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Senator Michael K. McKell proposes the following substitute bill:

ANIMAL SHELTER REVISIONS

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Michael K. McKell

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill establishes requirements for animal shelters that euthanize animals.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ modifies definitions;
- ▶ addresses the methods by which an animal shelter or animal control officer may euthanize an animal;
- ▶ requires an animal shelter that euthanizes animals to adopt a euthanasia policy and training program; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

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Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

11-46-102, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 130

11-46-103, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 130

ENACTS:

11-46-401, Utah Code Annotated 1953

11-46-402, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **11-46-102** is amended to read:

11-46-102. Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

(1) (a) "Animal" means a cat or dog.

(b) "Animal" does not include livestock, as that term is defined in Section 4-1-109.

(2) "Animal control officer" means any person employed or appointed by a county or a municipality who is authorized to investigate violations of laws and ordinances concerning animals, to issue citations in accordance with Utah law, and to take custody of animals as appropriate in the enforcement of ~~[the]~~ laws and ordinances concerning animals.

(3) (a) "Animal shelter" means a facility or program[:]
~~providing~~ that provides services for stray, lost, or unwanted animals, including holding and placing the animals for adoption.

~~[(a) providing services for stray, lost, or unwanted animals, including holding and placing the animals for adoption, but does not include an institution conducting research on animals, as defined in Section 26-26-1, or]~~

~~[(b) a private humane society or private animal welfare organization.]~~

(b) "Animal shelter" includes a private humane society or private animal welfare organization.

(c) "Animal shelter" does not include an institution, as that term is defined in Section 26-26-1, which is conducting research on animals.

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(4) "Person" means an individual, an entity, or a representative of an entity.

Section 2. Section 11-46-103 is amended to read:

11-46-103. Stray animals.

(1) Each municipal or county animal control officer shall hold or cause to be held at an animal shelter any unidentified or unclaimed stray animal in safe and humane custody for a minimum of five business days after the time of impound and prior to making any final disposition of the animal.

~~[(2) A record of each animal held shall be maintained. The record shall include:]~~

(2) ~~{A municipal or county}~~ An animal {control officer} shelter shall ensure that a record of each held animal is maintained that includes the:

(a) date of impound;

(b) date of disposition; and

(c) method of disposition, which may be:

(i) placement in an adoptive home or other transfer of the animal, which shall be in [compliance] accordance with Part 2, Animal Shelter Pet Sterilization Act;

(ii) return to [its] the animal's owner;

(iii) placement in a community cat program as defined in Section 11-46-302; or

(iv) euthanasia in accordance with Part 4, Euthanasia of Shelter Animals.

(3) An unidentified or unclaimed stray animal may be euthanized ~~[prior to]~~ before the completion of the five working day minimum holding period to prevent unnecessary suffering due to serious injury or disease[;] if the euthanasia ~~[is in compliance]~~ complies with:

(a) written agency or department policies and procedures~~[, and with]~~;

(b) [any] local ordinances ~~[allowing the euthanasia {}]~~; and

(c) ~~{the provisions of}~~ Part 4, Euthanasia of Shelter Animals.

(4) An unidentified or unclaimed stray animal shall be returned to [its] the animal's owner upon:

(a) the establishment of proof of ownership;

(b) compliance with ~~{any}~~ the requirements of ~~[local animal control]~~ applicable local ordinances; and

(c) compliance with ~~{the provisions of}~~ Part 2, Animal Shelter Pet Sterilization Act.

Section 3. Section 11-46-401 is enacted to read:

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Part 4. Euthanasia of Shelter Animals

11-46-401. Euthanasia of shelter animals -- Permitted methods.

(1) Subject to Subsection (2), and except as provided in Subsection (3), on or after July 1, 2023, an animal shelter shall use sodium pentobarbital or a derivative as the exclusive method for euthanasia of an animal.

(2) An animal shelter ~~shall~~ **may only** administer sodium pentobarbital or a derivative **of pentobarbital** by:

(a) intravenous injection by hypodermic needle;

(b) intraperitoneal injection by hypodermic needle; or

(c) if an animal is unconscious, intracardial injection by hypodermic needle.

(3) (a) Subsection (1) does not apply to an animal control officer who, subject to Subsection (3)(b), euthanizes an animal in an emergency situation outside of an animal shelter's facility or place of business.

(b) If an animal control officer euthanizes an animal in an emergency situation, the officer shall use, in the officer's judgment, the most humane method available to the officer.

Section 4. Section **11-46-402** is enacted to read:

11-46-402. Animal shelter euthanasia training -- Documentation.

(1) If an animal shelter ~~euthanizes~~ **performs euthanasia on** animals, the animal shelter shall:

(a) adopt a policy for euthanasia that mandates procedures that comply with the applicable provisions of this part;

(b) adopt a euthanasia training program; and

(c) require each person who conducts or assists with euthanasia on behalf of the animal shelter to attend the euthanasia training program at least once every two years.

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

(a) ensure that the animal shelter's euthanasia training program is reviewed and approved by a veterinarian who is licensed in accordance with Title 58, Chapter 28, Veterinary Practice Act; and

(b) maintain a record of training dates and who attended.