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§19–701.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Breeder” means a person who breeds or raises dogs to sell, exchange, or otherwise transfer to the public.
- (c) “Clinically ill” means an illness that is apparent to a licensed veterinarian based on observation, examination, or testing of the dog.
- (d) (1) “Dealer” means a person who, for compensation:
  - (i) buys, sells, or negotiates the purchase of a dog; or
  - (ii) delivers for transport or transports a dog.(2) “Dealer” does not include a person who transports a dog as a carrier only.
- (e) “Nonelective surgical procedure” means a surgical procedure that is necessary to preserve or restore the health of an animal or to correct a condition that would:
  - (1) interfere with the animal’s ability to walk, run, jump, or otherwise function in a normal manner; or
  - (2) cause pain and suffering to the animal.
- (f) “Purchaser” means any person who purchases a dog from a retail pet store.
- (g) “Retail pet store” means a for–profit establishment open to the public that sells or offers for sale domestic animals to be kept as household pets.

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