

Nebraska Sales and Use Tax Guide for Animal Specialty Services

Overview

Animal specialty services are taxable, except animal specialty services performed on livestock, veterinary services, and grooming performed by a licensed veterinarian or licensed veterinary technician in conjunction with a medical treatment.

Persons engaged in the business of providing taxable animal specialty services are retailers and must obtain a Nebraska Sales Tax Permit by completing a [Nebraska Tax Application, Form 20](#). A separate permit is required for each retail location. Sales tax must be collected and remitted on all sales of taxable animal specialty services, unless the customer provides a properly completed [Nebraska Resale or Exempt Sale Certificate, Form 13](#).

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Terms

Animal Specialty Services. Animal specialty services are services which provide care for animals (excluding livestock) including, but not limited to boarding, cosmetic, cleaning, training, security, and final disposition services for the animal.

Livestock. Livestock means any domesticated cattle, horses, mules, donkeys, sheep, and swine.

Professional Services. Professional services occur when the veterinarian has established a veterinarian-client-patient relationship with the client for medical purposes.

Veterinarian. Veterinarian is a practitioner of veterinary medicine licensed under the Nebraska Uniform Credentialing Act.

Veterinary Technician. Veterinary technician is a technician licensed under the Nebraska Uniform Credentialing Act.

Taxable Animal Specialty Services

The gross receipts for taxable animal specialty services are subject to sales tax. Animal specialty services include, but are not limited to, walking, boarding, training and handling, grooming, breeding for non-commercial use, cremation and other burial services, animal waste removal, identification implants, services provided by a licensed animal therapist, and pet sitting or caring for an animal at the care provider's location or the animal owner's location. Veterinarians and others performing animal specialty services must collect sales tax unless the service is not taxable as indicated in the Nontaxable Animal Specialty Service section. Examples of taxable animal specialty services include, but are not limited to:

- ❖ Removing dog waste from a yard or cat waste from a litter box, cleaning and sanitizing a litter box, and refilling fresh litter.
- ❖ Providing indoor and outdoor space for dogs to exercise that is monitored by an employee.
- ❖ Providing self-service dog washes, that are not coin-operated.
- ❖ Cleaning the glass, pump, decorations and gravel in fish tanks.
- ❖ Bathing and shampooing (including medicated baths), cleaning eyes and ears, trimming, brushing, styling hair, and nail trimming for animals other than livestock.
- ❖ Hatching, de-winging and debeaking chicks.

Nontaxable Animal Specialty Services

Animal specialty services performed on livestock is not taxable. These services include, but are not limited to, livestock grooming, medicated baths, sheep shearing, horse boarding and training, farrier service, insemination services for use in ranching, farming, or for commercial uses, or rendering and disposal service. Examples of non-taxable animal specialty services include, but are not limited to:

- ❖ Removing wool from sheep;
- ❖ Daily feeding, turnout, stall cleaning, grooming, training as part of the charge for boarding horses;
- ❖ Trimming and balancing of horses' hooves and the placing of shoes on the hooves; and
- ❖ Removal, transportation, cremation, burial, and delivery to a rendering plant of livestock after death.

Veterinarians. Veterinarians providing professional services for the care, hospitalization, medication, and treatment of an animal are not considered animal specialty services and are not required to collect tax. Charges for specialty services performed on livestock and animal grooming performed by a veterinarian or veterinary technician, as a part of a medical treatment of the animal are not taxable. See the [Nebraska Sales and Use Tax Guide for Veterinarians](#) for additional information.

Impound and license fees for animals imposed by a local government are not taxable.

Exempt Entities. Certain governmental units and nonprofit organizations may purchase animal specialty services exempt from sales tax. Those units and organizations are identified in the [Nebraska Sales Tax Exemptions list](#). Sales tax must still be collected and remitted on all sales of these services, unless the exempt governmental unit or exempt nonprofit organization provides a properly completed [Form 13](#).

Purchases

Persons performing animal specialty services are the consumers of all equipment and supplies (such as shampoos, dog and cat foods, kennels, grooming shears) used in performing their services and must pay the applicable sales or use tax on purchases of such items.

General Information

Obtaining a Permit. A Nebraska Sales Tax Permit is obtained by filing a [Form 20](#). This form is available on the DOR's website.

Collecting the Tax. Animal specialty service providers must collect the Nebraska and appropriate local sales tax on the gross receipts from all retail sales unless a specific exemption applies. State and any applicable local sales taxes must be collected at the rate in effect at the location where the purchaser receives the animal specialty services.

Remitting the Tax. Sales tax collected from customers is remitted using the [Nebraska and Local Sales and Use Tax Return, Form 10](#). Information on filing and paying electronically can be found on DOR's [website](#).

Resource List

Information Guides

- ❖ [Nebraska Sales and Use Tax Guide for Veterinarians](#)
- ❖ [Governmental Entities Information Guide](#)
- ❖ [Taxation of Nonprofit Organizations Information Guide](#)

Nebraska Sales and Use Tax Regulations

- ❖ [Reg-1-007 Gross Receipts Defined](#)
- ❖ [Reg-1-014 Exempt Sale Certificate](#)
- ❖ [Reg-1-090 Nonprofit Organizations](#)
- ❖ [Reg-1-093 Governmental Units](#)
- ❖ [Reg-1-102 Animal Specialty Services](#)

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