

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to animal shelters or animal control
 3 agencies; providing a short title; amending s. 823.15,
 4 F.S.; requiring each duly incorporated society for the
 5 prevention of cruelty to animals, humane society,
 6 pound, shelter, or dog control officer that euthanizes
 7 dogs or cats or both to compile monthly and annual
 8 summaries; listing the categories of information
 9 required in the summaries; requiring each summary to
 10 be signed by the appropriate executive director of the
 11 entity as true and accurate; requiring that the
 12 summaries be posted on the entity's website within a
 13 specified time period; providing an effective date.

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 15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 17 Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Transparency in
 18 Animal Shelters Act."

19 Section 2. Subsections (4) and (5) are added to section
 20 823.15, Florida Statutes, to read:

21 823.15 Dogs and cats released from animal shelters or
 22 animal control agencies; sterilization requirement.—

23 (4) Each duly incorporated society for the prevention of
 24 cruelty to animals, humane society, pound, shelter, or dog
 25 control officer that euthanizes dogs or cats or both as allowed
 26 under s. 828.058 shall compile monthly and annual summaries of
 27 the following information:

28 (a) The number of animals, by species type, which were on

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29 hand at the beginning of the reporting period.

30 (b) The number of animals, by species type, which were
31 surrendered by the owner.

32 (c) The number of animals impounded as strays.

33 (d) The number of animals, by species type, which were
34 confiscated by the animal control agency or animal shelter.

35 (e) The number of animals, by species type, which were
36 transferred to the facility from another shelter or rescue group
37 in this state.

38 (f) The number of animals, by species type, which were
39 dead on arrival.

40 (g) The number of animals, by species type, which were
41 returned to their owner.

42 (h) The number of animals, by species type, which were
43 adopted.

44 (i) The number of animals, by species type, which were
45 transferred to another organization or rescue group.

46 (j) The number of animals, by species type, which were
47 euthanized by the animal control agency or animal shelter.

48 (k) The number of animals, by species type, which died,
49 were lost, or were stolen while in the direct or constructive
50 care of the animal control agency or animal shelter.

51 (l) The number of animals, by species type, which remain
52 in the custody or constructive custody at the end of the
53 reporting period.

54 (5) The executive director of each duly incorporated
55 society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, humane
56 society, pound, or shelter, or dog control officer that

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57 | euthanizes dogs or cats or both as allowed under s. 828.058,
58 | whether such entity is public or private, shall sign the monthly
59 | and annual summaries required in subsection (4). By signing such
60 | summaries, the executive director verifies that the required
61 | summaries are true and accurate. The verified summaries must be
62 | posted on the entity's website within 5 business days after the
63 | first day of each month.

64 | Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.