

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0206

Care of animals after domestic violence.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Carson, Byrd, Connolly,
Craft, Meyer and Throne

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to domestic animals; providing for the
2 handling of domestic animals in the event of domestic
3 violence; and providing for an effective date.

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5 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 35-21-105(a) by creating a new
8 paragraph (viii) and 35-21-107(b) by creating new paragraph
9 (vi) are amended to read:

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11 **35-21-105. Order of protection; contents; remedies;**
12 **order not to affect title to property; conditions.**

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14 (a) Upon finding that an act of domestic abuse has
15 occurred, the court shall enter an order of protection
16 ordering the respondent household member to refrain from

1 abusing the petitioner or any other household member. The
2 order shall specifically describe the behavior that the
3 court has ordered the respondent to do or refrain from
4 doing. As a part of any order of protection, the court may:

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6 (viii) Direct the care, custody and control of
7 any animal owned or kept by either party or a minor child
8 residing in the household.

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10 **35-21-107. Emergency assistance by law enforcement**
11 **officers; limited liability.**

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13 (b) A local law enforcement officer responding to the
14 request for assistance may take whatever steps are
15 reasonably necessary to protect the victim from further
16 domestic abuse, including:

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18 (vi) Providing or arranging temporary care,
19 custody and control of any animal owned or kept by either
20 party or a minor child residing in the household.

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22 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2009.

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