

1 AN ACT relating to sexual abuse of animals.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 525 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) A person commits the crime of sexual assault of a dog or cat if the person:*

6 *(a) Touches or contacts, or causes an object or another person to touch or*
7 *contact, the mouth, anus, or sex organs of a dog or cat for the purpose of*
8 *arousing or gratifying the sexual desire of a person; or*

9 *(b) Causes a dog or cat to touch or contact the mouth, anus, or sex organs of a*
10 *person for the purpose of arousing or gratifying the sexual desire of a*
11 *person.*

12 *(2) Sexual assault of a dog or cat is a Class D felony, except that if the offense is*
13 *committed in the presence of a minor, sexual assault of a dog or cat is a Class C*
14 *felony. Upon a conviction of sexual assault of a dog or cat, the court shall also:*

15 *(a) Require the offender to forfeit any sexually assaulted dog or cat; and*

16 *(b) Prohibit the offender from owning, possessing, or maintaining custody of a*
17 *dog or cat for five (5) years for a first offense and for life for a second or*
18 *subsequent offense.*

19 *(3) Forfeited dog or cats shall be offered to a nonprofit animal rescue organization*
20 *with a no-kill policy. If the nonprofit animal rescue organization declines to*
21 *accept the dog or cat, the dog or cat shall be given to a county animal shelter.*
22 *Dogs or cats that are received by a county animal shelter pursuant to this section*
23 *may not be euthanized unless they are deemed to be suffering past recovery by a*
24 *veterinarian.*