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Senator Bennett moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 185 and 186

4 insert:

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5 Section 4. (1) (a) An animal control agency or animal 6 shelter as defined in chapter 828, Florida Statutes, shall make 7 every reasonable effort before killing an animal to release the 8 animal to a qualified nonprofit organization organized under s. 9 501(c)(c) of the Internal Revenue Code as an animal rescue or 10 animal adoption agency or an agency for the prevention of 11 cruelty to animals, if requested to do so by the organization before the scheduled killing of the animal in order to maximize 12 the increase in the live outcomes for shelter pets. 13

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15 to transfer an animal to a rescue group if a current direc 16 officer, staff member, or volunteer of the rescue group ha 17 convicted in a court of competent jurisdiction of a crime 18 cruelty to animals or neglect of animals; if such charges 19 pending against a current director, officer, staff member, 20 volunteer; or if the rescue group is constrained by a cour 21 order that prevents the rescue group from taking in or kee 22 animals. 23 2. An animal control agency or animal shelter may req 24 the rescue group to disclose any convictions, charges, or 25 impediments described in this subsection. An animal control 26 agency or animal shelter may require additional informatio	s been of are
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27 other than that described in this section as a perquisite	20
28 releasing an animal to a rescue group. Such a request for	
29 information must be reasonable and with the intent of maxim	nizing
30 the live outcomes of shelter pets.	
31 (c) This subsection does not apply to an irremediably	
32 suffering animal under s. 828.05, Florida Statutes, or a	
33 dangerous dog under s. 767.13, Florida Statutes.	
34 (2) An animal control agency or animal shelter shall	
35 provide for public inspection a monthly and annual summary	that
36 includes the number of animals, by species type, during th	3
37 previous month and year which were taken in by the animal	
38 control agency or animal shelter and which were:	
39 (a) Surrendered by the owner;	
40 (b) Impounded as a stray;	
41 (c) Confiscated by the animal control agency or anima	
42 <u>shelter;</u>	<u>L</u>

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43	(d) Imported into the state;
44	(e) Returned to the animal's owners;
45	(f) Adopted;
46	(g) Transferred to other organizations or rescue groups;
47	(h) Euthanized by the animal control agency or animal
48	shelter;
49	(i) Lost or that died or were stolen while in the direct or
50	constructive care of the animal control agency or animal
51	shelter; and
52	(j) Continuing in the custody of the animal control agency
53	or animal shelter.
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56	And the title is amended as follows:
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58	Delete line 19
59	and insert:
60	to food; authorizing an animal control agency or
61	animal shelter to make every reasonable effort before
62	killing an animal to release the animal to a qualified
63	animal rescue or animal adoption agency or an agency
64	for the prevention of cruelty to animals, if requested
65	to do so by the animal rescue or animal adoption
66	organization; authorizing an animal control agency or
67	animal shelter to refuse to transfer an animal to a
68	rescue group if a current director, officer, staff
69	member, or volunteer of the rescue group has been
70	convicted of a crime of cruelty to animals or neglect
71	of animals; authorizing the animal control agency or

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72 animal shelter to demand that the animal rescue 73 organization provide certain information to the animal 74 control agency or animal shelter as a perquisite to releasing an animal to a rescue group; providing an 75 76 exception for an irremediably suffering animal or a 77 dangerous dog; requiring an animal control agency or 78 animal shelter to provide for public inspection a 79 monthly and annual summary that includes certain specified information; providing an effective date. 80

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