

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 1729

By: Holt of the Senate

and

Renegar of the House

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An Act relating to animals; amending 4 O.S. 2011, Sections 501 and 508, which relate to disposal of animals held in shelter; removing administration of carbon monoxide as an acceptable method of euthanasia; repealing 4 O.S. 2011, Sections 503 and 504, which relate to carbon monoxide administration and equipment; modifying exemptions of certain cities and towns; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 4 O.S. 2011, Section 501, is amended to read as follows:

Section 501. A. Any dog, cat or any other animal which is kept for pleasure rather than utility in or about a household, held by or in the custody of a private or public animal shelter or agency and not reclaimed by the owner, may be disposed of only by:

1. Adoption as a pet in a suitable home;

1 2. Delivery to a licensed educational or research institution
2 in accordance with the provisions of Sections 391 through 402 of
3 this title; or

4 3. Euthanasia by only one of the following methods:

5 a. administration of denatured sodium pentobarbital, or

6 b. ~~the use of a carbon monoxide chamber, using~~
7 ~~commercially compressed cylinder gas; provided that~~
8 ~~kittens and puppies under sixteen (16) weeks of age~~
9 ~~shall not be euthanized with carbon monoxide but with~~
10 ~~injections of denatured sodium pentobarbital, or~~
11 ~~e.~~ any other method approved by the Animal Industries
12 Services Division of the State Department of
13 Agriculture which shall include current acceptable
14 euthanasia recommendations from the American
15 Veterinary Medical Association, with the exception of
16 curariform derivative drugs. The following
17 requirements must be met to ensure the euthanasia
18 agent is humane:

19 (1) the method should be as painless as possible to
20 the animal as determined by the best available
21 medical and scientific knowledge and technology,

22 (2) the animal should be kept as free from anxiety
23 and fear as possible,

24 (3) the technique should be:

- 1 (a) simple enough to be used by relatively
2 unskilled personnel,
3 (b) legally available to all animal shelters and
4 humane societies,
5 (c) as mechanically simple and maintenance free
6 as possible within reasonable cost, and
7 (d) physically safe for personnel using it.

8 B. Death should be confirmed by cessation of vital signs.

9 Professional judgment should be used in consideration of the animal
10 species and method of euthanasia to determine the means of
11 confirming death.

12 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 4 O.S. 2011, Section 508, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 508. The provisions of Sections ~~4~~ 502 through ~~7~~ 507 of
15 this ~~act~~ title shall not apply to any municipality with a population
16 of ten thousand (10,000) or less persons according to the latest
17 Federal Decennial Census. However, unclaimed animals must be
18 destroyed by an acceptable, humane method.

19 SECTION 3. REPEALER 4 O.S. 2011, Sections 503 and 504,
20 are hereby repealed.

21 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2014.

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