

<b>MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT</b>	<b>Dogs and cats must be at least eight (8) weeks of age and have been weaned to be transported in commerce. [2.130]</b>
<b>Criteria</b>	<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"><li>• carrier or intermediate handler for transport</li><li>• broker or pet store</li><li>• private individual</li></ul> <p>The eight weeks of age, i.e., 56 days, does not include the day of birth. (see chart on page 13.6.2)</p>
<b>Exception</b>	<p>Dogs and cats less than 8 weeks of age may be transported in commerce:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• directly to a registered research facility</li><li>• directly to a Federal research facility</li><li>• by a private individual who acquired the dog/cat directly from a research facility at the research facility premises</li></ul>



## Minimum Age Requirements for Transporting Dogs and Cats

9CFR 2.130 minimum age requirements:

No dog or cat shall be delivered by any person to any carrier or intermediate handler for transportation, in commerce, or shall be transported in commerce by any person, except to a registered research facility, unless such dog or cat is at least eight (8) weeks of age and has been weaned.

This chart shows the first day dogs and/or cats may be sold [56 days (8 weeks) from the date of birth]. The day of birth is NOT included as part of 56 days.

		Month Kittens/Puppies were Born											
Day of Birth	Jan*	Feb*	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
1	Feb 26	Mar 29	Apr 26	May 27	Jun 26	Jul 27	Aug 26	Sep 26	Oct 27	Nov 26	Dec 27	Jan 26	
2	Feb 27	Mar 30	Apr 27	May 28	Jun 27	Jul 28	Aug 27	Sep 27	Oct 28	Nov 27	Dec 28	Jan 27	
3	Feb 28	Mar 31	Apr 28	May 29	Jun 28	Jul 29	Aug 28	Sep 28	Oct 29	Nov 28	Dec 29	Jan 28	
4	Mar 1	Apr 1	Apr 29	May 30	Jun 29	Jul 30	Aug 29	Sep 29	Oct 30	Nov 29	Dec 30	Jan 29	
5	Mar 2	Apr 2	Apr 30	May 31	Jun 30	Jul 31	Aug 30	Sep 30	Oct 31	Nov 30	Dec 31	Jan 30	
6	Mar 3	Apr 3	May 1	Jun 1	Jul 1	Aug 1	Aug 31	Oct 1	Nov 1	Dec 1	Jan 1	Jan 31	
7	Mar 4	Apr 4	May 2	Jun 2	Jul 2	Aug 2	Sep 1	Oct 2	Nov 2	Dec 2	Jan 2	Feb 1	
8	Mar 5	Apr 5	May 3	Jun 3	Jul 3	Aug 3	Sep 2	Oct 3	Nov 3	Dec 3	Jan 3	Feb 2	
9	Mar 6	Apr 6	May 4	Jun 4	Jul 4	Aug 4	Sep 3	Oct 4	Nov 4	Dec 4	Jan 4	Feb 3	
10	Mar 7	Apr 7	May 5	Jun 5	Jul 5	Aug 5	Sep 4	Oct 5	Nov 5	Dec 5	Jan 5	Feb 4	
11	Mar 8	Apr 8	May 6	Jun 6	Jul 6	Aug 6	Sep 5	Oct 6	Nov 6	Dec 6	Jan 6	Feb 5	
12	Mar 9	Apr 9	May 7	Jun 7	Jul 7	Aug 7	Sep 6	Oct 7	Nov 7	Dec 7	Jan 7	Feb 6	
13	Mar 10	Apr 10	May 8	Jun 8	Jul 8	Aug 8	Sep 7	Oct 8	Nov 8	Dec 8	Jan 8	Feb 7	
14	Mar 11	Apr 11	May 9	Jun 9	Jul 9	Aug 9	Sep 8	Oct 9	Nov 9	Dec 9	Jan 9	Feb 8	
15	Mar 12	Apr 12	May 10	Jun 10	Jul 10	Aug 10	Sep 9	Oct 10	Nov 10	Dec 10	Jan 10	Feb 9	
16	Mar 13	Apr 13	May 11	Jun 11	Jul 11	Aug 11	Sep 10	Oct 11	Nov 11	Dec 11	Jan 11	Feb 10	
17	Mar 14	Apr 14	May 12	Jun 12	Jul 12	Aug 12	Sep 11	Oct 12	Nov 12	Dec 12	Jan 12	Feb 11	
18	Mar 15	Apr 15	May 13	Jun 13	Jul 13	Aug 13	Sep 12	Oct 13	Nov 13	Dec 13	Jan 13	Feb 12	
19	Mar 16	Apr 16	May 14	Jun 14	Jul 14	Aug 14	Sep 13	Oct 14	Nov 14	Dec 14	Jan 14	Feb 13	
20	Mar 17	Apr 17	May 15	Jun 15	Jul 15	Aug 15	Sep 14	Oct 15	Nov 15	Dec 15	Jan 15	Feb 14	
21	Mar 18	Apr 18	May 16	Jun 16	Jul 16	Aug 16	Sep 15	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	Jan 16	Feb 15	
22	Mar 19	Apr 19	May 17	Jun 17	Jul 17	Aug 17	Sep 16	Oct 17	Nov 17	Dec 17	Jan 17	Feb 16	
23	Mar 20	Apr 20	May 18	Jun 18	Jul 18	Aug 18	Sep 17	Oct 18	Nov 18	Dec 18	Jan 18	Feb 17	
24	Mar 21	Apr 21	May 19	Jun 19	Jul 19	Aug 19	Sep 18	Oct 19	Nov 19	Dec 19	Jan 19	Feb 18	
25	Mar 22	Apr 22	May 20	Jun 20	Jul 20	Aug 20	Sep 19	Oct 20	Nov 20	Dec 20	Jan 20	Feb 19	
26	Mar 23	Apr 23	May 21	Jun 21	Jul 21	Aug 21	Sep 20	Oct 21	Nov 21	Dec 21	Jan 21	Feb 20	
27	Mar 24	Apr 23	May 22	Jun 22	Jul 22	Aug 22	Sep 21	Oct 22	Nov 22	Dec 22	Jan 22	Feb 21	
28	Mar 25	Apr 24	May 23	Jun 23	Jul 23	Aug 23	Sep 22	Oct 23	Nov 23	Dec 23	Jan 23	Feb 22	
29	Mar 26	Apr 25	May 24	Jun 24	Jul 24	Aug 24	Sep 23	Oct 24	Nov 24	Dec 24	Jan 24	Feb 23	
30	Mar 27		May 25	Jun 25	Jul 25	Aug 25	Sep 24	Oct 25	Nov 25	Dec 25	Jan 25	Feb 24	
31	Mar 28		May 26		Jul 26		Sep 25	Oct 26		Dec 26		Feb 25	

\* During a leap year, animals born from Jan 4 to Feb 28 can be sold one day earlier than the chart reading. Animals born on Feb 29 may be sold April 25.

To use the chart:

1. Find the month the animals were born at the top of the chart.
2. Find the day of the month the animals were born on the left side of the chart.
3. Move down from the month and across from the day until the rows intersect. This is the day the animals become 8 wks. old and may be sold legally under USDA regulations.

Example: A puppy born on Aug 18 can be sold on or after Oct 13.

