

**Maine Revised Statutes**  
**Title 7: AGRICULTURE AND ANIMALS**  
**Chapter 745: SALE OF DOGS AND CATS**

**§4151. DEFINITIONS**

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings. [1995, c. 589, §1 (NEW).]

**1. Animal.** "Animal" means a dog, wholly of the species *canis familiaris*, or a cat, wholly or in part of the species *felis domesticus*.

[ 2011, c. 100, §14 (AMD) .]

**2. Breeder.** "Breeder" means a person, firm, partnership, corporation or association that breeds animals for direct or indirect sale to the public.

[ 1995, c. 589, §1 (NEW) .]

**3. Health problem.** "Health problem" means any disease, illness or any congenital or hereditary condition that would impair the health or function of an animal.

[ 1995, c. 589, §1 (NEW) .]

**4. Pet dealer.**

[ 2007, c. 702, §21 (RP) .]

**4-A. Seller.** "Seller" means the owner or operator of a breeding kennel as defined in section 3907, subsection 8-A or the owner or operator of a pet shop as defined in section 3907, subsection 23. "Seller" includes animal dealers required to be licensed by the United States Department of Agriculture. "Seller" does not include humane societies, nonprofit organizations performing the functions of humane societies or animal shelters licensed in accordance with section 3932-A.

[ 2007, c. 702, §22 (NEW) .]

**5. Veterinarian.** "Veterinarian" means a person licensed as a veterinarian in any state.

[ 1995, c. 589, §1 (NEW) .]

**SECTION HISTORY**

1995, c. 589, §1 (NEW). 1997, c. 690, §50 (AMD). 2007, c. 439, §31 (AMD). 2007, c. 702, §§21, 22 (AMD). 2011, c. 100, §14 (AMD).

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