

## Companion Animal Registration System

● **PURPOSE** To prevent not only animal loss or abandonment, but also zoonotic diseases by promoting responsible ownership of companion animals(i.e., dogs)

● **HISTORY**

- 2008. Selective introduction by local governors
- 2013. Mandatory nationwide enforcement (except cities or counties with a population of less than 100,000)
- 2014. 7. Extended to cities and counties with a population of less than 100,000

● **ANIMALS SUBJECT TO REGISTRATION**

- Dogs more than three months old which are raised in housing, quasi-housing, or etc for the purpose of companionship

● **REGISTRATION METHOD**

- 1 Embedded RFID chip
- 2 External RFID device
- 3 Registration ID tag

### ● REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

 **Pet owner**  
**Applying for pet registration**  
Subject: dogs of more than 3 months

 **Veterinary clinic**  
**Operating surgical procedures to insert micro chip or attaching external RFID device or ID tag**  
Inserting micro chip after preparing application for registration at the veterinary clinic

 **Local government office**  
**Issuing pet registration certificates**  
Registration: numbers and information of the pet owners

● **MANAGEMENT OF AN ANIMAL SUBJECT TO REGISTRATION WHEN THE OWNER OF THE ANIMAL GO OUTSIDE WITH IT**

- Attaching identification tag with the name of the owner, contact information and animal registration number
- Placing a neck leash with a range of length that prevents the animal from inflicting any injury upon or threatening others
- Immediately cleaning up after their animals

## Korean Animal Protection Policies

- **ANIMAL PROTECTION ACT**
- **COMPANION ANIMAL REGISTRATION SYSTEM**
- **MEASURES FOR RESCUE AND PROTECTION OF ANIMALS**
- **ANIMAL PROTECTION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**
- **ANIMAL PROTECTION COUNSELING CENTER**
- **PROMOTION PROGRAMS**
- **ANIMAL PROTECTION CULTURE FESTIVAL**
- **TRAINING PROGRAMS**
- **ANIMAL PROTECTION EDUCATION FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS**

## All about Animal Protection Policy in Korea



Ministry of Agriculture,  
Food and Rural Affairs

## Animal Protection Act

● **PURPOSE** The purpose of this Act is to contribute not only to protecting lives, securing safety and promoting welfare of animals but also to cultivating people's spirit such as respect for lives of animals by prescribing matters necessary for the appropriate protection and management of animals including prevention of cruelty to animals.

### ● MAJOR AMENDMENTS



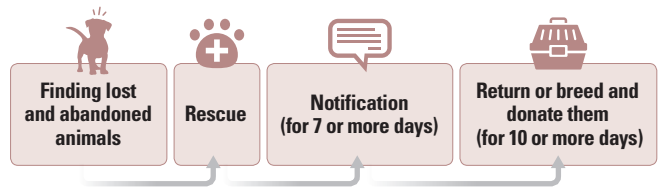
- 1991**  
5.31  
Stipulated basic requirements to protect animals including prohibition of cruelty to animals (12 provisions)
- 2007**  
1.26  
Introduced an animal registration system, enhanced obligations for owners of animals to control their animals, described details about cruelty to animals, established an ethics committee for animal transport and experimentation, introduced animal protection inspector and honorary animal protection inspector system and enhanced penalty against cruelty to animals (26 provisions)  
  
\* Raised the maximum fine from two hundred thousand won to five million won
- 2011**  
8.4  
Established and started to operate an animal welfare committee, enhanced measures to rescue and protect animals, enhanced management and supervision of the animal experimentation ethics committee, introduced certification of a animal welfare livestock farm and enhanced penalty against cruelty to animals (47 provisions)  
  
\* Raised penalty from a fine not exceeding five million won to imprisonment not exceeding one year or a fine not exceeding ten million won
- 2013**  
4.5  
Extended the scope of agents in charge of prohibiting cruelty to animals, rescuing and protecting animals (from Provinces to Provinces and Municipalities)
- 2013**  
8.13  
Extended the scope of cruelty to animals (including distribution of cinematographic work that photographed an act of cruelty to animals), extended the obligations for animal transport and established them as requirements\*, newly established obligations for those who intend to sell animals

**The Act was amended 6 times since 1991.**  
(2 complete amendments and 4 partial amendments)



## Measures for Rescue and Protection of Animals

- **AGENT** Governors of Provinces, heads of Municipalities(cities, counties and districts)
- **SUBJECT** Lost and abandoned animals, animals with owners unidentified or unable to provide proper care and treatment for their animals among those animals injured by cruelty
- Agents should establish and operate animal protection centers or designate organizations or institutions as animal protection centers so that they can rescue and protect abovementioned animals.



[www.animal.go.kr](http://www.animal.go.kr)

## Animal Protection Management System

- **PURPOSE** Effectively dealing with civil services related to 「Animal Protection Act」 and operating integrated information management systems for animal protection and welfare policies
- **PERIOD** 2008 to present
- **FUNCTION**
  - Dual operating with the website and the work system
  - Offering information and receiving applications regarding education related to Animal Protection Act
  - Batch processing for distribution of the animal registration certificate after the approval by the system
  - Notification for the protection of lost animals announced on the system
  - Offering guides for legal information, policy materials and education applications along with FAQs

## Animal Protection Counseling Center (1577-0954)

- **PURPOSE** Providing counseling services regarding the animal protection system and how to raise and manage animals properly (09:00 am to 18:00 pm, weekdays)
- **PERIOD** 2010 to present
- **COUNSELING**
  - Animal protection system and its policy status
  - How to report abandoned animals and its procedure
  - How to cope with when animals are lost
  - Counseling and dealing with civil services related to animal protection, connecting to relevant organizations over the phone and offering guides on how to use the animal protection management system

## Animal Protection Promotion Programs

- **PURPOSE** Effectively promoting animal protection and welfare policies to the public to establish an infrastructure in which humans and animals can exist together in harmony
- **FUNCTION** Promotional campaigns for animal registration system and animal protection
  - Implementing promotional campaigns for animal registration system and animal protection via TV and radio media
  - Operating online channels ('Sorry n thank u' on Facebook) on a constant basis
  - Operating on-site visit programs for animal welfare
  - Establishing online shop for animal welfare certified livestock products



## Animal Protection Culture Festival

- **PURPOSE** Hosting companion animal protection festivals where citizens can participate together, to expand the culture of coexistence of humans and animals and promote public awareness for animal protection, welfare and respect for animal lives
- **PERIOD** 2014 to present
- **FUNCTION**
  - (Promotion) Free medical examinations for animals, promotional booth for animal protection policies, campaigns for right cultures to raise animals, animal protection education by each organization
  - (Participation) Animal etiquette class, animal yoga, recreation and training with animals, animal festival and experience for the animal protection management system (APMS)
  - (Sharing) Operating campaigns to adopt lost animals, event for those adopted animals, animal goods exhibition and offering souvenirs, free animal hairstyling and commemorative photo zone



## Animal Protection Training Programs

- **Online training for animal sellers, importers and breeders**  
<http://edu3.kvma.or.kr/admin/login.aspx>
- **Online training for honorary animal guardians**  
<http://edu2.kvma.or.kr/admin/login.aspx>

※ Who is an honorary animal guardian? Those who are appointed by the local governors or the heads of local cities, regions and districts to perform instruction and enlightenment activities for animal protection including prevention of cruelty to animals

- **Workshop for public officials responsible for animal protection in local governments**
- **Workshop for honorary animal guardians**
- **Workshop for practices of the animal experimentation ethics committee members**

## Animal Protection Education for Elementary School Students

- **PURPOSE** Providing animal protection education for elementary school students who are in the course of forming their self-identities so that they can have right values for respecting lives and refine their emotions
- **PERIOD** 2012 to present
- **FUNCTION** Preparing education materials which promote animal protection and welfare, and respect for lives to provide education courses and promotions especially for elementary school students
  - Supporting animal protection education programs covering practices and experiences by external experts through the local offices of education

