

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 45th Legislature (1995)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1021

By: Kirby

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to animals; specifying certain requirements for releasing agencies and certain kennels; providing penalties; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 500 of Title 4, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Each releasing agency as defined in Section 499.1 of this title and each private kennel which is required to be licensed or which confines or keeps dogs or cats for the purpose of sale shall provide the following for such animals:

1. If the animals are confined in outdoor facilities:
 - a. a structurally sound facility which prevents the ingress of other animals, and
 - b. adequate electrical power to the facility,
2. If the animals are confined in indoor facilities:
 - a. a structurally sound facility which prevents the ingress of other animals,
 - b. proper heating for health and comfort,

- c. proper ventilation,
- d. proper lighting,
- e. interior surfaces which are impervious to moisture and can be readily sanitized, and
- f. proper drainage;

3. All primary enclosures for cats and dogs shall be kept in good repair, clean and sanitary, and kept in such a way to enable the animals to remain dry and clean, protect the animals' feet and legs from injury, and provide adequate space for the animals to turn about freely and to easily stand, sit and lie in a comfortable, normal position;

4. All animals specified in this section shall be fed at least once per day, provided clean water daily, and provided with living space which is cleaned of excreta and other wastes daily and adequately protected from contamination from water and other wastes; and

5. An effective program for the control of insects, ectoparasites, and avian and mammalian pests shall be established and maintained.

B. Any releasing agency as defined in Section 499.1 of this title and any private kennel which is required to be licensed or which confines or keeps dogs or cats for the purpose of sale which is convicted of violating any provision of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for each day such offense occurs. Any such agency or kennel may also be declared a nuisance and may be enjoined from continuing to operate.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1995.

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