
SENATE BILL 6624

State of Washington

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By Senators Palumbo and Rolfes

1 AN ACT Relating to adoption of dogs and cats used for science or
2 research purposes; and adding a new section to chapter 16.52 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 16.52
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) A higher education research facility that receives public
7 money, including tax exempt status, or a facility that provides
8 research in collaboration with a higher education facility that
9 confines dogs or cats for science or research purposes and plans on
10 destroying a dog or cat used for science or research purposes, must
11 first offer the dog or cat to an animal rescue organization. A
12 facility that is required to offer dogs or cats to an animal rescue
13 organization under this section may enter into an agreement with the
14 animal rescue organization to facilitate adoptions.

15 (2) For the purposes of this section, "animal rescue
16 organization" means any nonprofit organization incorporated for the
17 purpose of rescuing animals in need and finding permanent adoptive
18 homes for the animals.

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