

March 5, 2009

S 467. DISPOSAL OF UNCLAIMED ANIMALS. Filed 3/5/09. *TO EXPAND APPLICATION OF THE LAW CONCERNING THE HOLDING AND DISPOSAL OF UNCLAIMED ANIMALS.*

Amends GS 130A-192 to establish procedures for animal control officers to scan animals for owner information on microchips. Requires that euthanasia be conducted by a procedure approved by rules adopted by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, if such rules exist. Requires that, before animals are sold or put to death, they be made available for adoption under procedures that allow the public to inspect them, unless they are found to be unadoptable due to injury or defects of health or temperament. Establishes the right of a person who comes to an animal shelter to locate a lost pet to view all animals at the shelter, except as provided by rules that allow viewing at least four hours a day, three days a week. Extends the 72-hour holding time and procedural requirements to feral cats, animals that appear to be pets, dogs and cats with rabies tags and animals surrendered to shelters by their owner. Provides for shelters to leave animals with agents, such as rescue organizations, or in foster care. Amends GS 130A-184(1) to extend the term *animal control officer* to agents of private organizations that operate animal shelters under contracts with cities or counties when they are performing animal control functions at the shelter. Effective January 1, 2010.

Intro. by McKissick.

GS 130A

May 7, 2009

S 467. RECOVER PETS/RELIEVE OVERCROWDING AT SHELTERS (NEW). Filed 3/5/09.

Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Changes title to *AN ACT TO ASSIST OWNERS IN RECOVERING LOST PETS, RELIEVE OVERCROWDING AT ANIMAL SHELTERS, AND FACILITATE ADOPTIONS OF ANIMALS FROM SHELTERS*. Amends GS 130A-192(a1) (was subsection (a) in the 1st edition) to provide that an animal that is seriously ill or injured may be euthanized if the manager of the animal shelter determines, in writing, that it is appropriate to do so. Deletes feral cats from the list of animals to which GS 130A-192(a), regarding the holding of animals for at least 72 hours and the permissible means of disposition of animals after expiration of that period, applies. Deletes language from GS 130A-192(d), which provided that an animal placed in foster care during the 72-hour holding period may be euthanized by a veterinarian if the veterinarian stated in writing that it was appropriate to do so. Adds a new subsection (e) to GS 130A-192, which provides that if an animal shelter transfers physical possession of an animal to the finder of the animal or an approved rescue organization during the 72-hour holding period, the animal shelter must display a photograph of the animal in a conspicuous place in the shelter. Makes technical, stylistic, and conforming changes.

May 12, 2009

S 467. RECOVER PETS/RELIEVE OVERCROWDING AT SHELTERS. Filed 3/5/09. Senate amendment makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Amends proposed new GS 130A-192(a2) by adding a provision allowing pet owners to view animals kept apart from the general public for health or other reasons to determine whether their lost pets are among those animals.

May 27, 2009

S 467. RECOVER PETS/RELIEVE OVERCROWDING AT SHELTERS. Filed 3/5/09. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Amends GS 130A-192(a1) to provide that nothing in proposed subsection (a1) is to supersede (1) any rules adopted by the Board of Agriculture which specify the number of animals allowed for kennel space in animal shelters or (2) the requirements established by the county board of commissioners regarding the duration of impoundment for dogs or cats not wearing required rabies vaccination tags, or the minimal 72-hour holding period for those animals. Amends subsection (b), which identified animals subject to the provisions of subsection (a) concerning the holding of animals not wearing the required rabies tag for at least 72 hours and the permissible means of disposition of such animals after the expiration of the holding period, so that the subsection applies only to dogs and cats (was, all animals, other than livestock that appeared to be pet animals). Clarifies in

subsection (c) that the 72-hour holding period applies to cats and dogs, and that the holding period for other animals delivered to an animal shelter is to be determined by agreement between the animal shelter and the person or organization acting as an agent of the shelter and receiving the animal. Amends the requirement in subsection (e) that an animal shelter photograph an animal prior to transferring physical possession of the animal to apply only to cats and dogs (was, required to photograph any animal prior to transferring physical possession of the animal).

June 30, 2009

S 467. RECOVER PETS/RELIEVE OVERCROWDING AT SHELTERS. Filed 3/5/09. House amendment makes the following changes to 4th edition. Provides that the Department of Agriculture may waive the requirement, until July 1, 2010, for counties that do not have an employee employed for a minimum of 30 hours a week fulfilling the responsibilities of an animal control officer, that the animal shelter (1) allow a person attempting to locate a lost pet to view every animal held at the shelter, subject to rules that allow viewing for at least four hours a day three days a week and (2) make reasonable arrangements to allow owners to determine whether lost pets are among animals kept apart from the general public for health reasons, public safety concerns, or in order to preserve evidence for criminal proceedings.

July 20, 2009

SL 2009-304 (S 467). RECOVER PETS/RELIEVE OVERCROWDING AT SHELTERS. AN ACT TO ASSIST OWNERS IN RECOVERING LOST PETS, RELIEVE OVERCROWDING AT ANIMAL SHELTERS, AND FACILITATE ADOPTIONS OF ANIMALS FROM SHELTERS. Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 3/5/09, 5/7/09, 5/12/09, 5/27/09, and 6/30/09. Enacted July 17, 2009. Effective January 1, 2010.