• The Companion Animal & Consumer Protection Ordinance is now in effect and allows small-scale breeders to sell pets to people in Chicago.
• Small-scale breeders may sell their own bred offspring, as well as animals obtained from a shelter, rescue operation or humane society.
• The Ordinance blocks retailers in Chicago from selling dogs, cats and rabbits obtained from large-scale breeding operations.
• Before purchasing an animal from a pet shop, double-check that the store has an Animal Care License. All current business licenses are posted on the City’s Data Portal at https://data.cityofchicago.org.
• Don’t forget: Dog registration with the Office of the City Clerk is required for all dogs four months or older. Visit www.chicityclerk.com for details.