

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

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

8 Section 1. K.S.A. 47-1710 is hereby amended to read as follows: 47-  
9 1710. (a) (1) An animal shall not be disposed of by an owner or operator of a  
10 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  
11 custody during which the public has clear access to inspect and recover the  
12 animal through time periods ordinarily accepted as usual business hours.  
13 During such *time of custody holding period*, any owner or operator of such  
14 facility shall attempt to notify the owner or custodian of any animal  
15 maintained or impounded by such facility if such owner or custodian is  
16 known or reasonably ascertainable. Such an animal may at any time be:

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

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

30 (b) After the expiration of the holding period established in  
31 subsection (a)(1), the governing body of a political subdivision regulating  
32 the operation of a pound shall have ownership of such animal and shall  
33 determine the method of disposition of any animal. Any pound releasing  
34 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.