

I MINA 'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHELATURAN GUÅHAN

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Introduced by:

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AN ACT TO AMEND §34105, §34106, 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, CHAPTER 34 RELATIVE TO PET LICENSE ISSUANCE.

1 **Section 1. Legislative findings and intent.** *I Mina'trentai Umu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*
2 finds that enforcement of the statutes relating to pet licensing are important to protect the health
3 and well-being of Guam residents and pets. The public interest would best be served by
4 allowing the Department of Agriculture to enter into a private-public partnership wherein a
5 private non-profit organization could assume the issuance of pet licenses. A partnership with a
6 non-profit organization which is already contracted to operate the government of Guam impound
7 facility would promote compliance with the law, facilitate the return of lost pets, and assist in
8 raising funds to operate the animal shelter.

9 **Section 2. Chapter 34, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, Section §34106 is amended**
10 **as follows**

11 “§34105. Pet License Issuance and Description

12 (a) All licenses for pets shall be issued by the Department of Agriculture. Upon payment
13 of a fee, which shall be no less than \$10 per year per pet. The license shall be in such form as
14 the Director shall approve and shall include the following:

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- 16 (1) The name and address of the owner;
 - 17 (2) The expiration date of the license;
 - 18 (3) The date of payment;
 - 19 (4) The breed, age, sex, sterilization status (whether spayed or neutered) and color of the
20 pet;
 - 21 (5) The serial number of the tag issued for such pet;
 - 22 (6) The date of rabies vaccination, vaccine expiration date, the type, manufacturer's
23 name and serial number of the vaccine lot used.
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25 operate the pet impound facility pursuant to § 34118. If the Director so contracts, the
26 private non-profit organization must operate the pet licensing program so as to conform
27 to the provisions provided herein. The contract shall provide that the non-profit private
28 organization retain all the monies collected from the issuance of pet licenses and that all
29 such monies be applied first to the operation of the pet licensing program and second to
30 the operation of the pet impound facility.

31 **Section 3. Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, Chapter 34, §34106 is amended to read**
32 **as follows:**

33 “§ 34106. Description of the Pet License Tag.

34 Every pet license tag must display a serial number and the license year. Any rabies tag
35 issued by a veterinarian at the time the pet is vaccinated against rabies can serve as the pet
36 license tag as well, as long as the rabies tag displays a serial number and license year. The tag
37 shall be attached to a collar around the neck of or to a harness worn by the pet for which the
38 license tag was issued, except when the pet is displayed in an exhibition or show. It shall be
39 unlawful for any person to attach a license tag to the collar or harness of any pet except the pet
40 which is described in the application for such license.”

41 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon enactment.

42 **Section 4: Severability.** If any provision of this law or its application to any person or
43 circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity shall not affect other
44 provisions or applications of this law which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or
45 applications, and to this end the provisions of this law are severable