

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2764

By: Renegar

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to animals; amending 4 O.S. 2011, Section 501, which relates to disposal of certain animals; prohibiting the use of carbon monoxide chambers for animal euthanasia; repealing 4 O.S. 2011, Sections 503 and 504, which relate to carbon monoxide euthanasia; 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;
2. Delivery to a licensed educational or research institution in accordance with the provisions of Sections 391 through 402 of this title; or
3. Euthanasia by only one of the following methods:

- 1 a. administration of denatured sodium pentobarbital,
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 ~~e. b.~~ 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 use of carbon
13 monoxide chambers. 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,

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

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

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

SECTION 2. REPEALER 4 O.S. 2011, Sections 503 and 504
are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2014.

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