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Notice of Readoption

**Importation of Dogs, Reporting of Rabies in Animals, Control of Avian
Chlamydiosis in Pet Birds, Sales and Distribution of Turtles and Turtle Eggs, and
Transportation by Animal Control Officers**

Readoption: N.J.A.C. 8:23

Authority: N.J.S.A. 4:19-15.16, 26:1A-7 and 15, and 26:4-78 et seq.

Authorized By: Jeffrey A. Brown, Acting Commissioner, Department of Health (in
consultation with the Public Health Council).

Effective Date: July 14, 2025.

New Expiration Date: July 14, 2032.

Take notice that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1, N.J.A.C. 8:23, Importation of
Dogs, Reporting of Rabies in Animals, Control of Avian Chlamydiosis in Pet Birds, Sales
and Distribution of Turtles and Turtle Eggs, and Transportation by Animal Control
Officers, was scheduled to expire on August 13, 2025.

N.J.A.C. 8:23 regulates the importation of dogs, rabies reporting, transportation of confined animals, the quarantine of pet birds, and the sales of live turtles and turtle eggs.

Subchapter 1 provides specifics regarding the certification requirements for imported dogs; reporting requirements of rabies in animals; the transportation of confined animals; the quarantine, testing, and transportation of quarantined pet birds; and the record maintenance of pet bird dealers.

Subchapter 2 establishes the requirements for the sale or distribution of viable turtle eggs and live turtles.

Subchapter 3 establishes the responsibilities of animal control officers in the transportation of animals.

The Department of Health is developing a rulemaking to update and revise existing N.J.A.C. 8:23 and anticipates filing this rulemaking with the Office of Administrative Law for processing in the ordinary course. However, this rulemaking would not be concluded before the expiration of existing N.J.A.C. 8:23. The Acting Commissioner has reviewed existing N.J.A.C. 8:23 and determined that, pending the finalization of the anticipated rulemaking described above, the existing chapter remains necessary, proper, reasonable, efficient, understandable, and responsive for the purposes for which it was originally promulgated, as amended and supplemented over time, and should be readopted. Therefore, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.c(1), N.J.A.C. 8:23 is readopted and shall continue in effect for seven years.