

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0096

Treatment of animals.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Larsen, Barlow and Brown  
and Senator(s) Ellis

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to animals; amending provisions governing  
2 euthanasia of animals; and providing for an effective date.

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

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6 **Section 1.** W.S. 6-3-203(d), (o) and by creating new  
7 subsections (q) through (t) is amended to read:

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9 **6-3-203. Cruelty to animals; penalties; limitation on**  
10 **manner of destruction.**

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12 (d) A person shall not destroy an animal by the use  
13 of a high-altitude decompression chamber, ~~or a carbon~~  
14 monoxide ~~gas chamber utilizing a gasoline engine. This~~

1 ~~subsection is uniformly applicable to all cities and towns~~  
2 ~~carbon dioxide or any nonanesthetic inhalant.~~

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4 (o) There is created the "cruelty to household pet  
5 animals protection account." Funds shall be credited to  
6 the account as provided by law. Funds in the account are  
7 continuously appropriated to the attorney general to  
8 reimburse county law enforcement agencies for eligible  
9 expenses regarding household pet animal cruelty cases under  
10 subsection (p) of this section. The attorney general shall  
11 develop rules and regulations to establish eligible  
12 expenses and to determine how county law enforcement  
13 agencies will be reimbursed for the costs of any household  
14 pet animal cruelty case, in an amount not to exceed ninety  
15 percent (90%) in any particular case. Any reimbursement  
16 under this subsection shall be contingent upon available  
17 funding and upon a showing that the agency has made  
18 reasonable efforts to seek reimbursement from the offender  
19 of expenses incurred by the agency, as permitted by law.  
20 All funds in the account may be used for and are  
21 continuously appropriated for eligible expenses authorized  
22 to be made under this subsection. The cruelty to household  
23 pet animals protection account shall be a permanent,

1 nonreversion account within the state auditor's office. As  
2 used in this ~~subsection and subsection (p) of this~~ section,  
3 "household pet" means any privately owned dog, cat, rabbit,  
4 guinea pig, hamster, mouse, gerbil, ferret, bird, fish,  
5 reptile, amphibian, invertebrate or any other species of  
6 domesticated animal sold, transferred or retained for the  
7 purpose of being kept as a pet in or near a house.  
8 "Household pet" shall not include any livestock as defined  
9 in W.S. 23-1-102(a)(xvi).

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11 (q) An animal control facility shall administer  
12 sodium pentobarbital or a derivative thereof as the  
13 exclusive method for euthanasia of household pets. Sodium  
14 pentobarbital or a derivative thereof shall be administered  
15 by:

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17 (i) Intravenous injection by hypodermic needle;

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19 (ii) Intraperitoneal injection by hypodermic  
20 needle; or

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22 (iii) Only if an animal is unconscious,  
23 intracardiac injection by hypodermic needle.

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2 (r) If an animal control facility euthanizes  
3 household pets, the animal control facility shall:

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5 (i) Adopt a policy for euthanasia that complies  
6 with the applicable provisions of this section;

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8 (ii) Adopt a euthanasia training program;

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10 (iii) Require each person who conducts or  
11 assists with euthanasia to attend the training program at  
12 least one (1) time every two (2) years; and

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14 (iv) Keep a record of training dates and all  
15 attendees.

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17 (s) The requirements imposed on animal control  
18 facilities by subsection (r) of this section are in  
19 addition to the requirements imposed on animal euthanasia  
20 technicians in W.S. 33-30-223 and 33-30-224.

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22 (t) As used in this section, "animal control  
23 facility" means a public or private facility the primary

1 purpose of which is to provide temporary care for stray,  
2 surrendered or neglected household pets.

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4 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2021.

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