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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 273, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to animals.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 273, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new
2 section, to be known as section 273.420, to read as follows:

**273.420. 1. For purposes of this section, the following terms shall
2 mean:**

3 (1) "Animal", any dog or cat, which is being used, or is intended
4 for use, for research, teaching, testing, breeding, or exhibition
5 purposes, or as a pet;

6 (2) "Animal shelter", a facility which is used to house or contain
7 animals, which is owned, operated, or maintained by an incorporated
8 humane society, animal welfare society, society for the prevention of
9 cruelty to animals, or other not-for-profit organization devoted to the
10 welfare, protection, and humane treatment of such animals, or a person
11 whose primary purpose is to act as an animal rescue, to collect and
12 care for unwanted animals or to offer them for adoption;

13 (3) "Contract kennel", any facility operated by any person or
14 entity other than the state or any political subdivision of the state, for
15 the purpose of impounding or harboring seized, stray, abandoned, or
16 unwanted animals, on behalf of and pursuant to a contract with the
17 state or any political subdivision;

18 (4) "Pet shop", any facility where animals are bought, sold,
19 exchanged, or offered for retail sale to the general public;

20 (5) "Pound", a facility operated by the state or any political
21 subdivision of the state for the purpose of impounding or harboring
22 seized, stray, homeless, abandoned, or unwanted animals;

23 **2. No political subdivision shall establish, mandate, or otherwise**
24 **require that pet shops only display, sell, deliver, offer for sale, barter,**
25 **auction, give away, broker, or otherwise dispose of an animal unless**
26 **such animal is obtained from a pound, animal shelter, or contract**
27 **kennel.**

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