

<p>MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT</p>	<p>Dogs and cats must be at least eight (8) weeks of age and have been weaned to be transported in commerce. [2.130]</p>
<p>Criteria</p>	<p>Transporting a dog/cat in commerce includes, but is not limited to, delivering a dog/cat to a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • carrier or intermediate handler for transport • broker or pet store • private individual <p>The eight weeks of age, i.e., 56 days, does not include the day of birth. (see chart on page 13.6.3)</p> <p>Occasionally you will encounter a traveling exhibitor with a bitch and puppies or a queen and kittens, call your SACS to discuss a course of action.</p>
<p>Exceptions</p>	<p>Dogs and cats less than 8 weeks of age may be transported in commerce:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • directly to a registered research facility • by a private individual who purchased the dog/cat directly from a dealer at the dealer’s facility • when purchased at a total dispersal sale (see below) <p>Total Dispersal Sales Dogs and cats less than 8 weeks of age may be transported in commerce in conjunction with a total dispersal sale, i.e., all the dogs and cats on the kennel/cattery premises are being sold.</p> <p>The licensee having the sale must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • write to the appropriate AC Regional Office prior to the sale for approval to transport underage dogs/cats NOTE: The AC Regional Office will send an approval letter to the licensee. • show the approval letter to the auctioneer, if applicable, so it can be advertised and announced that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ this is a total dispersal sale, and ➤ licensed/registered persons can transport underage dogs/cats to their facilities

- give the licensed/registered person buying the dogs/cats a copy of the approval letter
 - cancel his/her license and return the USDA license certificate to the appropriate AC Regional Office after the sale
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