

ANIMAL CONTROL AMENDMENTS

2011 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jennifer M. Seelig

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill requires that a municipal or county animal control officer hold any unidentified or unclaimed stray dog or stray cat for a minimum of five working days.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

► requires that a municipal or county animal control officer hold any unidentified or unclaimed stray dog or stray cat for a minimum of five working days.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

77-24-1.5, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2005, Chapter 126

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **77-24-1.5** is amended to read:

77-24-1.5. Safekeeping by officer pending disposition -- Records required -- Stray animals.

(1) Each peace officer shall:



- 28 (a) hold all property in safe custody:
29 (i) until it is received into evidence; or
30 (ii) if it is not used as evidence, until it can be disposed of as provided in this chapter;
31 and
32 (b) maintain a proper record of the property that identifies:
33 (i) the owner of the property, if known; and
34 (ii) the case for which it was taken or received and is being held.
- 35 (2) (a) Each municipal or county animal control officer shall hold any unidentified or
36 unclaimed stray dog or stray cat in safe and humane custody for a minimum of [~~three~~ five
37 working days after the time of impound prior to making any final disposition of the animal,
38 including:
39 (i) placement in an adoptive home or other transfer of the animal, which shall be in
40 compliance with Title 10, Chapter 17, Municipal Animal Shelter Pet Sterilization Act, or Title
41 17, Chapter 42, County Animal Shelter Pet Sterilization Act; or
42 (ii) euthanasia.
- 43 (b) An unidentified or unclaimed stray dog or stray cat may be euthanized prior to the
44 completion of the [~~three~~ five working day minimum holding period to prevent unnecessary
45 suffering due to serious injury or disease, if the euthanasia is in compliance with written
46 established agency or department policies and procedures, and with any local ordinances
47 allowing the destruction.
- 48 (c) An unidentified or unclaimed stray dog or stray cat shall be returned to its owner
49 upon:
50 (i) proof of ownership;
51 (ii) compliance with requirements of local animal control ordinances; and
52 (iii) compliance with Title 10, Chapter 17, Municipal Animal Shelter Pet Sterilization
53 Act, or Title 17, Chapter 42, County Animal Shelter Pet Sterilization Act.

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