

ANIMAL WELFARE ACT AMENDMENTS

2017 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Brian S. King

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill requires an animal shelter to publish certain information regarding animals in the animal shelter's custody.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ requires an animal shelter to:
 - publish certain information regarding the animals in the animal shelter's custody, including the disposition of the animals; and
 - maintain the published information for a period of years.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

11-46-104, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **11-46-104** is enacted to read:

11-46-104. Publicly available data.



(1) Once per calendar month, an animal shelter shall publish for public inspection the following information:

(a) the total number of live animals that the animal shelter took into the animal shelter's custody during the preceding month;

(b) a description of how the animal shelter obtained each animal described in Subsection (1)(a), including whether the animal was:

(i) surrendered by the animal's owner;

(ii) impounded as a stray or at-large animal;

(iii) confiscated;

(iv) transferred to the animal shelter from a location in the state;

(v) transferred to the animal shelter or agency from a location outside the state;

(vi) born in the animal shelter or under the care of the animal shelter; or

(vii) surrendered by the animal's owner for euthanasia;

(c) the total number of live animals the animal shelter had in the animal shelter's custody on the last day of the preceding month; and

(d) the disposition of each animal that left the custody of the animal shelter during the preceding month, including whether:

(i) a person adopted the animal;

(ii) the animal's owner reclaimed the animal;

(iii) the animal died in the animal shelter or under the care of the animal shelter;

(iv) the animal shelter transferred the animal;

(v) the animal shelter euthanized the animal on the animal shelter's decision, including the method of euthanasia;

(vi) the animal shelter euthanized the animal at the owner's request;

(vii) the animal shelter returned the animal to the field as part of a sterilization program; or

(viii) the animal was lost or stolen while in the animal shelter's care.

(2) An animal shelter shall categorize the information described in Subsection (1):

(a) by age as "up to 5 months" or "adult"; and

(b) by species as "cats," "dogs," and "other."

(3) (a) An animal shelter shall publish the information described in Subsection (1):

- 59 (i) if the animal shelter maintains a public website, on the public website; or
60 (ii) in a form that allows the public to access and copy the information.
61 (b) An animal shelter shall maintain each month's set of information in the form
62 described in Subsection (3)(a) for at least three years after the day on which the animal shelter
63 first published the information.
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