

Application guidelines for registration and operation of an animal burial place

Executive Order No 745 of 10 July 2009 on the registration and operation of animal burial places concerns requirements for owners of animal burial places.

A registration must be submitted to the regional veterinary control centre and contain the following information:

1. a description of the animal burial place's location and layout;
2. the name, address, telephone number and CVR number of the owners of the establishment;
and
3. which pets or ashes from pets and horses are to be received and buried at the site.

Operation of the animal burial place may not commence until confirmation of the registration has been received.

Change in ownership, relocation, expansion, winding up or other material changes must be reported to the regional veterinary control centre in writing.

Animal burial places may receive pets which have been destroyed or died from natural causes as well as ashes in urns from cremated pets and horses.

Records must be kept of:

- The date of receipt.
- The species of animal for the dead pet received or urns received containing ashes from dead pets and horses.
- The estimated weight of the dead pet received or urns received containing ashes from dead pets and horses.
- The name and address of the owner or the address of the animal's permanent residence.
- The name and address of the carrier.

The records must be stored for at least two years and produced on request to a representative from the regional veterinary control centre.

Dead pets or urns containing ashes from dead pets and horses must be buried as quickly as possible after arrival.

Dead pets must be stored appropriately until their burial.

Dead pets must be stored in tight-fitting, leak-proof packaging until their burial.

Ashes from cremated pets and horses must be stored in sealed, tight-fitting containers.

If the pet is buried in a coffin, the coffin must be made from perishable material.

Enough soil must cover the dead pet, coffin or urn that flesh-eating animals cannot dig up dead pets or urns.

When a grave is no longer in use, and if the remains are dug up, any remains from the dead pet must be disposed of in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down health rules concerning animal by-products not intended for human consumption.

If an animal burial place is wound up and there is a wish to move dead pets or urns containing ashes from dead pets and horses to another location, the animals must be repackaged in tight-fitting, leak-proof packaging and stored appropriately until the animals are reburied.

Suitable equipment and the requisite cleaning agents must be available for cleaning premises if they are used to store dead pets and urns containing ashes from dead pets and horses prior to burial.

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