

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Kansas Department of Agriculture—Division of Animal Health

Article 18.—Animal Facility Inspection Program—License and Registration Fees

9-18-27. Rescue networks.

(a) An application form for a rescue network manager license shall be provided by the commissioner at the request of any individual seeking a license as a rescue network manager. The individual shall submit the completed application and the license fee to the commissioner.

(b) Except for stray dogs and cats, each dog or cat in the care of a licensee, other than the personal pets of the licensee, shall have been relinquished by an owner, transferred from another licensee, or transferred from an animal shelter licensed in Kansas. Each rescue network manager shall be responsible for the intake of all dogs or cats in the rescue network. Each licensee that obtains a dog or cat from a veterinarian for the purpose of adopting shall comply with K.S.A. 47-1731, and amendments thereto. Stray dogs, cats, puppies, or kittens may be placed with a rescue network only after the requirements of K.S.A. 47-1710, and amendments thereto, have been met by a licensed animal shelter.

(c) Each rescue network manager wanting to maintain or house more than 19 adult animals at any time at the premises of the rescue network manager shall apply for and receive an animal shelter license before accepting more than 19 adult animals. The limit of 19 adult animals shall include the following:

- (1) Any adult animal that is a personal pet of the rescue network manager; and
- (2) any adult animal owned by any other individual or entity and maintained, housed, or harbored by the rescue network manager.

(d) Any licensee may offer any animal in its custody for adoption and may transfer ownership of the animal pursuant to K.S.A. 47-1731, and amendments thereto.

(e) Each rescue network manager shall arrange to spay or neuter each cat and dog, or certify each animal as unable to be spayed or neutered, within 10 business days of receipt of the dog or cat.

(f) Each rescue network manager shall process all documentation for each adoption of a dog or cat in the custody of the rescue network and for all spay and neuter deposits required by K.S.A. 47-1731, and amendments thereto. A copy of each of these documents shall be kept at the premises of the rescue network manager. Intact dogs, cats, puppies, or kittens may be adopted only from the premises of the rescue network manager or a licensed animal shelter.

(g) Each rescue network manager shall comply with K.A.R. 9-18-28 regarding adoption and transfer of ownership of each dog or cat receiving temporary care in a pet animal foster home.

(h) Dogs or cats shall not remain in the custody of a rescue network for more than 12 months without written permission from the commissioner. Each licensee wanting to retain custody of a dog or cat beyond 12 months shall send a written request to the commissioner, stating the reasons for the request.

(i) Each licensee accepting animals from out of state shall comply with the importation and certificate of veterinary inspection requirements specified in K.A.R. 9-18-5 and K.A.R. 9-7-11. The original of each certificate of veterinary inspection shall be maintained with the files of the licensed rescue network manager or animal shelter. A copy of the health certificate shall be available at the pet animal foster home.

(j) Rescue network manager licenses shall not be transferable.
(Authorized by K.S.A. 47-1712 and K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 47-1731; implementing K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 47-1701, K.S.A. 47-1704, K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 47-1710, K.S.A. 47-1712, and K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 47-1731; effective Nov. 17, 2017.)

***** Authenticated Kansas Administrative Regulation *****