

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

3 HOUSE BILL 1367

By: Griffith

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to animals; amending 4 O.S. 2011,  
8 Section 501, which relates to disposal of certain  
9 animals; prohibiting the use of carbon monoxide  
10 chambers for animal euthanasia; repealing 4 O.S.  
11 2011, Sections 503 and 504, which relate to carbon  
12 monoxide euthanasia; and providing an effective date.

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 4 O.S. 2011, Section 501, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 501. A. Any dog, cat or any other animal which is kept  
17 for pleasure rather than utility in or about a household, held by or  
18 in the custody of a private or public animal shelter or agency and  
19 not reclaimed by the owner, may be disposed of only by:

20 1. Adoption as a pet in a suitable home;  
21 2. Delivery to a licensed educational or research institution  
22 in accordance with the provisions of Sections 391 through 402 of  
23 this title; or

24 3. Euthanasia by only one of the following methods:

- 1 a. administration of denatured sodium pentobarbital,  
2 b. ~~the use of a carbon monoxide chamber, using~~  
3 ~~commercially compressed cylinder gas; provided that~~  
4 ~~kittens and puppies under sixteen (16) weeks of age~~  
5 ~~shall not be euthanized with carbon monoxide but with~~  
6 ~~injections of denatured sodium pentobarbital, or~~  
7 e. any other method approved by the Animal Industries  
8 Services Division of the State Department of  
9 Agriculture which shall include current acceptable  
10 euthanasia recommendations from the American  
11 Veterinary Medical Association, with the exception of  
12 curariform derivative drugs and the use of carbon  
13 monoxide chambers. The following requirements must be  
14 met to ensure the euthanasia agent is humane:  
15 (1) the method should be as painless as possible to  
16 the animal as determined by the best available  
17 medical and scientific knowledge and technology,  
18 (2) the animal should be kept as free from anxiety  
19 and fear as possible, and  
20 (3) the technique should be:  
21 (a) simple enough to be used by relatively  
22 unskilled personnel,  
23 (b) legally available to all animal shelters and  
24 humane societies,

1 (c) as mechanically simple and maintenance free  
2 as possible within reasonable cost, and  
3 (d) physically safe for personnel using it.

4 B. Death should be confirmed by cessation of vital signs.

5 Professional judgment should be used in consideration of the animal  
6 species and method of euthanasia to determine the means of  
7 confirming death.

8 SECTION 2. REPEALER 4 O.S. 2011, Sections 503 and 504,  
9 are hereby repealed.

10 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

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