

HOUSE BILL No. 2581

By Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

Requested by Jasmine Kyle on behalf of the Southeast Kansas Humane Society

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AN ACT concerning animals; relating to the pet animal act; authorizing animal shelters to move neonate animals needing treatment or care to a foster home; requiring shelters to display photographs of animals at a location other than the shelter during a holding period; amending K.S.A. 47-1710 and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 47-1710 is hereby amended to read as follows: 47-1710. (a) *(1)* An animal shall not be disposed of by an owner or operator of a pound or of an animal shelter as a pound until after expiration of *a holding period that shall be* a minimum of three full business days of custody during which the public has clear access to inspect and recover the animal through time periods ordinarily accepted as usual business hours. During such ~~time of custody~~ *holding period*, any owner or operator of such facility shall attempt to notify the owner or custodian of any animal maintained or impounded by such facility if such owner or custodian is known or reasonably ascertainable. Such an animal may at any time be:

(A) Released to the legal owner;;
(B) moved to a veterinary hospital for treatment or observation;;
(C) *moved to a foster home, if the animal is a neonate needing treatment or care that the shelter cannot provide;*
(D) released in any manner, if such animal was a gift animal to an animal shelter; or
(E) euthanized by a duly incorporated humane society or by a licensed veterinarian if it appears to an officer of such humane society or to such veterinarian that the animal is diseased or disabled beyond recovery for any useful purpose.

(2) During the holding period established in paragraph (1), a photograph of an animal that is at a location other than the shelter shall be displayed at the shelter and on the shelter's website.

(b) After the expiration of the holding period established in subsection (a)(1), the governing body of a political subdivision regulating the operation of a pound shall have ownership of such animal and shall determine the method of disposition of any animal. Any pound releasing live animals to prospective owners shall comply with the provisions

1 ~~established in~~ of K.S.A. 47-1731, and amendments thereto. Any such
2 proceeds derived from the sale or other disposition of such animals shall
3 be paid directly to the treasurer of the political subdivision, and no part of
4 such proceeds shall accrue to any individual.

5 (c) After the expiration of the holding period established in
6 subsection (a)(1), the board of directors of any humane society operating
7 an animal shelter as a pound, shall have ownership of such animal and
8 shall determine the method of disposition of any animal. Any animal
9 shelter releasing live animals to prospective owners shall comply with the
10 provisions ~~established in~~ of K.S.A. 47-1731, and amendments thereto. Any
11 such proceeds derived from such sale or disposition shall be paid directly
12 to the treasurer of the humane society and no part of such proceeds shall
13 accrue to any individual.

14 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 47-1710 is hereby repealed.

15 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
16 publication in the statute book.