

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

3 SENATE BILL 1729

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to animals; amending 4 O.S. 2011,
8 Sections 501 and 508, which relate to disposal of
9 animals held in shelter; removing administration of
10 carbon monoxide as an acceptable method of
11 euthanasia; prohibiting administration of carbon
12 dioxide as a method of euthanasia; repealing 4 O.S.
2011, Sections 503 and 504, which relate to carbon
monoxide administration and equipment; and providing
an effective date.

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

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

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

20 1. Adoption as a pet in a suitable home;

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

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

1 a. administration of denatured sodium pentobarbital, or

2 b. ~~the use of a carbon monoxide chamber, using~~

3 ~~commercially compressed cylinder gas; provided that~~

4 ~~kittens and puppies under sixteen (16) weeks of age~~

5 ~~shall not be euthanized with carbon monoxide but with~~

6 ~~injections of denatured sodium pentobarbital, or~~

7 ~~c.~~ any other method approved by the Animal Industries

8 Services Division of the State Department of

9 Agriculture which shall include current acceptable

10 euthanasia recommendations from the American

11 Veterinary Medical Association, with the exception of

12 curariform derivative drugs and the administration of

13 carbon monoxide. The following requirements must be

14 met to ensure the euthanasia agent is humane:

15 (1) the method should be as painless as possible to

16 the animal as determined by the best available

17 medical and scientific knowledge and technology,

18 (2) the animal should be kept as free from anxiety

19 and fear as possible,

20 (3) the technique should be:

21 (a) simple enough to be used by relatively

22 unskilled personnel,

23 (b) legally available to all animal shelters and

24 humane societies,

- 1 (c) as mechanically simple and maintenance free
2 as possible within reasonable cost, and
3 (d) physically safe for personnel using it.

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

5 Professional judgment should be used in consideration of the animal
6 species and method of euthanasia to determine the means of
7 confirming death.

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

10 Section 508. The provisions of Sections ~~4~~ 501 through ~~7~~ 507 of
11 this ~~act~~ title shall not apply to any municipality with a population
12 of ten thousand (10,000) or less persons according to the latest
13 Federal Decennial Census. However, unclaimed animals must be
14 destroyed by an acceptable, humane method. For the purposes of this
15 section, administration of carbon monoxide as a form of euthanasia
16 shall not be deemed an acceptable, humane method.

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

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

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