officials of Customs and veterinary inspection stations)

**Amendment** The case n Article 1 shall be replaced as follows:

***n) Competent bodies for certifying infringements are finding the bodies in the exercise of their supervisory duties and specific officials Greek Police, Forest Service, the Customs Stations veterinary inspection (SYKE), the Coast Guard – Greek Coast Guard and private security guards hunting hunting organizations.***

o) Responsible Organization Performance, marking and registration of pets and their owners in the Internet E-Base is a veterinarian, which according to prescribed procedure by submitting an electronic application to the Directorate of Information Technology Ministry of Rural Development and Food, certified, obtain special password in Internet electronic ballast label and registration of pets, making the marking and record the pets and their owners in the Internet E-Base, issued by the health card or passport of the animal if the animal will be transferred abroad and inform the base with the necessary information.

**Amendment** The case O Article 1 shall be replaced as follows:

***O) Responsible Organization Execution marking and registration of pets and their owners in Online Electronic Base is the veterinarian who prescribed based process by submitting an electronic application to the Directorate of Information of the Ministry of Rural Development and Food, certified acquires special password in Internet Base Electronic marking and registration pet performs the labeling and record the pets and their owners on the Internet Electronic Database, issuing the health card or passport of the animal if the animal will be relocated abroad in any change of owner or temporary owner and inform the base with the necessary information.***

## **Article 2**

1. The competent Authority for animal welfare and standards of welfare are the General Veterinary Directorate of the Ministry of Rural Development and Food. Competent Authorities Management Web Database Electronic registration of animals pets and their owners are:

**A.** The Department of Veterinary Drug Awareness and Application of the General Directorate of Veterinary Ministry of Agriculture and **B.** The Informatics of the Ministry of Rural Development and Food.

2. Competent Authorities and Control Application of rules to protect animals and the system of marking and registration of pets and their owners out of the Veterinary Directorate General for Regional Veterinary and Agricultural Economics of Regions, Departments of Agriculture and Veterinary Services and where the municipalities have not established the Agricultural Development Offices of the relevant municipality.

3. Execution of the Competent Body marking and registration of pets and their owners in the Internet E-Base is defined as a veterinarian, certified by the legal process, referred to in Article 4 hereof.

## **Article 3**

### ***Responsibilities***

1. For the purposes of this Law, the Competent Authorities Management Electronic Database Online registration of pets and their owners in Article 2 of this Law shall have the following responsibilities:

**A.** The Department of Veterinary Drug Awareness and Applications (CAFE) of the Ministry of Agriculture:

a) proposing the adoption of the decisions provided for in this Law

- b) issue circulars to implement the electronic tagging and registration of pet animals and every issue, relating to pets,
- c) in collaboration with the Informatics Directorate of the Ministry of Rural Development and Food:
  - a) monitoring the operation of the electronic database which recorded details of labelling and pet owners,
  - b) enrichment with the necessary information the Web Electronic Database registration of pets and their owners and the constant upgrading and
  - c) providing passwords to practitioners certified by the legal process.

**B. The Department of Informatics, Ministry of Rural Development and Food:**

- a. To provide the necessary IT infrastructure (central computers, network, etc) for the operation of a central web-based electronic, in which an entry marking the pet and their owners, and the supply of electronic detectors marking provided for in Article 4, paragraph
- b. Ensure the continuous operation, technical support, maintenance and protection of IT infrastructure that supports the system.
- c. The obligation backups so that data entered into the database, be available for audit purposes for three (3) years at least.

**2. For the purposes of this Law, the Competent Authorities implementing and monitoring the system of marking and registration of pets and their owners, paragraph 2 of Article 2, have the following responsibilities:**

- a. collaboration with the implementing body marking and registration of companion animals to coordinate their activities and providing technical guidance and any support for the full and uniform application of electronic tagging and registration of companion animals.
- b. The control and supervision of Agency Performance.

## **Marking and registration of companion animals.**

The implementing agencies, marking and registration of pets and their owners, Article 2 paragraph 3, have the following responsibilities:

The performance of a marker of pets with the appropriate means of electronic labelling and recording of data labelling pets and their owners in the Internet and electronic database continuously updated.

**B.** The responsibility for the information in any suitable way owners and pet owners of their obligations with regard to the implementation of electronic tagging of pets and the requirements of this law on the electronic identification and registration of companion animals.

**C.** The issuance consistent with Annexes 2 and 3 in health booklet marking the pet passport or, if the animal will be transferred abroad, as well as recording them, free of any change in owner veterinary examination of the animal or the vaccination.

## **Article 4**

### ***Web Based Electronic marking and registration of pets and their owners – Mark health card or passport***

**1.** The Ministry of Informatics-Agriculture Development and Food Web created an electronic database of marking and registration of pets and their owners. On the Internet E-Base recorded by veterinarians, certified, data relating to the recognition of (domestic) despozomenon pet (such as gender, colour, breed, loss, important to another owner, death) and the identification of the owner such as name, address, telephone number and identity card or passport or equivalent document, such as driver's license or insurance booklet) are observed and these provisions strictly adhered to "on personal data." The certification of veterinarians performed by the electronic submission of application to the Directorate of Information Technology Ministry of Rural Development and Food and the vet giving the applicant a password in Internet electronic ballast.

The Internet E-Base is connected directly to the vet and generally the places that marked the place of pets. Certification of Veterinary Directorates of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine of the regional units of the country is mandatory. On the Internet E-Base imported logical correlation parameters in the number of animals per owner, to ensure the welfare and compliance with basic health rules.

**Amendment a) The fourth sentence of paragraph 1 of Article 4 is replaced as follows:**

***Excluded from this certification and access to Internet Email Database veterinarians, Nationals Member – States, providing temporary and occasional veterinary services in Greece, according to Presidential Decree 38/2010 (A 78).***

2. The requirements for electronic tagging and recording data (domestic) despozomenon pet apply for electronic tagging and recording of stray pets.

3.a. The labelling of each companion animal is mandatory, except for dogs used for guarding flocks, for which may be optional provided that owners do not participate in breeding programs to improve and stabilize specific breeds.

The cost of marking and recording of (domestic) despozomenon borne by the pet owner and stray the appropriate municipality or animal welfare organization or association, which can be supplied with an electronic marker directly from trade. In the case of vulnerable groups.

Those who are handicapped with disability of greater than or equal to 80%, with large families, or single parents, or are unemployed registered OAED, the occupants with the bonus of Welfare,

Owners of these pets who bear the costs alone of electronic media marking and other services offered at no cost where the marking animal's place in veterinary medicine or in specially designated areas, the municipalities, the inter municipal Centres and Directorates of Agriculture and Regional Veterinary unity of the country.

For the realization of electronic tagging or a health booklet or passport (domestic) despozomenou the owner of a pet is required to demonstrate to the vet, who has been certified, the police ID card or passport or equivalent document to verify the individual elements and be assigned a unique code of identification of a pet with individual elements of the owner.

The officer conducting the CE certified veterinarian shall free the owner of the animal confirmation e-marking and registration, based on the model in Annex 1, the number marking of the animal, its characteristics (sex, colour, breed) and owner details (name, address, telephone number and identity card or passport of the owner or equivalent document)

**Amendment** The first sentence of a case of paragraph 3 of Article 4 is replaced as follows:

***a) The label of each pet is mandatory, including dogs used for guarding flocks.***

**Amendment** The second paragraph of case b of paragraph 3 of Article 4 is replaced as follows:

***The said fee is charged and within thirty (30) days assigned to the relevant Local Authority, the veterinarian who performs the act of marking and registration of the animal in Online Database of the Ministry of Rural Development and Food.***

B. Local Government to ensure the viability and operation of infrastructure, related to the management of stray animals and (domestic) despozomenon it may impose, upon City Council's decision, it pays a fee, which cannot exceeds the amount of three (3) euro per animal signified. The aforementioned fee is levied, within thirty (30) days given in the relevant local authorities, by the veterinarian performing the act of marking and registration of the animal online database of the Ministry of Rural Development and Food adduced, in addition to O. SD from the vet copies of Certificates of electronic identification.

4. The marking and identification of any pet place by placing the left outer side of the neck of the animal electronic identification system (transponder), which is a passive radio frequency identification read-only conforming to the ISO 11784 standard and technology HDX or FDX -B and can be read by a reading device compatible with the standard ISO 11785 and registered at the Web Based Electronic marking and registration of pets and their owners. Readers of electronic media labelling, retail or wholesale, are required to have in the Greek market an electronic label according to the above requirements and instructions in Greek.

5. Electronic tagging and recording the passport booklet and health, according to the model in Annex 2 and 3, conducted by veterinarians, certified and legitimate exercise of the veterinary profession of veterinary medicine in Greece or in specially designated areas of the municipalities, of inter municipal centres, the Directorates of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine of the regional areas of the country, and animal welfare associations. Health card is not required if the animal has a pet passport. If the marking of (domestic) despozomenon pet is placed in a landscaped area owned by local government or partnership Local Authorities, the owner of the animal except the cost of the electronic label can be charged with additional costs for the services of labelling, which could be levied, once determined by decision of their local government.

**Amendment** The first sentence of paragraph 5 of Article 4 shall be replaced as follows:

***5. Electronic tagging and recording the passport and health card, according to the models in Annexes 2 and 3 are performed by veterinarians, certified, legally practicing veterinary profession in Greece and have a professional license / certificate assistance legal conditions of entry exercise the geotechnical profession of the Geotechnical Chamber of Greece (GCG), Tax Identification Number (TIN) and vet operating legally.***

6. Veterinarians who carry electronic labelling (domestic) despozomenon pet are required to check the functionality of electronic labelling and use the means that meet the requirements of paragraph 4. In case of termination for the disposal or use of electronic signs, which do not meet the requirements of paragraph 4, persons who possess or use them, are required to provide conclusive evidence of compliance with the paragraph 4, the competent authorities and control of the system of Article 2.

7. The owner of any pet animal must inform the vet that is certified for the changes in the information registered in the database and are either the same (such as name, address, phone, ID or passport or equivalent document) or the companion animal that has declared in his name (such as death, loss, delivery to another owner), within 15 days of the change in order to update the information in the Internet electronic ballast. In any case the owner is required to change the relevant annotation the health card or passport of the animal by the veterinarian, free of charge at the annual veterinary examination of the animal or vaccination in order to inform the Internet and electronic base.

**Amendment** Paragraph 7 of Article 4 is replaced as follows:

***7. The owner of any companion animal is obliged to inform the vet that is certified for the changes in the information registered in the database and are either the same (such as name, address, phone, ID, passport or other equivalent document) or pet animal, which has stated in its name (such as death, surrender to another owner), not later than 15 days after the change in order to update the information of your Internet Electronic Base. That period excluding the loss, stating within five days, in accordance with subparagraph b of paragraph 1 of Article 5. Anyhow owner change is necessary annotation relative to health card or passport of the animal by a veterinarian free during the annual veterinary examination of the animal or by inoculation, to be informed and the Internet Electronic Database***

8. Completing elements of the health booklet or the pet passport made scripts or through the application of Internet electronic base. The unique code for the electronic identification of companion animal is entered in the health card or passport of the animal or the handwritten identification label.

9. For identification of pet owners (domestic) despozomenon bearing electronic identification, monitoring the health booklet or passport and generally for the purposes of this Article, the Municipal Police Services, the Hunting clubs and officials of Customs and veterinary inspection stations (BIP) equipped with appropriate sensors, the acquisition costs of which shall be borne by the Ministry of Rural Development and Food.

**Amendment** Paragraph 9 of Article 4 is replaced as follows:

***9. To identify the owners despozomenon pet flying electronic tagging, control the health booklet or passport and generally for the purposes of this Article, the Greek Police, Forest Service, Customs, the Stations of veterinary inspection (SYKE) the Coast Guard – Greek Coast Guard and game wardens hunting clubs, provided with suitable detectors, the acquisition costs of which shall be borne by the Ministry of Rural Development and Food and by a detector per carrier.***

10. Not later than one month from publication of this Law, the Pan-Hellenic Veterinary Association is obliged to hand in an electronic format, compatible with the Internet computer database, data owners and marking codes of pets, which has recorded the this award in respect of electronic database until the effective date hereof, maintaining access to said base with a password.

Also, password given to local government to have control (domestic) despozomenon and stray animals in their administrative boundaries.

11. The Web Based Electronic marking and registration of pets and their owners into operation one month after the date of publication hereof in the Official Gazette.

12. The Minister of Agriculture regulates the conditions for creating an electronic database of Internet, especially the issues concerning the certification process and obtaining a password to the implementing agencies marking and registration of pets and their owners in the Internet E-Base, and any other matter relating to the organization and operation of the base.

## **Article 5**

### *Obligations pet owners (domestic) despozomenou*

1. The owner of a pet (domestic) despozomenou required to:

a) provide for marking and recording of the animal, and a health booklet before leaving the animal's place of birth and certainly within two months from birth or that within a month from finding or acquisition, and to place a prominent collar of the animal's metal pin, which is given annually by veterinarians at the annual rabies vaccination,

**Amendment** Article 5 of Law 4039/2012 a) a case of paragraph 1 of Article 5 shall be replaced as follows:

***a) provide for the marking and registration of the animal, as well as for issuing health card before leaving the animal birth place and in any case within two months of the birth of or within one month of finding or acquisition, and to place it in a conspicuous place of the collar of the animal metal badge, which is given by veterinarians when making rabies vaccination.***

b) state within five days loss of the animal to a veterinarian certified in Web Based Electronic marking and registration of pets and their owners,

c) comply with standards of animal welfare and to ensure that the veterinary examination , which is evidenced by an entry in the health card or the passport of the animal, and to endeavour to ensure comfortable, healthy and suitable accommodation, adapted to the natural lifestyle of the animal, allowing it to be in its natural standing position, without hampering the natural movements and the ability to carry out the necessary health and welfare of the exercise,

d) be equipped with the passport of the animal if they are to travel abroad with it, which must be in accordance with Annexes 2 and 3

**Amendment** Article 5 of Law 4039/2012 The case d of paragraph 1 of Article 5 shall be replaced as follows:

***d. be provided with the animal's passport, if he is going to travel with it abroad and keep up to date on every change of owner or temporary owner. The passport must be in accordance with Annexes 2 and 3.***

e) may leave the animal, while if it wishes to divest itself of the pet animal must notify the department of the municipality of the place of residence of his intention to deliver it to him and to receive from certified veterinarian copy of the change of registration of the animal in the Web Based Electronic marking and registration of pets, stating the municipality as a temporary holder of most stray animal,

f) provide for the immediate cleaning up the environment from the faeces of the animal unless assistance dog is,

g) provide for the sterilization, if they do not want the maintenance of newborn animals and cannot allocate them to new owners.

**Amendment** Article 5 of Law 4039/2012 After g of paragraph 1 of Article 5, the party and the event is added as follows:

***h) to produce or send by mail, on receipt, the appropriate municipality a copy of the certificate of electronic tagging of the animal.***

2. The pet owner is liable for any loss or damage caused by the animal, in accordance with Article 924 of the Civil Code. For stray animals pets, except those of paragraph 5 of Article 9, the corresponding liability is borne by the appropriate municipality.

3. Especially the dog owner:

a) to ensure the walk is always a companion dog,

b) must take appropriate measures in order not to leave free his dog from the area of his property and goes into other areas in public ownership or spaces.

**Amendment** Article 5 of Law 4039/2012 is amended as follows: after paragraph b of paragraph 3 shall be added to the party and c as follows:

***c) to avoid accidents is required during the walk to keep the dog tied up and is a short distance from him. The same requirement applies to any companion animal, beyond the owner.***

4. The owner of hunting dogs during hunting or any moving along with his dog for this purpose has the obligation to bring him up to date health card or passport of the dog. The obligations of the cases a and b of the preceding paragraph shall not apply to assistance dogs, and for flock guard dogs, the hunting dogs and rescue dogs during the storage of congregation, hunting, training and search and rescue, respectively.

5. Hunting license withdrawn by hunter whose dog used in hunting, not marked in accordance with a case of paragraph 1 and has not entered manually or with the identification label, the number of CE in health card or passport the pet animal to be marked that particular animal. The means of transport, used in this case must be appropriate with adequate space, lighting and ventilation and to satisfy the physiological needs of the animal.

6. In addition to the regions defined by the Article 57 of Law 2637/1998 “Establishment of Certification Agency Accounts, Payment and Control Agency Community Aids Guidance and Guarantee Fund, Organisation and Certification Supervision of Agricultural Products, General Managers and staff positions at the Ministry of Agriculture and ‘Rural Land Development Company “SA and other provisions “(A 200) in the controlled hunting areas may be set dogs confined spaces fitness and games are held to dogs hunting skills in terms of indicators and conditions set out in both cases with joint decision of the Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate Change and the Minister of Rural Development and Food.

7. After 30 days of publication of this law banned advertisements for pets for sale, adoption or free grant forms, brochures, billboard or a website, without specifying the number of the micro chip.

**8.a.** Prohibited for import to Greece pets, not tagged. Data labelling of imported animals (code labelling and importer name), from outside the EU recorded at entry points in Greece and is updated directly by the electronic database of the Ministry of Rural Development and Food.

**B.** No person shall remove an electronic marking of the owner of a pet (in order to forestall abandonment of an animal) or by another person or by a veterinarian (to prevent illegal purpose).

## **Article 6**

### ***Raising, breeding and pet trade***

**1.** The natural or legal person or association of persons who commercially breed, reproduce or sell pet food, must be equipped with corresponding establishment and operation license issued by the Directorate General for Regional Veterinary and Agricultural Economy of the Region, which has home or office, subject to the control of that authority and comply with the conditions laid down in Presidential Decree 184/1996.

For authorization breeding, reproduction and marketing pets should be kept welfare rules, safety rules, rules for proper veterinary and animal perception of the provisions of Law 604/1977 and Presidential Decree 463/1978.

The farmed, or reproduced for sale Dogs and cats have a health card or passport, marked and stored in the obligatory Web Based Email Article 4. In breeding, reproduction and marketing must be observed all the rules of welfare, security and provision of adequate veterinary care. When kept more than two breeding female dogs or marked more than two births per year in breeding bitches needed the compulsory license for breeding and pet trade.

For each breeding sow records are maintained. Female dogs are not pollinated breeding until the second oestrus cycle and in no case earlier than nine months since the last birth. Also not be reproduced after the 9th year of age of the animal.

**Amendment** Article 6 of Law 4039/2012 is amended as follows: The fifth sentence of paragraph 1 of Article 6 shall be replaced after this subparagraph is added as follows:

*When even bred a female dog breeding for commercial purposes requires a mandatory permit system breeding, reproduction and marketing pet. Royalty rearing, breeding and marketing of pet animals required for amateur breeders of dogs or cats if the conditions of the preceding paragraph.*

2. Not be selected for breeding pets that anatomical and physiological characteristics or features of their behaviour may, depending on the type and race, than to shown harmful to health and welfare of the female reproductive pet and its progeny. The identification of harmful characteristics is the Minister of Agriculture.

3. You may not sell a pet before the age of eight (8) weeks.

**Amendment** Article 6 of Law 4039/2012 is amended as follows: Paragraph 3 of Article 6 shall be replaced as follows:

**3. Prohibited:**

*a) the sale of dogs and cats in outdoor public places, including outdoor markets,*

*b) the sale of pets younger than eight (8) weeks*

*c) the importation and marketing of dogs that are mutilated,*

*d) the reproduction of dogs that are mutilated.*

4. For authorization rearing, breeding and marketing of pet and dog trainer license specified by the Minister of Agriculture and the competent minister any specific terms and conditions to be met by breeding sites, breeding, trading and training of pets on the premises, places of residence or stay of animal welfare conditions and the necessary equipment for each species, the competent authority, the audit process and sanctions, and any other relevant matter.

**Amendment** Article 6 of Law 4039/2012 is amended as follows: paragraph 4 of Article 6 shall be replaced as follows:

***4. For authorization rearing, breeding and marketing of pet and dog trainer authorization to professional and amateur breeders, the Minister of Rural Development and Food and any competent Minister sets out the specific terms and conditions that must be met sites for breeding, reproduction, marketing and training of pets as to facilities, living quarters or residence of the animal welfare conditions and the necessary equipment to animal species, the competent authority control, process control and sanctions, and any other relevant matter.***

5. Upon sale of an animal, signed the “Declaration of New Market animal ownership” between the seller and buyer, the new owner, in the format “Market Statement animal” in Annex 5.

## **Article 7**

### ***Organisation reports pets***

1. The natural or legal person or association, which organizes exhibitions pet must be fitted with a permit, issued by the competent Veterinary Service of the relevant municipality and which has not been established by the Office of Agricultural Development of the Municipality.

**Amendment** Article 6 of Law 4039/2012 is amended as follows: Paragraph 1 of Article 7 of Law 4039/2012 is replaced

***1) The natural or legal person or association of persons organized exhibitions with pets, must be provided with a license, issued by the department of Veterinary relevant Municipality and where this has not been established by the Veterinary Service of the Regional Unity.***

2. During the exhibition pets must be under the direct supervision of the owner, keeper or associates, who must not cause them fear or pain. Pets that exhibit aggressive behaviour without cause to other animals or humans must be muzzled or removed from the report. The presence of a veterinarian is required throughout the duration of exposure.
3. Pets, participating in exhibitions, have been marked and registered and the person accompanying them to bring their health card or passport, by showing that they are vaccinated and have undergone recent (treatment against worms/parasites).
4. The participation of mutilated animals in all kinds of reports.

## **Article 8**

### ***Keeping pets in homes***

1. Allowed to have pets (domestic) despozomenon each residence. In apartment buildings, consisting of two permitted despozomenon keeping pets in each apartment, provided that they:
  - a) sharing the same apartment with the owner or the holder
  - b) do not remain permanently on the terraces or in the open spaces of the apartment,
  - c) staying in the apartment buildings is subject to compliance with welfare rules, health rules and police regulations on the common Quiet/noise laws and
  - d) have been tested electronically marked, recorded and have health card. It cannot be denied to keep a pet if this meets with the building regulation, if the conditions of the previous paragraph. In the same regulations may limit the maximum number of animals allowed, to two (2) animals per apartment. Allowed to have 2 pets that have been marked and registered legally and bring health booklet in houses provided that the rules on welfare and current health conditions and provisions on police noise laws are maintained.
3. The retention of pets in public areas of the building. But allowed in the flats, the roof, and open space in the garden where there is the unanimous decision of general meeting of owners.
4. These numerical limitations apply only to dogs and cats. For other pets, must comply with the conditions in paragraph 2.

## **Article 9**

### *Collection and stray pets*

1. Municipalities must ensure that the collection and management of stray pets, according to this article.

This power may be exercised by associations of municipalities, as well as animal welfare associations and unions in cooperation with the competent municipality where they have infrastructure, consisting of the availability of appropriate facilities and relevant animal transport vehicles and personnel with experience in handling animals.

The Minister of Agriculture determined the type and number of facilities and vehicles, and the experience of the work force, which must have the animal welfare associations and unions to exercise the powers of this paragraph.

**Amendment** Article 9 of Law 4039/2012 is amended as follows: Paragraph 1 of Article 9 shall be replaced as follows:

***1) Municipalities must ensure that the collection and management of stray pets, according to this article.***

***The power may be exercised by associations Municipalities and filozoikes of associations and unions, preceded by a written agreement with the relevant municipality, who is in overall charge of stray pets within its administrative limits.***

***The animal welfare associations and unions approved by the competent municipality must have an infrastructure consisting of the existence of appropriate related facilities or animal transport vehicles and manpower with experience in handling animals.***

***The Minister of Rural Development and Food down the type and number of facilities and vehicles, and the experience of human resources, which need to have the animal welfare associations and unions, to exercise the powers of this paragraph.***

2. For the above purpose or any municipality or adjacent municipalities cooperating establish and operate municipal or inter-communal veterinary clinics and shelters stray pets permitted cooperation with interested associations and animal welfare or animal lovers and volunteers in owned or leased or licensed from the State, Region or private spaces.

The municipalities may be offered financial aid from public or private entities to establish and operate shelters.

The stray pet shelters are temporary places of residence and care and the establishment and operation are governed by the existing provisions on animal habitats of Law 604/1977 and Presidential Decree 463/1978.

Monitoring compliance with the conditions of operation conducted by the Directorate-General Regional Veterinary and Agricultural Economy of the Region, in accordance with Article 12 of Law 604/1977.

The provisions of paragraph 2 thereof shall be determined by administrative fines 1,000 to 10,000 euro.

Under the authority of municipalities can be established and operated shelters or veterinary clinics and pet stray animals and animal welfare associations and unions, with the appropriate veterinary personnel (1 – 50 animals per veterinarian), technical infrastructure, facilities and equipment required under the provisions of Law 604/1977 and Presidential Decree 463/1978.

**Amendment** Article 9 of Law 4039/2012 is amended as follows: In paragraph 2 of Article 9, the sixth paragraph of this replaced as follows:

***2) Under the authority of municipalities, may be established and operated shelters or veterinary stray pets from animal welfare organizations and associations that have the appropriate veterinary staff, a veterinarian at least 50 animals, technical infrastructure, facilities and necessary equipment, in accordance with the provisions of Law 604/1977 and Presidential Decree 463/1978, as applicable.***

3. For the collection of stray pets up workshops for people properly trained and experienced in pet birds, guided and supervised in their work by a veterinarian appointed by the Veterinary department of the municipality and, where this has not been established, the Office of Agricultural Development of the municipality or by the Department of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine of the Regional Unit.

**Amendment** Article 9 of Law 4039/2012 is amended as follows: Paragraph 3 of Article 9 shall be replaced as follows:

***3. When collecting stray pet by people properly trained and experienced in captive pet.***

***The workshops are checked for their work, as with the permitted methods of capture and captivity of these animals by a veterinarian of the department of Veterinary municipality and, where this has not been established by a veterinarian of the Veterinary Department of the Directorate of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine of the relevant Regional Unity.***

***Supervision and control shall be based on risk analysis. Concern for the education of these individuals has the appropriate municipality.***

4. Stray pets, which are collected, partially driven into existing shelters stray pet veterinary clinics in primary or in exceptional cases and in private veterinary clinics, which have the appropriate infrastructure and can accommodate temporary and for a reasonable period to care for animals until their full recovery, subject to veterinary examination, neutered, marked with electronic tagging as a stray and recorded in the online electronic database. If it is determined by veterinary examination to be injured or suffering from a curable disease, reported to the appropriate treatment. If found to be dangerous to pets or suffer from an incurable disease or are completely unable to support themselves due to old age or disability and the preservation of life is manifestly contrary to the rules and deny welfare animal welfare associations in the region to take care, supervision and the adoption process, euthanized.

**Amendment** Article 9 of Law 4039/2012 is amended as follows: Paragraph 4 of Article 9 shall be replaced as follows:

*4.a) The stray pets that are collected, driven partially to existing shelters stray pet in elementary veterinary or, in exceptional cases, and in private veterinary practices, with appropriate infrastructure can accommodate temporarily and for a reasonable time to the animal care, until their full recovery, subject to veterinary examination, neutered, marked with electronic tagging as a stray and recorded in the online electronic database.*

*b) If it is determined by veterinary examination that is injured or suffering from a curable disease, reported to appropriate treatment.*

*c) If it is determined by veterinary examination that is dangerous or pets that suffer from an incurable disease or are completely unable to support themselves due to age or disability and keeping them alive is manifestly contrary to the welfare rules and refuse the animal welfare clubs region to take care, supervision and adoption process, they are then subjected to euthanasia.*

5. Stray pets, who collected and identified by the markings that are owner has failed to declare or declare their loss, returned to him.

6. Stray pets, which are collected and found to be healthy or can be cured by the delivery of the owner may be adopted by adults or animal welfare associations and clubs that operate legally.

7. In all cases the pets, adopted, marked and recorded electronically directly to the Web Based Email with full details of temporary and permanent owner and subjected to vaccination and worming. In the tradition of an animal up for adoption is signed “Declaration of Adoption animal from the new owners of” between the head of the shelter or animal welfare associations and the new owner, according to the Model “Animal Adoption Statement” of Annex 4.

**8.** In the case of adoption of stray pets from an interested new owner, not a permanent resident of Greece, the adoption is effected by direct delivery to interested new owners provided that the animals has been neutered, marked and recorded in the online electronic database full details of the temporary possession and full details of the new owner, resulting from formal proof. The retention and retention of animals in shelters abroad.

**9.** Pets less than five (5) months, not adopted, remain temporarily shelters animals, maintained by municipalities or Inter municipal Centres and working with animal welfare organizations such as unions and associations reaching the age of five (5) months, having the necessary veterinary care.

Pets that have not been adopted and in the opinion of the veterinarian judged to be healthy, directly reintegrated in their familiar environment, within the administrative limits of the City where collected after having checked that they have been marked and recorded electronically and that have been wormed, vaccinated and sterilized.

**10.** To restore the natural environment of stray pets considered the density of the population of stray animals in the region in the area restored.

Responsibility for the supervision and care of stray animals together the municipalities who may even create and points of food and water for animals, and collaborating with these animal welfare associations and unions.

You may not return animals to areas with hospitals, schools, sports centres, motorways, ports, airports and archaeological sites.

By decision of the five-member committee of paragraph 12 of this Article shall regulate the methods for determining the density of the population of stray animals in the area are retrieved, and the delineation of areas where they may not be restored.

Paragraphs 10, 11 and 12 of Article 9 shall be replaced as follows:

**Amendment** Article 9 (Paragraphs) 10) of Law 4039/2012 is amended as follows:

***10. To restore the natural environment of stray pets taken into account the density of the population of stray animals in the area are restored.***

***The responsibility for the supervision and care of stray animals have, together, Municipalities, who indeed may create points and provide food and water for the animals, as well as collaborating with animal welfare organizations and associations.***

***Does not prohibit the provision of food and water in stray pets from animal lovers citizens, provided that the standards of cleanliness and hygiene.***

***You may not return to areas with hospitals, schools, sports centers, highways, locations disembarkation and boarding ferry transport to ports, airports, railway stations, the walled archaeological sites and paddocks of Central Purchasing Agency and Fisheries and AE Central Market SA Thessaloniki..***

***By decision of the five-member committee of paragraph 12 shall regulate the procedures for determining the density of the population of stray animals in the area are restored, and the demarcation of the areas may not be restored.***

11. The sterilization to stray pets, as well as marking and recording charges and foreign volunteers from veterinarians who meet all the requirements, so that they can legally exercise the profession of veterinary medicine in Greece, according to the EU and national legislation.

The sterilization may be performed in facilities suitable for mobile veterinary practice acts, which have the above veterinarians. For mobile facilities for veterinary instruments granted authorization by the Veterinary department of the municipality and which has not been established by the Office of Agricultural Development of the relevant municipality, where it started, if the requirements set out in the Minister of Rural Development and Food issued in accordance with the provisions of section 13.

Volunteers foreign veterinarians to carry out sterilization to stray pets may be available the facilities of the offices of the Directorate, Department of, and competent Veterinary Services of the Region, Regional Municipality of Unity or if space is available, for realization of sterilization under the supervision of a certified veterinarian. These facilities are granted for some time, after one months notice and approval of the heads of relevant departments.

**Amendment** Article 9 (Paragraphs 11) of Law 4039/2012 is amended as follows:

***11) The neutering stray pets, as well as marking and recording made free by volunteers and veterinary professionals, who have the Greek citizenship or nationality of a Member – States of the European Union and who gather all the necessary conditions, in order to assert the legitimate veterinary practice in Greece.***

***Volunteer veterinarians who move to the country, in order to practice as a veterinarian temporarily or occasionally, carry only neutering stray animals and marking.***

***Volunteers veterinarians to perform the sterilization, labeling and recording of stray pets can be placed on the premises of the office of the competent Veterinary Service of the Region, Regional Unit or municipality or other premises belonging to the region or municipality where are available under the supervision of the abovementioned competent services.***

***The Minister of Rural Development and Food sets the requirements of these facilities, their equipment, the time of disposal, the disposal process and any related matter. For the same purpose, may be placed and places local private veterinary practices.***

***Neutering, marking and recording of stray pets can be effected and mobile facilities suitable for veterinary practice acts, have volunteers veterinarians. For mobile facilities provide veterinary instruments granted authorization by the competent authority of the concerned Regional Veterinary Unit, where they are to operate, provided that the requirements laid down in the decision of the Minister of Rural Development and Food issued in accordance with the provisions of section 13.***

12. In each municipality constituted by decision of the Mayor's five-member monitoring committee management program stray pets, two members appointed by the most representative animal welfare associations and associations based in the municipality or the Regional Unity. Mandatory participate in a committee (1) veterinarian and one (1) representative hunting club located in the municipality or the Regional area.

The said Committee shall decide on the risk of a pet animal, as defined in paragraph f of Article 1 hereof, and addresses the problems encountered in the management of stray animals. Municipalities, the Regional Sections and Regions creates a network of public information about animals available for adoption.

**Amendment** Article 9 (Paragraphs 12) of Law 4039/2012 is amended as follows:

*a) In every municipality established by decision of the Mayor's five-member monitoring committee management program stray pets, two members shall be appointed by the animal welfare organizations and associations operating lawfully resident in the municipality or relevant Regional Unity.*

*Participate in the Committee:*

*aa) One (1) veterinarian designated by the appropriate municipality and who is, preferably, the director of program management of stray pets and failing that other private veterinarian.*

*b) One (1) dog trainer, who is a member of a recognized professional association lawfully dog trainers and failing that a representative of the relevant municipality.*

*One (1) representative designated by the appropriate municipality, with his deputy.*

*The committee decided to risk a pet, according to the definition of f of Article 1, as applicable, and addresses the problems*

*arising in the management of stray animals. Municipalities, the Regional Sections and Regions create a network of public information about animals available for adoption.*

*b) In the event that there is disagreement about the risk of a stray pet or the necessity of carrying out euthanasia in stray pet, the final decision takes special scientific committee established in each municipality by decision of the Mayor and consists of*  
*aa) a veterinarian of the veterinary services of the Regional Unit of the deputy,*

*b) a private veterinarian legally practicing the profession in the country and is active in the area of jurisdiction of the municipality or neighboring municipality with his deputy,*

*a veterinarian legally practicing the profession in the country and works with the Animal Welfare organization active in the area of jurisdiction of the municipality or municipality adjacent to his deputy.*

*If aggressive animal, the Municipality may consult dog trainer, who is a member of a legally recognized union dog trainers.*

13. The Minister of Rural Development Food to regulate matters relating to Committees improper methods of euthanasia, the operating conditions of mobile facilities to carry out veterinary, veterinary instruments, to stray pets, and any other relevant matter.

14. A presidential decree issued upon proposal of the Ministers of Finance, Interior and Rural Development and Food:

**Amendment** Article 9 (Paragraphs 14) of Law 4039/2012 is amended as follows:

*14) By decision of the Ministers of Interior and Rural Development and Food identifies the additional terms and conditions for the grant of the competent District Municipalities, Municipalities and Associations under the supervision of the municipalities, in approved animal care unions and associations license to establish and operate shelters stray pet, the terms and conditions that must be met shelters stray pets for their operation and all related matters.*

- a) may be amended terms and conditions for granting to municipalities by the appropriate District permit the establishment and operation of shelters stray pets, under Law 604/1977 and Presidential Decree 463/1978, put new additional terms and conditions of the shelters and to determine the time needed to adapt the already existing shelters and stray pet.
- b) is determined by the Municipality, the Association of Municipalities, which sponsored the creation and operation of shelter, the amount The procedure and conditions for payment of financial assistance and any other relevant matter.

**Amendment** After paragraph 14 of Article 9 Paragraph 15 is added as follows:

**15. By decision of the Minister of Finance, Interior and Rural Development and Food down the City and the Association of Municipalities, sponsored the creation and operation of the shelter stray pets and the implementation of management actions stray pet, amount, process and conditions for the payment of financial assistance and any other relevant matter.**

## **Article 10**

### *Travel and transportation of pets*

1. The movement and transportation of pets is governed by the provisions of Regulation (RC) 998/2003 of the European Parliament and Council of May 26, 2003 “for the animal health requirements applicable to non-commercial movement of pet animals and amending Directive 92/65/EEC, “Council Regulation (EU) 388/2010 of May 6, 2010, Regulation (RC) 1/2005 of 22 December 2004” to protect animals during transport “and the provisions of Presidential Decree 184/1996 (S 137).
2. Without prejudice to more favourable provisions of the Highway Code or the Regulations of the Public Transportation authorizing the transfer of small pets at all road, rail and fixed rail public transport and in taxis and passenger ships, where the animals are placed in safe cage and is accompanied by the owner or holder. Dogs help if they carry a muzzle and leash can be transported without transport cage and regardless of their size.

**Amendment** The second sentence of paragraph 2 of Article 10 of Law 4039/2012 is replaced as follows:

***10.2) The assistance dogs, they carry strap handle can be carried on means of transport, without transport cage without a muzzle, regardless of their size.***

3. Passenger ships have required clean cages, protected from adverse weather conditions for transferring large pets.
4. Paragraphs 1 and 2 shall not apply during handling or transport, carried out by crews collecting stray animals and animal transport crews of Article 9 and from veterinary clinics, veterinary clinics and shelters in the Territory.

## **Article 11**

***Prevent access of stray animals in pet waste and dead animal collection***

1. Slaughterhouse operators, butchers, hospitals, camps, camps, food distribution shops, catering facilities and general health interest areas are required to take appropriate measures to prevent access of stray pet waste in their facilities.
2. The services, which according to the provisions in charge of cleaning the streets of national, provincial and district have a direct obligation to remove from the streets and sidewalks, dead animals and ensure that the incineration or landfill, accordance with national and Community legislation. Pet cremation founded and operated by municipalities and Municipal Associations.
3. A presidential decree issued upon proposal of the Ministers of Interior, Health and Welfare and Rural Development and Food, by specifying the appropriate measures and obligations of officers of paragraph 1 to achieve the prevention of access to pet waste and services competent bodies of paragraph 2 and the collection of dead animals. The disposal of dead pets (incineration, landfilling, etc.) in accordance with applicable national and Community legislation.

**Amendment** Paragraph 3 of Article 11 of Law 4039/2012 is replaced as follows:

***3) The disposal of dead pet animals, such as incineration and landfill, conducted in accordance with applicable national and EU legislation.***

## **Article 12**

### *Prohibition of use of any kind in any kind of animal shows and other related activities*

1. The retention of each type of animal in a circus or a theatre company with a varied program, where animals are used in any manner for any purpose in their program, make representations or parade or appear before the public.
2. The retention of each type of animal in gaming entertainment companies, track, musical concerts, exhibitions, fairs or other artistic or entertainment events, as long as the animals used in any manner for any purpose in their program.

**Amendment** Upon paragraph 2 of article 12 of Law 4039/2012 added the second paragraph as follows:

***2.a. Subject to the provisions of Article 7 prohibits the use of animals in outdoor public report for the financial benefit.***

3. The keeping, training and use of animals for any kind of duel. It also banned the breeding and using dogs and cats for fur, leather, meat or the manufacture of pharmaceuticals or other substances.

## **Article 13**

**Exceptions 1.** From the prohibitions laid down in Article 12 paragraphs 1 and 2, operating legally exempt zoos, aquariums, shopping sale of animals, shelters wildlife species and game farms, which are governed by special provisions, provided that the above sites do not place any kind of performances involving animals.

**Amendment** Paragraph 1 of Article 13 of Law 4039/2012 is replaced as follows:

***1) From the prohibitions laid down in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 12 are excluded, the duly accredited zoos, aquariums, shops selling animal shelters wildlife species, the farming game and reports the development and promotion of livestock and agriculture governed by special provisions, provided that the above areas are not conducted performances of all kinds, involving animals, except dressage performances and conducting equestrian sports that include jumping, dressage and eventing.***

2. The provisions of Article 12 shall be without prejudice to Article 7, and the specific provisions relating to horse racing.

## **Article 14**

Competent Authority responsible authority for the implementation of Article 12 is the Local Authority, which issues the business licenses of the event or performance under Article 81 of Law 3463/2006.

## **Article 15**

### *Solemn Declaration*

1. Where for-profit, entertainment or art shows, music or representational art or other artistic or similar souls or productive activities or programs than those mentioned in Article 12, the issue of authorization, the applicant for a license must submit to the competent authorization authority and affirmation of Law 1599/1986 that it keeps animals on the premises for use in any way in the program or event subject to the exceptions listed in Article 13.

2. The competent authority of Article 14 the right to make spot checks at the site of the company at any time before or after issuance of the license, to determine whether the provisions of this law.

During the audit, the authority may request the assistance of the police, if necessary. The company shall assist the authority in the course of the audit. In case of refusal to be granted the operating license or, if already granted, is revoked.

3. The principle of Article 14 is responsible for receiving and examining complaints of others, individuals or associations concerning infringements of Article 12 hereof. On termination the authority is obliged to direct spot within the next business day.

## **Article 16**

### *Abuse of animals*

**A.** Subject to special cases specifically provided by existing EU and national legislation and the provision of third sentence of paragraph 4 of Article 9 prohibits torture, abuse, poor and brutal treatment any animal species, and any act violence against him, especially as the poisoning, hanging, drowning, burning, crushing and amputation. The neutering of the animal and any veterinary practice for therapeutic purposes is not considered amputation.

**B.** is prohibited, except films and audiovisual educational, sales, marketing and presentation – Internet Traffic by any audiovisual material such as video or other film or photographic material that shows any act of violence against animals and sexual intercourse between animals or between animals and humans for profit or sexual gratification of people who attend or participate in them. This prohibition includes the case of fighting between animals.

**C.** If a pet injured in a traffic accident, the perpetrator of this act, shall immediately notify the appropriate municipality, in order to provide the necessary injured animal veterinary care.

## **Article 17**

### *Develop and implement programs to prevent and control animal diseases*

**1.** The prevention and treatment of diseases transmitted from animals to humans or other animals of the same or otherwise, about specific programs, compiled by the Directorate General of Veterinary Ministry of Agriculture and implemented by the veterinary services local government.

2. If rabies occurred in an animal, the Veterinary Directorate General may take additional steps or in a particular region of the country or across the Territory other than those provided by the provisions of Laws 1197/1981 and 2017/1992.
3. With the Minister of Agriculture established the veterinary health rules and conditions relating to the prevention of risk of invasion or escape to the country of epizootic diseases.

**Amendment** Immediately after Article 17 of Law 4039/2012 added Article 17 as follows:

**Article 17a - Addressing leishmaniasis**

***One. Domestic dogs, who have been diagnosed with the disease leishmaniasis (Leishmania spp) by a veterinarian and has been confirmed by laboratory tests irreversible path, taking into account the rules of health and welfare, and the potential risk to public health, the existence of sandflies – transmitters of that disease, subject to euthanasia with the consent of the owner.***

***Should not apply euthanasia, following the advice of the veterinarian and the liability of owners of domestic dogs, taken all supporting therapeutic and preventive measures, because the disease is classified as a notifiable disease, according to the PD 41/2006 (A 44) and recorded in the book of compulsorily notifiable diseases, which should be kept by each veterinarian.***

***Two. Everybody stray dogs, regardless of the clinical picture, which is under the protection of animal welfare associations or unions or municipalities, if the dogs are in animal shelters or released, respectively, imposed a serological test to detect antibody titer against Leishmania spp, at first contemplation and before any other medical procedure, such as treatment or sterilization.***

***If the result is positive:***

***a) If confirmed by the vet, with additional blood tests, the irreversible path, taking into account the rules of health and welfare, and the potential risk to public health, the existence of sandflies – proponents of Leishmania spp, subject euthanized.***

***b) If, following the advice of a veterinarian, clinical and haematological and parasitological examinations allow therapy dogs should be kept indoors throughout the course of treatment.***

***The treatment prescribed by a veterinarian in accordance with the proposed treatment protocols, using approved pharmaceuticals from the National Medicines Agency or the European Medicines Agency.***

***With responsibility for animal welfare associations or unions or municipalities, depending on whether the dogs are in animal shelters or free, there is a strict registration of animals being treated, kept all the documents the trials and undertakes the full treatment and making appropriate preventive measures for the protection of public health.***

***If dogs are given to contractors should be mandatory written notice of the contractor for antibody titer and then the contractor must assume the responsibility of writing appropriate treatment while controlling the animal-friendly association or corporation or municipality.***

***Each semester must be veterinary examination and detection antibody titer against Leishmania spp for assessing the progress of the disease, in compliance with all documentary evidence of laboratory tests.***

***In any case all the above documentation must be available to the Veterinary Directorate of the Regions of the country for testing.***

## **Article 18**

### *Education, training, promoting caring for animals*

1. The competent authorities of the Ministry of Agriculture in cooperation with other agencies shall:
  - a) to organize training seminars and the view from the media, information and education programs for people who are owners or keepers agreements.and individuals, engaged in farming, education, trade and storage of these animals and to inform local communities and groups about the content of the provisions concerning the protection of animals,
  - b) promoting awareness and develop the idea of caring for animals in kindergartens and schools with events, lectures, screenings, seminars addressing and handling of stray animals and other appropriate educational programs.
  
2. By joint decision of the Ministers of Finance and Rural Development and Food can be financed activities referred to in the preceding paragraphs and to the terms and conditions for such funding.

## **Article 19**

### *Additional protections for the animals*

1. By order of the competent prosecutor temporarily or permanently remove the pet or animal of another class by having the offender to the provisions of Article 5 paragraph 1 a, b and c and Article 16 and surrendered to the animal shelter for stray animals of the relevant municipality or interested in animal-friendly company or association. If animal welfare is particularly harsh and brutal and caused particular pain or fear to the animal, the removal is final. The prosecutor also may by order prohibit the acquisition of another animal from the offender.
2. The prosecutor in charge, when it receives a complaint or publication may, by a field inspection to determine the circumstances prevailing at any stray pet shelter or kennel, and if they do not comply with the provisions of Article 9 and the special provisions, governing their operation, a temporary arrangement, to determine the measures to be taken by the owner of the shelter or kennel, and the period within which to comply.

## **Article 20**

### *Penalties*

1. The illegal pet trade in terms of this law (Article 6, paragraph 1 and Article 10 paragraph 1) shall be punished with imprisonment of at least one year and a fine of five thousand (5,000) euros to fifteen thousand (15,000) euros .
2. Violators of the provisions of paragraphs A and B of Article 16 is punishable by imprisonment of at least one year and a fine of five thousand (5,000) to fifteen thousand (15,000) euros.
3. Violators of the provisions of Article 12 is punishable with imprisonment up to two years and a fine of five thousand (5,000) to fifteen thousand (15,000) euro.
4. Violators of the provision of case b of paragraph 8 of Article 5 and the theft of any pet animal shall be punished with imprisonment up to six months and a fine of up to three thousand (3,000) euros, while

**Amendment** After paragraph 4 of Article 20 paragraph 4 is added as follows:

***4.a) Violators of the provisions of Articles 3, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 11 of Law 2017/1992 (A 31) are punished with penalties provided for in paragraph 2.***

the theft of a hunting dog or assistance dog shall be punished with imprisonment up to one year and fine of five thousand (5,000) up to eight thousand (8,000) euro.

5. Where the preceding paragraphs the report acknowledgment of the offense, drawn up by a competent authority and the same day transmitted to the appropriate municipality for the enforcement of the administrative sanctions and fines.

6. In case of recidivism the fines provided for in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 doubles.

**Amendment** The Article 20 of Law 4039/2012 is amended as follows: a) Paragraph 2 of Article 20 shall be replaced as follows:

***2) Offenders in subparagraphs c and e of paragraph 1 of Article 5, cases c and d of paragraph 3 of Article 6, paragraph 4 of Article 7, and paragraphs a and b of Article 16 punishable by imprisonment of at least one year and a fine of five thousand (5,000) to fifteen thousand (15,000).***

## **Article 21**

*Administrative penalties and fines are administrative penalties and fines imposed for violations of the provisions of this Act listed in the Table below.*

Second. In the case of paragraph 1 of Article 8 is repeated non-compliance within 10 days from the confirmation of the offense.

**B.** In case of recurrence of the above fines are doubled each time while offenders of Articles 6, 7 and 12 is removed and the authorization for a period of one month to one year.

3. Competent bodies acknowledgment of violations of this law are the organs of the Municipal Police of Thirofylakis hunting clubs and officials of Customs and veterinary inspection stations (BIP). If a municipality does not operate a municipal police department, the certificate of violations by institutions other office of the municipality.

4. During the infringement on the ground attested by the competent body that provided administrative fine and a copy of the infringement sent to the veterinary service of territorially competent municipality and which has not been established Office of Agricultural Development in the City or the Department of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine of the Regional Unit for the enforcement of the established fine.

5. The offender has the right to appear personally or to submit a document *πομνίμα πόμνημα* (unable to translate) within five (5) working days to the Head of the Veterinary Service of the territorially competent municipality and which is not up to the Head

Office of Agricultural Development territorially competent municipality, or Head of the Department of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine of the Regional Unity to present his objections. The decision, which dealt with the objections, must be fully justified by reference to specific facts and data.

6. If no objections are raised or reject the administrative fine endorsed by the Head of the Authority and paid by half within ten days from the confirmation of the offense. Expires if the above deadline, the administrative fine payable to the beneficiary local government without deduction, within two (2) months from the confirmation.

7. The fines of the administrative offenses and were not paid within the period of two (2) months, established after over two months required above within three (3) months from the relevant local government the competent tax office taxation of the offender. The confirmation of these fines is to write and send verbal lists, as defined in Article 58 of Presidential Decree 16/1989 wherein a specific code number for the State Budget Income, and the amounts received, net of collection costs, given by four of the Interior Ministry, which distributes them to local government based coefficients, determined by the Minister of Interior issued a proposal from the Central Union of Municipalities of Greece. These amounts are allocated exclusively for the improvement of municipal shelters and veterinary clinics and meeting costs arising from the application of this law.

8. In case of continuing offense, department, ensures that the sets a reasonable time to remove and if the offender does not comply with new fine imposed after each new assessment of the offense.

9. By joint decision of the Ministers of Finance, Interior and Rural Development and Food sets out specific issues on the way and the process of collection, disposal and revaluation of fines and any other relevant matter.

b) Paragraph 3 of Article 21 shall be replaced as follows:

**Amendment** The Article 21 of Law 4039/2012 is amended as follows:

a) The table **Administrative Penalties and Fines** under Article 21 of Law 4039/2012 is replaced as follows:

<b>(1)</b>	
<b>Violation</b>	Non application by the owner, occupier or manager of animal protection rules and their wellbeing and non-compliance on their part, the specific requirements of case b of Article 1 to ensure respect for their existence.
<b>Definition</b>	Article 1, case b)
<b>Fine</b>	<b>EURO 500</b>
<b>(2)</b>	
<b>Violation</b>	Failure marking and registration of a pet or a declaration of losing a pet.
<b>Definition</b>	Article 4 Article 5 & 7 paragraph 1 section a)
<b>Fine</b>	<b>EURO 300</b>
<b>(3)</b>	
<b>Violation</b>	Failure to observe the rules of animal welfare and pet veterinary examination of the animal.
<b>Definition</b>	Article 5 paragraph 1 case c)
<b>Fine</b>	<b>EURO 500</b>
<b>(4)</b>	
<b>Violation</b>	Non updated health card possession and non-possession updated passport in case of travel abroad or to any change of owner or provisional holder.
<b>Definition</b>	Article 5 paragraph 1 case c) section d)
<b>Fine</b>	<b>EURO 300</b>

<b>(5)</b>	
<b>Violation</b>	Quitting ( <i>ABANDON</i> ) animal without observance of the requirements in Article 5 paragraph 1 case b) and e) and avoid sterilization without complying with the provisions of article 5 paragraph 1 g approx).
<b>Definition</b>	Article 5 paragraph 1 case b) and e) and g)
<b>Fine</b>	<b>EURO 300</b>
<b>(6)</b>	
<b>Violation</b>	Absence of a valid rabies vaccination and not putting the metal badge or omission direct environmental clean the feces of the animal.
<b>Definition</b>	Article 5 paragraph 1 section a) and f)
<b>Fine</b>	<b>EURO 100</b>
<b>(7)</b>	
<b>Violation</b>	Failure to produce the relevant Municipality copy of the Certificate of electronic identification.
<b>Definition</b>	Article 5 paragraph 1
<b>Fine</b>	<b>EURO 300</b>
<b>(8)</b>	
<b>Violation</b>	Failure to observe the rules for safe walking the dog or damage from dog or failing to take measures to prevent the exit of the dog from the property owner / holder / escort / guard
<b>Definition</b>	Article 5 Paragraph 2 and 3
<b>Fine</b>	<b>EURO 300</b>

<b>(9)</b>	
<b>Violation</b>	Non possession updated passport / health book of hunting dog in any movement of the animal.
<b>Definition</b>	Article 5 Paragraph 4
<b>Fine</b>	<b>EURO 300</b>
<b>(10)</b>	
<b>Violation</b>	Post and / or billboard ad for pets for adoption or allotment or sale in form, brochure or web site without reference to the number of electronic labeling (MICRO CHIP)
<b>Definition</b>	Article 5 Paragraph 7
<b>Fine</b>	<b>EURO 300</b>
<b>(11)</b>	
<b>Violation</b>	Log in Greek territory pet that does not have electronic tagging.
<b>Definition</b>	Article 5 paragraph 8 section a)
<b>Fine</b>	<b>EURO 300</b>
<b>(12)</b>	
<b>Violation</b>	Removing the electronic marking of the owner or other person or veterinarian.
<b>Definition</b>	Article 5 Paragraph 8 b approx)
<b>Fine</b>	<b>EURO 3,000 and disqualification profession of veterinary</b>
<b>(13)</b>	
<b>Violation</b>	Raising, breeding or selling of pet animals for commercial purposes without permission.
<b>Definition</b>	Article 6 paragraph 1
<b>Fine</b>	<b>EURO 3,000</b>

<b>(14)</b>	
<b>Violation</b>	Failure marking and registration of farm, replicated or sale of dogs and cats.
<b>Definition</b>	Article 6 paragraph 1
<b>Fine</b>	<b>EURO 3,000</b>
<b>(15)</b>	
<b>Violation</b>	Buy pet younger than 8 weeks and sale of dogs and cats in outdoor public places, including outdoor markets
<b>Definition</b>	Article 6 paragraph 3 case a) and b)
<b>Fine</b>	<b>EURO 1,000 per animal sold</b>
<b>(16)</b>	
<b>Violation</b>	Accommodation pet animals intended for breeding, reproduction or sale for commercial purposes in unsuitable space, non compliance with welfare rules, safety and provide appropriate veterinary care.
<b>Definition</b>	Article 6 paragraph 1
<b>Fine</b>	<b>EURO 2,000</b>
<b>(17)</b>	
<b>Violation</b>	Failing to maintain accurate books health / passport pet animals intended for breeding, reproduction or sale for commercial purposes
<b>Definition</b>	Article 6 paragraph 1
<b>Fine</b>	<b>EURO 1,000 for the first animal plus the 10% for each subsequent</b>

<b>(18)</b>	
<b>Violation</b>	Failure to keep records for each animal breeding female in breeding, available at any time for inspection.
<b>Definition</b>	Article 6 paragraph 1
<b>Fine</b>	EURO 1,000 for the first animal plus the 10% for each subsequent
<b>(19)</b>	
<b>Violation</b>	Breeding for commercial purposes, even a female dog breeding unlicensed breeding.
<b>Definition</b>	Article 6 paragraph 1
<b>Fine</b>	EURO 1,000 for the first animal plus the 10% for each subsequent
<b>(20)</b>	
<b>Violation</b>	Fertilization breeding bitches before the second oestrus cycle and in any event before the expiration of nine months after the last birth.
<b>Definition</b>	Article 6 paragraph 1
<b>Fine</b>	EURO 1,000 for the first animal plus the 10% for each subsequent
<b>(21)</b>	
<b>Violation</b>	Import and marketing of mutilated dogs.
<b>Definition</b>	Article 6 paragraph 3 case c)
<b>Fine</b>	EURO 1,000 per animal
<b>(22)</b>	
<b>Violation</b>	Reproduction of mutilated animals
<b>Definition</b>	Article 6 paragraph 3 case c)
<b>Fine</b>	EURO 1,000 per animal

<b>(23)</b>	
<b>Violation</b>	Exhibition with pets without permission.
<b>Definition</b>	Article 7 paragraph 1
<b>Fine</b>	EURO 5,000 per day event
<b>(24)</b>	
<b>Violation</b>	Causing fear or pain in companion animal during an event or omission direct supervision pet during the event or failure to use muzzles or removal from event pet exhibiting aggressive behavior.
<b>Definition</b>	Article 7 Paragraph 2
<b>Fine</b>	EURO 1,000 per animal
<b>(25)</b>	
<b>Violation</b>	a) Failure marking and registration pet participating in an exhibition or b) presentation mutilated animal for participation in and acceptance of the report of the officer who organizes.
<b>Definition</b>	Article 7 article 3 and article 4
<b>Fine</b>	EURO 1,000 per animal
<b>(26)</b>	
<b>Violation</b>	Skip possession date health booklets / pet passports involved in the report.
<b>Definition</b>	Article 7 paragraph 3
<b>Fine</b>	EURO 1,000 for the first animal plus the 10% for each subsequent

<b>(27)</b>	
<b>Violation</b>	a) Failure to comply with the rules for welfare, health provisions and police regulations on siesta for pets kept in houses and apartments, b) Keeping more than 2 pets in an apartment building, where the Regulation prohibits the keeping of pets.
<b>Definition</b>	Article 8, 1 and 2
<b>Fine</b>	<b>EURO 500 per animal</b>
<b>(28)</b>	
<b>Violation</b>	Conservation and animal stay in a shared room or garden building.
<b>Definition</b>	Article 8
<b>Fine</b>	<b>EURO 300 per animal</b>
<b>(29)</b>	
<b>Violation</b>	Move or transfer to 5 pet in violation of the provisions of Reg 998/2003 and of Regulation 1/2005.
<b>Definition</b>	Article 10 paragraph 1
<b>Fine</b>	<b>EURO 500</b>
<b>(30)</b>	
<b>Violation</b>	Move or transfer more than 5 pet in violation of PD 184/1996 and of Regulation 1/2005.
<b>Definition</b>	Article 10 paragraph 1
<b>Fine</b>	<b>EURO 1,000</b>
<b>(31)</b>	
<b>Violation</b>	Skip pet in public transportation without observance of article 10 paragraph 3.
<b>Definition</b>	Article 10 paragraph 2
<b>Fine</b>	<b>EURO 300 per animal</b>

<b>(32)</b>	
<b>Violation</b>	Absence of specific cages in passenger ships to carry large pet.
<b>Definition</b>	Article 10 paragraph3
<b>Fine</b>	<b>EURO 5,000</b>
<b>(33)</b>	
<b>Violation</b>	Failure to take appropriate measures to prevent access of stray trash from the leaders of the Article 11 paragraph 1.
<b>Definition</b>	Article 11 47paragraph 1
<b>Fine</b>	<b>EURO 600</b>
<b>(34)</b>	
<b>Violation</b>	Maintaining animal circus troupe or if used in any manner or for any purpose in the program, makes any representation or parades or appear in public.
<b>Definition</b>	Article 12 paragraph 1
<b>Fine</b>	<b>EURO 20,000 for each animal kept</b>
<b>(35)</b>	
<b>Violation</b>	Keeping animal in Business Article 12 Paragraph 2 if used in any manner or for any purpose in the program.
<b>Definition</b>	Article 12 Paragraph 2
<b>Fine</b>	<b>EURO 10,000 for each animal kept</b>
<b>(36)</b>	
<b>Violation</b>	Use animal in outdoor public report for the financial benefit.
<b>Definition</b>	Article 12, 2a
<b>Fine</b>	<b>EURO 5,000 for each used animal</b>

<b>(37)</b>	
<b>Violation</b>	Breeding, training and use of an animal in any kind of combat
<b>Definition</b>	Article 12 paragraph 3 first indent
<b>Fine</b>	EURO 10,000 for each animal
<b>(38)</b>	
<b>Violation</b>	Breeding and / or using dog or cat fur, skin, meat or manufacture of pharmaceuticals or other substances.
<b>Definition</b>	Article 12 paragraph 3, second subparagraph
<b>Fine</b>	EURO 10,000 for each animal
<b>(39)</b>	
<b>Violation</b>	Abuse, torture, poor or animal cruelty as well as sale, marketing and presentation - movement through internet any audiovisual material which depicts any type of sexual intercourse with animals as well as any act of violence or killing small animals for profit and sexual satisfaction persons attending or participating in them.
<b>Definition</b>	<p>Article 16 a and b</p> <p>a. With prejudice to cases especially foreseen within the existing EU and national legislation, and the provision of the third sentence of paragraph 4 of Article 9 the following acts are prohibited: torture, abuse, poor and brutal treatment of any animal species, and any act of violence against him, such as especially poisoning, hanging, the drowning, burning, crushing and amputation. The neutering of the animal and any veterinary act with a therapeutic aim, is not considered amputation of the animal.</p> <p>b. It is prohibited, except in films and in general audiovisual material with an educational purpose, the sale, marketing and exhibition - online circulation of audiovisual material, such as videos or other type of film or photographic material that shows any act of violence against animals, as well as sexual intercourse between animals or between animals and humans for profit or sexual gratification of people who attend or participate in them. This prohibition includes the case of dueling between animals.</p>
<b>Fine</b>	EURO 30,000 for each animal and for each incident

<b>(40)</b>	
<b>Violation</b>	Abandonment injured animal after a traffic accident.
<b>Definition</b>	Article 16 paragraph c
<b>Fine</b>	<b>EURO 300</b>
<b>(41)</b>	
<b>Violation</b>	The denial or in any way obstructing the checks carried out by competent bodies assessing violations in the exercise of control tasks and the failure to provide or providing false, incomplete and / or inaccurate information and data.
<b>Definition</b>	
<b>Fine</b>	<b>EURO 300</b>

## **Article 22**

### *Final and transitional provisions*

1. The provisions hereof shall not affect other provisions of law or international conventions, ratified by law and provide greater protection to any species. It also does not affect provisions of law “hunting” (Legislative Decree 86/1969), as it may be true that the regulatory provisions.
2. Where the provisions of this law stated the electronic tagging of animals yntrofias means the marking of dogs and cats.
3. Annexes 1 to 5, referred to the provisions of this Act, an integral part.
4. Business circus troupes in a variety program or other similar companies with similar scope, operating permanently or occasionally in Greece and hold animals in order to use them to their events, or include in their program shows any involvement with any kind of animal, must comply with the provisions of this law within seven months after the entry into force, otherwise the license to operate, and are provided for the administrative and criminal penalties.
5. Within two years of promulgation of this Law are created and operate in any municipality or adjacent municipalities cooperating shelters or stray animals.

## **Article 23**

*Repeal of entry into force of this law repealed the provisions of Articles 1 to 13 of Law 3170/2003 except for paragraph 6 of Article 7 and any other general or special order, which regulates different aspects of this law or contrary to its provisions.*

## **Article 24**

1. To the third article v. 3495/2006 (A 215) «Ratification of the new revised text of the International Plant Protection Convention» shall be renumbered Article fifth.

2. Between the second and fifth articles inserted two articles, which are as follows:

### Article three

Official National Plant Protection Organization official national plant protection organization for the implementation of the International Plant Protection Convention of this law is defined as the Crop Protection Division of the Ministry of Rural Development and Food.

Article fourth Authorization For the purposes of the International Plant Protection Convention of this law established by presidential decree, issued after a proposal by the Minister of Agriculture and the competent minister as appropriate and upon the recommendation of the Department of Crop Protection:

- a) The plant services and entry points, their responsibilities, the plant health inspectors and their functions, official laboratories for the analysis of official samples and standards of operation.
- b) The terms and conditions for the implementation of international norms and standards in accordance with Article X (4) of the International Plant Protection Convention hereof.
- c) The fees or dues and fees, for those who pay them, the services provided, to whom the payment is made and the process of recovery.
- d) Any other necessary technical and detailed implementation issues of International Convention of this law.

## **Article 25**

To Article 17 of the v. 2637/3998 as it had been amended, supplemented and replaced with paragraph 5 of Article 24 of Law 2945/2001, paragraph 6 of Article 29 of Law 3147/2003 and paragraph 4 of Article 19 of Law . 3170/2003 is replaced as follows:

“1. The Law Office of OPEKEPE conducted by lawyers in Article 23 paragraph b of this law.

2. In OPEKEPE legal aid from the Special EU Law Office of Legal Council of State which operates at the Ministry of Rural Development and Food. The advisory work provided upon interrogation by the Minister of Agriculture on matters of EU law.

3. In OPEKEPE recommended by the Minister of Agriculture on a proposal from the President of OPEKEPE, Joint Committee and its legal support to provide legal assistance:

a) for the immediate resolution of issues arising during operation OPEKEPE as accredited Organization payments and avoid corrections against the Greek Republic, and

b) for legal vetting regulatory instruments and conventions. For the operation of the Commission shall apply the remainder of the provisions of Article 21 paragraph 2 of Law 4024/2011 (A 226). The corresponding operating committee removed from 30.9.2011. Any compensation paid by 31.3.2011 to 30.9.2011 is not searched.

4. In court cases, then the reimbursement of costs in favour of OPEKEPE certified by a special code and collected by the competent Tax Office and then assigned to OPEKEPE.

5. The OPEKEPE enjoy all procedural defects and the government and judicial affairs of the Code applies on his own government.

6. Spending on travel away OPEKEPE staff made up the entry into force of this law, fall outside the scope of paragraph 8 of Article 45 of Law 3943/2011. Hereinafter the paragraph 8 of Article 45 of Law 3943/2011 (A 66) will not apply to expenses of travelling away OPEKEPE staff on the spot physical checks required under EU regulations, carry out OPEKEPE.

7. Any other general or special provision refers to matters governed by this provision be repealed.

## **Article 26**

Entry into force The validity of this law starts from the publication in the Official Gazette.  
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