

## USDA Rule to be Published, AKC Schedules Conference Call for Thursday (9/19)

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Tomorrow (Wednesday, September 18), [USDA/APHIS is scheduled to officially publish](#) the new regulations that narrow the definition of a “retail pet store”. The regulations will go into effect 60 days thereafter.

In an effort to help you better understand the new rule, the AKC Government Relations Department (AKC GR) has arranged to host a conference call for its constituents with USDA/APHIS to address questions and obtain clarifications.

The details are as follows:

*Date:* Thursday, September 19, 2013

*Time:* 2 pm-3 pm Eastern

*RSVP:* To reserve a spot to participate in this conference call, e-mail [rsvp@akc.org](mailto:rsvp@akc.org) **before 2 pm ET on Wednesday, September 18**. You must include your name, phone number and e-mail address when making your reservation.

*This is the only way to reserve a spot to participate on the call. Calling AKC GR or e-mailing another address will not reserve a spot.*

***Please note that space on this call is limited and significant interest is expected, so it is recommended that clubs and organizations interested designate one person to participate. Reservations are on a first come, first serve basis.*** If you secure a reservation, you will receive a confirmation e-mail with directions regarding how to access the call.

If you are unable to participate in the call, the call will be recorded and a transcript will be made available.

In an effort to make the call as efficient and helpful as possible, AKC GR recommends that you submit questions to [rsvp@akc.org](mailto:rsvp@akc.org) when registering for the call. The moderator will review these questions and ask APHIS about issues of greatest concern. There will be a very brief opportunity for participants to ask additional questions at the end of the call; however, we highly recommend that you submit questions in advance.

AKC GR will continue to provide updated information on this new regulation as it becomes available. [Keep checking our Regulatory Resource Page](#) for the latest details and information.