

1                   **DEAD DOMESTIC ANIMAL DISPOSAL AMENDMENTS**

2                                   2016 GENERAL SESSION

3                                   STATE OF UTAH

4                           **Chief Sponsor: Ralph Okerlund**

5                           House Sponsor: Derrin Owens

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7   **LONG TITLE**

8   **General Description:**

9           This bill amends provisions related to the disposal of dead domestic animals.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11       This bill:

- 12           ▶ amends provisions related to the disposal of dead domestic animals.

13 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

14       None

15 **Other Special Clauses:**

16       None

17 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

18 AMENDS:

19           **4-31-102**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 29

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

22       Section 1. Section **4-31-102** is amended to read:

23           **4-31-102. Dead domestic animals -- Duty of owner to bury or otherwise dispose of**  
24 **them -- Liability for costs.**

25           (1) An owner or other person responsible for a domestic animal that dies shall bury or  
26 dispose of the animal within a reasonable period of time after the owner or other person  
27 responsible for the animal becomes aware that the animal is dead.

28           (2) The owner of a dead bovine, horse, mule, goat, sheep, bird, or swine may bury the  
29 dead animal on the owner's property.

30           (3) If the owner or other person responsible for the dead animal cannot be found, the  
31 county, city, or town within which the dead animal is found, shall, at the political subdivision's  
32 expense, bury the dead animal.

33           (4) A county, city, or town that incurs expense under this section is entitled to  
34 reimbursement from the owner of the dead animal.