

By Senator Abruzzo

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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  
29 hand at the beginning of the reporting period.

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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 dead  
39 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 in  
52 the custody or constructive custody at the end of the reporting  
53 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  
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

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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.