

American Legion Auxiliary  
New Mexico Girls State  
2016 Bill/Resolution



Committee: ANIMAL RIGHTS

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Title of Bill: Animal Care Act

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**Be It Enacted By The American Legion Auxiliary New Mexico Girls State 2016**

**Section I. Body:** the over crowded animal shelters. Many animals are homeless and they are put in shelters, and if the shelters get over crowded then the animals are put down. The cost of euthanasia is between \$50-\$100, and the annual cost (including medical, food, shelter, etc.) is between \$400-\$700. This cost and the killing of the animals can be greatly reduced.

**Section II. Definitions:**  
euthanasia-the painless killing of a patient suffering from an incurable and painful disease or in an irreversible coma. In this case of animals (dogs and cats.)  
spayed neutered- sterilization- removal of reproducing organs.

**Section III. Penalty:** To have the owners of cats and dogs to get their animal neutered or spayed within 6 months of receiving the animal. If the owners wish to bred the animal they must get a permit, and there will be a limitation on how many litters the animal can have (up to 15 offspring). If the owner doesn't get a permit or have the animal neutered the owner will be fined. This will greatly reduce the population of dogs and cats, thus reducing the population in animal shelters.

**Section IV. Repeal:** All laws, acts, provisions, or parts of laws contained in the Constitution of the State of New Mexico in conflict with any provision of this act are hereby repealed.

**Section V. Effective Date:** The provisions of this act shall be effective on and after January 1, 2017.