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State	Code	Regulations	Who may perform	Who may possess	Method	Emergency Euthanasia
AL	<p>Code of Alabama</p> <p>§34-29-130 Permits to purchase, possess, and use certain agents for euthanizing animals</p> <p>§34-29-131 Injectable agents, inhalant agents, who may perform euthanasia</p> <p>§34-29-132 Euthanasia in emergency situations</p>	<p>Alabama Administrative Code</p> <p>Ch. 930-X-1-35 Certified Euthanasia Technicians for the humane euthanasia of animals</p> <p>Ch. 930-X-1-36 Registered Animal Euthanasia Facility for the humane euthanasia of animals</p>	<p>Licensed veterinarian</p> <p>Certified euthanasia technician employed by an animal shelter approved by the Board</p> <p>Licensed veterinary technician who is the employee or agent of a licensed veterinarian or animal shelter</p>	<p>Veterinary clinics</p> <p>Animal shelters approved by the board may apply for a permit</p> <p>Federally licensed wildlife rehabilitation center may apply for a permit</p>	<p>Injectable agents such as sodium pentobarbital, sodium pentobarbital with lidocaine, or other similar agents</p> <p>Carbon monoxide chamber that meets the standards of the AVMA panel on euthanasia</p> <p>Inhalent anesthetics</p> <p>Oral Euthanasia Solution</p> <p>**Within 30 days after January 1, 2012, any animal shelters operated for the collection and care of stray, neglected, abandoned, or unwanted animals, which operated a gas chamber prior to that date shall have</p>	<p>In the case of an injured, diseased or dangerous animal, a law enforcement officer, a veterinarian, or an agent or designee of a local animal control unit may humanely destroy the animal after making a reasonable attempt to locate the owner. The animal may be shot or injected with a barbiturate drug. If the officer locates the owner or the owner's agent, then he or she must notify the owner of the animal's location and condition. If the officer only reaches a veterinarian, the officer shall destroy the animal only upon the advice and recommendation of the veterinarian.</p>

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AK	<p>Alaska Statues Sec. 08.02.050 Permits for use of drugs to euthanize domestic animals</p> <p>Sec. 03.55.010 Killing of vicious or mad dog authorized</p> <p>Sec. 03.55.030 Killing dogs annoying or evincing tendency to bite animals or fowls</p>	<p>Alaska Administrative Code Title 7, Part 2, Ch. 27, Article 1 Control of Diseases of Public Health Importance</p>	<p>Licensed veterinarian</p> <p>Certified euthanasia technician</p>	<p>Veterinary clinics</p> <p>Animal control agency</p> <p>An entity which has contracted with a municipality or recognized government entity to perform animal control or animal euthanasia services</p>	<p>Injection of sodium pentobarbital, sodium pentobarbital with lidocaine, and other drugs authorized in regulations</p>	<p>Dept. of Health may euthanize an animal if the animal is determined to be carrying a disease transmissible to humans and it is necessary to conduct a full epidemiological investigation.</p> <p>Any person may lawfully kill any vicious or mad dog running at large.</p> <p>Any person may kill a dog which habitually annoys wild deer, reindeer, sheep, cattle, horse or any other animal or bird or is likely to bite the animal or fowl without provocation after giving reasonable notice to the owner, if known.</p>
AZ	<p>Arizona Revised Statues Annotated §11-1021 Proper care, maintenance and destruction of impounded animals</p>		<p>Licensed veterinarians</p> <p>County, city and town animal pounds</p>	<p>Veterinary clinics</p> <p>County, city and town animal pounds under procedures</p>	<p>Injection of sodium pentobarbital or a derivative of sodium pentobarbital</p> <p>Nitrogen gas</p>	<p>County enforcement agency may destroy an animal if it shows clear clinical signs of rabies and the animal's owner consents to its</p>

	<p>§3-1213 Acquisition and use of sodium pentobarbital or T-61 euthanasia solution by county and local pounds</p> <p>§11-1014 Biting animals; reporting; handling and destruction</p>		<p>under procedures established by the State Veterinarian</p>	<p>established by the State Veterinarian</p>	<p>T-61 euthanasia solution or its generic equivalent</p>	<p>destruction</p> <p>County enforcement agency shall destroy a vicious animal by order of a justice of the peace or city magistrate.</p>
AR	<p>Arkansas Code Annotated §4-97-103 Retail Pet Stores Definitions</p> <p>§4-97-107 Retail Pet Stores Criminal offenses</p> <p>§5-62-116 Sale, destruction, diseased animals</p>		<p>Licensed veterinarian</p> <p>Certified euthanasia technician</p>	<p>Veterinary clinics</p> <p>Retail pet stores</p>	<p>A method that utilizes anesthesia produced by an agent that causes painless loss of consciousness and subsequent death</p>	<p>Any agent or officer of a society for the prevention of cruelty to animals may lawfully destroy or cause to be destroyed any animal found abandoned or otherwise and not properly cared for in the judgment of two reputable citizens called by him or her to view the animal, to be glandered, injured, or diseased past recovery for any useful purpose.</p>
CA		California Business and Professions Code	<p>Licensed veterinarians</p> <p>Employees of</p>		<p>Sodium pentobarbital</p>	

		§4827 Excepted acts	an animal control shelter or humane society who has received proper training			
CO	<p>Colorado Revised Statutes §12-64-118 Emergency care or treatment</p> <p>§12-22-304 License required – controlled substances</p> <p>§18-9-201 Definitions</p>	<p>4 CCR 727-1:VI Supervised Practice</p> <p>3 CCR 719-1:16.02.03 Training</p>	<p>Licensed veterinarians</p> <p>Properly trained non-veterinarians under the direction and supervision of a licensed veterinarian</p>	<p>Veterinary clinics</p> <p>Humane societies registered with the Secretary of State that have been in existence for at least five years as a nonprofit corporation and animal control agencies operated by a unit of government may apply for a permit to possess the chemicals</p>	<p>Methods recognized by the American Veterinary Medical Association as humane</p> <p>Sodium pentobarbital or sodium pentobarbital in combination with other prescription drugs which are medically recognized for euthanasia</p>	<p>A licensed veterinarian may perform emergency euthanasia for humane reasons to an animal either voluntarily or at the request of a state or local governmental officer or employee along a highway or at any public place.</p>
CT	<p>Connecticut General Statutes Annotated</p> <p>§22-344a Euthanasia of animals by pet shops</p> <p>§29-108g Destruction of animal</p>	<p>Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies</p> <p>§20-196-13 Veterinary Care</p> <p>§21a-262-6 Practitioners including but not</p>	<p>Licensed veterinarians</p> <p>Agent or officer of the Connecticut Humane Society</p>	<p>Veterinary clinics</p> <p>Connecticut Humane Society</p>	<p>Lethal injection of sodium pentobarbital</p> <p>Schedule II or III controlled substance of the barbiturate type</p>	<p>The owner or agent of any owner of any domestic animal, the Chief Animal Control Officer, any municipal or regional animal control officer, police officer or state policeman may kill any dog which he observes pursuing or</p>

	<p>in charge of the society</p> <p>§22-358 Killing of dogs doing damage; Euthanasia</p>	<p>limited to medical doctors, dentists, veterinarians, osteopaths, and podiatrists</p> <p>§22-344-25c Records</p>				worrying any such domestic animal.
DC	<p>District of Columbia Official Code</p> <p>§22-1004 Arrests without warrant authorized, notice to owner</p> <p>§22-1012 Abandonment of maimed or diseased animal, destruction of diseased animals</p> <p>§ 3-1201.01, Sec. 864 Certification of veterinary euthanasia technicians; restrictions</p>		<p>Licensed veterinarians</p> <p>A person certified as a veterinary euthanasia technician under general supervision of a licensed veterinarian</p>	<p>Veterinary clinics, humane societies, animal shelters, animal control facilities and wildlife rehabilitation facilities</p>	<p>The Washington Humane Society shall have the authority to “humanely destroy the animal or animals”</p>	
DE	<p>Delaware Code Annotated</p> <p>Title 3</p> <p>§8001 Adoption or</p>	<p>16 DE Admin. Code 4501, Regulations For Animals Held in Shelter</p>	<p>Licensed veterinarians</p> <p>A certified euthanasia</p>	<p>Veterinary clinics</p> <p>Private or public animal shelters or agencies</p>	<p>By administration of sodium pentobarbital</p> <p>With chloroform by a means approved in</p>	<p>Any dog declared dangerous, which, after having been declared dangerous, kills, attacks or inflicts physical injury</p>

	<p>euthanasia authorized</p> <p>§8002 Administration of sodium pentobarbital</p> <p>§8003 Administration of chloroform</p> <p>§1739 Violations by owners of dangerous or potentially dangerous dogs</p>		<p>technician</p> <p>A licensed veterinary technician</p> <p>A person certified by a licensed veterinarian, after passing both a written and practical examination, as proficient to perform euthanasia</p>		<p>writing by a licensed veterinarian after inspecting the equipment and method</p> <p>In shelters, the use of sodium pentobarbital or sodium pentobarbital in combination with phenytoin sodium is the exclusive method for euthanasia of dogs and cats, as specified in the regulation</p>	<p>or serious physical injury, without provocation upon a human being or domestic animal, shall be seized and impounded by the animal control agency and disposed of by euthanasia.</p>
FL	<p>Florida Statutes Annotated</p> <p>§828.05 Killing an injured or diseased domestic animal</p> <p>§828.055 Controlled substances and legend drugs; permits for use</p> <p>§828.058 Euthanasia of dogs and cats</p> <p>§828.065 Euthanasia</p>	<p>Florida Administrative Code Annotated</p> <p>61G18-16.005 Euthanasia of Dogs and Cats; Technician Certification Course</p> <p>61G18-15.0025 Minimum Standards for a Mobile Veterinary</p>	<p>Licensed veterinarian</p> <p>An employee or agent of a public or private agency, animal shelter who successfully completes a 16-hour euthanasia technician certification course</p>	<p>Veterinary clinics</p> <p>Any county or municipal animal control agency or any humane society registered with the Secretary of State that meets certain requirements under the law may apply to the Department of Health for a permit to purchase, possess, and use the prescription drugs</p>	<p>Public or private agencies, animal shelters, or other facilities which are operated for the collection and care of stray, neglected, abandoned, or unwanted animals: Sodium pentobarbital, a sodium pentobarbital derivative, or other agent the Board of Veterinary Medicine may approve by rule shall be the only</p>	<p>Any law enforcement officer, any veterinarian, and any officer or agent of any municipal or county animal control unit or of any society or association for the prevention of cruelty to animals, or the designee of such an officer or agent may immediately destroy any domestic animal that is so injured or diseased as to appear useless and which reasonably appears to be</p>

	<p>of animals offered for sale by pet shops</p> <p>§828.22 Humane Slaughter Act</p>	<p>Practice for Agricultural Animals</p>	<p>Certified veterinary technician</p> <p>Animals offered for sale by pet shops may be euthanized by licensed veterinarians or a layperson who is humane and proficient in the method used</p>	<p>authorized to perform euthanasia</p>	<p>methods used for euthanasia of dogs and cats. A lethal solution shall be used in the following order of preference:</p> <p>(a) Intravenous injection by hypodermic needle;</p> <p>(b) Intraperitoneal injection by hypodermic needle; or</p> <p>(c) If the dog or cat is unconscious with no corneal reflex, intracardial injection by hypodermic needle.</p> <p>Pet Shops: Administration of sodium pentobarbital, a sodium pentobarbital derivative, or a substance or procedure which acts on the central nervous system and is clinically proven to be humane.</p> <p>(b) A lethal solution must be administered in the following order of preference:</p> <p>1. By intravenous</p>	<p>near death by shooting the animal or injecting it with a barbiturate drug after a reasonable and concerted but unsuccessful attempt to locate the owner or owner's agent.</p>
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					<p>injection by hypodermic needle; 2. By intraperitoneal injection by hypodermic needle; 3. By intracardial injection by hypodermic needle; or 4. By solution or powder added to food.</p> <p>Mobile veterinary practices serving agricultural animals shall contain AVMA approved chemical methods of euthanasia.</p>	
GA	<p>Code of Georgia Annotated</p> <p>§4-11-5.1 Substances and procedures for euthanasia of dogs and cats by animal shelters</p>		<p>Licensed veterinarian or physician</p> <p>Lay person properly trained in the proper and humane use of a method of euthanasia under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian or</p>	<p>Veterinary clinics</p> <p>Animal shelters or other facilities which are operated for the collection and care of stray, neglected, abandoned, or unwanted animals</p>	<p>Sodium pentobarbital or a derivative of sodium pentobarbital</p> <p>Any substance which is clinically proven to be as humane as sodium pentobarbital and which has been officially recognized as such by the AVMA</p> <p><i>*Georgia recently adopted a law</i></p>	<p>In cases of extraordinary circumstances where the dog or cat poses an extreme risk or danger to the veterinarian, physician, or lay person performing euthanasia, such person shall be allowed the use of any other substance or procedure that is humane to perform euthanasia on such dangerous dog or cat.</p>

			physician (does not require veterinarian to be present)		<i>outlawing the use of gas chambers beginning December 31, 2010</i>	
HI	Hawaii Revised Statutes §471-1 Definitions §143-13 Destruction of diseased or unfit dogs §143-8 Seizure and redemption of unlicensed dogs §329-16 Controlled Substances Schedule II §329-20 Schedule IV §329-33 Registration		Licensed veterinarians	Veterinary clinics	Pentobarbital Chloral hydrate	Hawaii provides for the humane destruction of dogs by animal control officers, however statutes and regulations lack any reference to how humane destruction is performed.
ID		Idaho Administrative Code Agency 46 Chapter 1 Section 200 Euthanasia Task Force	Licensed veterinarians Certified euthanasia technicians	Veterinary clinics Certified euthanasia agencies such as law enforcement agencies, animal control agencies or a society for the prevention of	Schedule II non-narcotic or Schedule III non-narcotic euthanasia drugs covered by the Controlled Substances Act that has first been approved in writing by the Idaho Board of Pharmacy, the CETF	

		<p>Section 201 Methods of Euthanasia</p> <p>Section 202 Procurement and Administration of Approved Drugs</p> <p>Section 204 Certified Euthanasia Agency</p> <p>Section 205 Certified Euthanasia Technician</p>		<p>cruelty to animals that has been inspected and certified by the euthanasia task force or the board and meet certain requirements for storage and handling</p>	<p>and the board</p> <p>Euthanasia chambers when the equipment is properly designed and operated</p>	
IL	<p>Illinois Compiled Statutes Annotated</p> <p>70/2.09 Humanely euthanized</p> <p>72/57 Procedures for euthanasia</p> <p>72/25 Euthanasia agency</p> <p>72/10 Certification requirement, exemptions</p>		<p>Licensed veterinarians</p> <p>Certified euthanasia technicians only within the physical premises of an animal shelter or animal control facility licensed under the Animal Welfare Act</p>	<p>Certified euthanasia agencies</p>	<p>Euthanasia drugs</p> <p>Carbon monoxide by a licensed veterinarian in a facility licensed under the Illinois Animal Welfare Act. The chamber must be used according to guidelines set forth by the most recent report of the AVMA Panel on Euthanasia and only one animal may be euthanized at a time.</p>	

			Employees of the Department of Agriculture acting under the supervision of a veterinarian			
IN	Annotated Indiana Code §35-48-3-2 Limited permits for entities operating animal shelters	Indiana Administrative Code 345 IAC 1-7-10 Euthanasia and disposal	Licensed veterinarians Trained employees of a humane society, animal control agency, or governmental entity operating an animal shelter or other animal impounding facility	Veterinary clinics Any humane society, animal control agency, or governmental entity operating an animal shelter or other animal impounding facility that receives a permit, pay their annual dues and submit proof that their employees are trained to administer the substances	Sodium pentobarbital When the board or its agents condemn an animal, the state veterinarian may prescribe the means by which the animal shall be euthanized – one that is reasonably humane while allowing for efficient accomplishment of disease control objectives	
IA	Iowa Administrative Code §27-67.9(162) Acceptable forms of euthanasia	Iowa Code §351.37 Dogs running at large – impoundment – disposition	Licensed veterinarians Unclear, but must be in compliance with the 2007 AVMA	Veterinary clinics Unclear, but must be in compliance with the 2007 AVMA Guidelines on Euthanasia	Must be in conformance with the 2007 AVMA Guidelines on Euthanasia	If a dog is impounded by a local board of health or law enforcement and the owner does not redeem the dog within seven days, the dog may be euthanized.

			Guidelines on Euthanasia			
KS	Kansas Statutes Annotated §47-1718 Euthanasia, approved methods	Kansas Administrative Regulations §9-26-1 Euthanasia Methods	Refers to the 2000 Report of the AVMA Panel on Euthanasia			
KY	Kentucky Revised Statutes Annotated §258.505 Use of gunshot as euthanasia §321.207 Certification of animal control agencies and animal euthanasia specialists §258.095 Definitions for KRS 258.095 to 258.500	Kentucky Administrative Regulations 201 KAR 16:090 Certification as an animal euthanasia specialist	Licensed veterinarian Registered veterinary technician or technologist employed by and functioning under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian Certified animal euthanasia specialist	Veterinary clinics Certified animal control agencies that employ a certified animal euthanasia specialist with board approval and payment of fees	Sodium pentobarbital and other drugs approved by the board shall be the only drugs used for the euthanasia of animals in a certified animal control agency Methods specified as acceptable for a particular species by the most recent report of the AVMA Panel on Euthanasia	Peace officers or animal control officers outside animal shelter situations may kill an animal by gunshot if the animal cannot be seized, presents a threat to the health or safety of the general public, or has an injury or physical condition that causes the animal to suffer.
LA	Louisiana Statutes Annotated Title 37 Chapter 18-B §1552 Definitions Title 40 Chapter 4		Licensed veterinarians Certified animal euthanasia technicians	Veterinary clinics Animal control agencies or facilities who have on staff a certified euthanasia	Sodium pentobarbital. Euthanasia of dogs and cats by intracardiac injection is prohibited unless the animal is unconscious or	

	<p>part X-C Animal Euthanasia with Sodium Pentobarbital §1042 Permits</p> <p>Louisiana Admin. Code, 46:LXXXV, Ch. 12, Certified Animal Euthanasia Technicians</p>			technician	<p>rendered completely unconscious and insensitive to pain through the injection of an anesthetic.</p> <p>**Beginning January 1, 2013, euthanasia of dogs and cats by carbon monoxide gas chambers will be prohibited.**</p>	
ME	<p>Maine Revised Statutes Annotated</p> <p>§1041 Euthanasia by prescribed methods</p> <p>§1042 Euthanasia performed by licensed veterinarian or certified person</p> <p>§1043 Emergency Methods</p>		<p>Licensed veterinarian</p> <p>Certified euthanasia technician</p>	<p>Veterinary clinics</p> <p>Licensed animal shelter having both a consulting veterinarian and a certified euthanasia technician may purchase, store and administer</p>	<p>Administration of a barbiturate overdose by intravenous, intraperitoneal, intrathoracic or intracardial injection</p>	<p>An animal may be shot if it is restrained in a humane way, it is performed by a highly skilled and trained person using a weapon that will produce instantaneous death by a single shot only if the safety of people or other animal life is threatened or a situation in which the mandatory method of euthanasia of cats and dogs cannot be implemented expeditiously and will cause undue suffering.</p>
MD	Annotated Code of Maryland	Code of Maryland Regulations	Licensed veterinarians	<p>Veterinary clinics</p> <p>Animal control</p>	Sodium pentobarbital	

	<p>§2-305 Sodium pentobarbital, humane societies</p>	<p>15.14.04.02 Purpose</p> <p>15.14.04.06 Conditions Under Which Sodium Pentobarbital May be Used</p>	<p>Designated employee of an animal control facility</p>	<p>facilities with a license from the Board</p>		
MA	Nothing found					
MI	<p>Michigan Administrative Code</p> <p>R 338.3138 Animal euthanasia; permit application; records; storage of pentobarbital</p> <p>R 338.3139 Animal euthanasia; personnel training</p>		<p>Licensed veterinarians</p> <p>An employee of a dog pound, class B dealer, or animal shelter who has had training by a licensed veterinarian for a minimum of 8 hours</p>	<p>Veterinary clinics</p> <p>A dog pound, class B dealer, or animal shelter licensed by the Michigan Department of Agriculture may apply for a permit to store, handle, and use commercially prepared, premixed solution of sodium pentobarbital</p>		
MN		<p>Minnesota Rules</p> <p>1720.1542 Veterinary Care</p> <p>1720.1546 Dogs and Cats Unfit for Sale or</p>	<p>Licensed veterinarians</p> <p>Kennels and dealers shall establish and maintain a program of</p>	<p>Veterinary clinics</p> <p>Animal shelters</p> <p>Government animal control facilities</p>		

		Release 9100.0700 Unprofessional Conduct	euthanasia under the supervision of a doctor of veterinary medicine			
MS	Annotated Mississippi Code §73-39-61 Construction of Chapter, permitted activities §97-41-3 Crimes; Cruelty to Animals		Licensed veterinarians Animal shelter employees acting under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian or authorized by the board to perform euthanasia	Veterinary clinics		After all reasonable attempts have been made to locate the legal owner of a dog or cat that is found maimed, wounded, injured or diseased, the dog or cat may be euthanized, or caused to be euthanized, by: (i) A law enforcement officer; (ii) A veterinarian licensed in Mississippi; (iii) An employee of an agency or department of a political subdivision that is charged with the control or welfare of dogs or cats within the subdivision; or (iv) An employee or agent of an organization that has the purpose of protecting the welfare of or preventing cruelty to dogs or cats and that possesses nonprofit status.
MO	Missouri Statutes	Missouri Code	Licensed	Veterinary clinics	Methods specified as	

	<p>§273.325 – 273.357 Animal Care Facilities Act</p>	<p>of State Regulations</p> <p>2 CSR 30-9.010 Animal Care Facilities Definitions</p> <p>20 CSR 2270-4.060 Minimum Standards for Supervision</p>	<p>veterinarians</p> <p>Temporary licensee under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian</p> <p>Registered veterinary technician under the immediate supervision of a licensed veterinarian</p> <p>Veterinary student under the immediate supervision of a licensed veterinarian</p>	<p>Unclear but based on statutes, it appears that animal shelters may possess euthanasia chemicals</p>	<p>acceptable by the American Veterinary Medical Association Panel on Euthanasia</p>	
MT	<p>Montana Code Annotated</p> <p>Title 37, Chapter 18, Part 6 Euthanasia technicians and agencies</p> <p>§37-18-602</p>	<p>Administrative Rules of Montana</p> <p>Title 24, Chapter 225, Sub-chapter 9 Euthanasia Technicians and</p>	<p>Licensed veterinarians</p> <p>Certified euthanasia technicians</p>	<p>Veterinary clinics</p> <p>Certified euthanasia agencies</p>	<p>Sodium pentobarbital</p>	

	<p>Definitions</p> <p>§37-18-603 Powers of Board – euthanasia certification</p> <p>§37-18-604 Certified agency- duties</p> <p>§37-18-605 Certified euthanasia technician</p>	<p>Agencies</p> <p>§24-225.907 Board-Approved Training Program Criteria</p> <p>§24.225.930 Approved Euthanasia Drugs</p> <p>§24.225.920 Application for Certified Euthanasia Agencies</p>				
NC		<p>North Carolina Administrative Code</p> <p>Chapter 52 Subchapter 52J Section .0210 Veterinary Care</p> <p>02 NCAC 52J .0404 Certification Requirements for Euthanasia Technicians</p> <p>02 NCAC 52J</p>	<p>Veterinarians</p> <p>Certified Euthanasia Technicians</p>	<p>Veterinary clinics</p> <p>Certified facility meaning a certified animal shelter, kennel or pet shop that employs at least one Certified Euthanasia Technician or licensed veterinarian to perform euthanasia on animals at that certified facility.</p>	<p>Any method of euthanasia approved by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), or the American Humane Association (AHA)</p> <p>Intracardiac injection if animals are anesthetized or heavily sedated</p> <p>Carbon monoxide may</p>	

		<p>.0501 Intracardiac Injection</p> <p>02 NCAC 52J .0601 Carbon Monoxide Equipment</p> <p>02 NCAC 52J.0602 Prohibited Uses</p>			<p>be used except on animals that appear to be less than 16 weeks of age, animals that are pregnant, and animals that are near death</p>	
ND	Nothing found					
NE	<p>Nebraska Revised Statutes</p> <p>§54-2503 Terms, defined</p>	<p>Nebraska Administrative Code</p> <p>172 NAC Ch. 180, §004 Standards of Supervision for Delegated Health Care Tasks</p>	<p>Licensed veterinarians</p> <p>Licensed veterinarian technician under the direction, supervision and control of a veterinarian licensed to practice in Nebraska, provided the veterinarian makes a physical examination of</p>		<p>Sodium pentobarbital</p>	

			the patient treated			
NH	Nothing found					
NJ	New Jersey Statutes Annotated §45:16-14 Definitions	New Jersey Administrative Code 8:23A-1.11 Euthanasia	New Jersey licensed veterinarians Those certified by a licensed veterinarian in the acceptable euthanasia technique or techniques used at the facility		Primary recommended method is intravenous injection of a barbiturate Administration of injectable solutions approved for use in dogs and cats Administration of inhalant anesthetics Intravenous injection of combinations of chloral hydrate, magnesium sulfate and pentobarbital is acceptable for large animals, such as horses	
NM	New Mexico Statutes Annotated §77-1B Animal Sheltering Service Act §77-1B-6 Euthanasia provider; license	16.24.1 NMAC Animal Sheltering Providers; General Provisions 16.24.2 NMAC Licensure and Certification	Licensed veterinarians Euthanasia providers licensed by the board	Veterinary clinics Euthanasia agencies licensed by the board	Non-narcotic schedule II or schedule III substances and chemicals as set forth in the Controlled Substances Act that are used for the purpose of euthanasia and pre-euthanasia of animals	In the case of emergency field euthanasia, euthanasia may be performed by a commissioned law enforcement officer by means of gunshot

	<p>§77-1B-7 Euthanasia instructors; certification</p> <p>§77-1B-8 Euthanasia agencies; inspections; exemptions</p> <p>§77-1B-2 Definitions</p>	<p>16.24.3 NMAC Duties of Licensees and Certificate Holders</p> <p>16.24.6 NMAC Formulary for Euthanasia Technicians</p>				
NV	<p>Nevada Revised Statutes Annotated</p> <p>Title 40 §453.381 Limitations on prescribing, possessing, administering, transporting, and dispensing controlled substances</p> <p>Title 54 §638.005 Euthanasia technician defined</p>	<p>Nevada Administrative Code</p> <p>Chapter 638 s. 525 Euthanasia Technicians</p>	<p>Licensed veterinarians</p> <p>Euthanasia technicians</p>	<p>Veterinary clinics</p> <p>Euthanasia technicians</p> <p>Law enforcement agencies, Animal control agencies, and societies for the prevention of cruelty to animals who have a euthanasia technician on staff</p>	Sodium pentobarbital	
NY	<p>Mckinney's Consolidated Laws of New York Chapter 69; Article 26</p>	<p>Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York</p>	<p>Licensed veterinarians</p> <p>Certified Euthanasia Technicians</p>	<p>Authorized agent of an incorporated society for the prevention of cruelty to animals</p>	<p>Euthanasia of animals shall be accomplished solely by means of injection of sodium pentobarbital or sodium pentobarbital solution</p>	<p>No person shall euthanize any dog or cat by gunshot except as an emergency procedure for a dangerous dog or a severely injured dog or</p>

	<p>§374 Humane destruction or other disposition of animals lost, strayed, homeless, abandoned or improperly confined or kept</p>	<p>10 NYCRR 80.2(a)(6) and 80.134</p>	<p>Licensed Veterinary Technicians</p> <p>Authorized agent of an incorporated society for the prevention of cruelty to animals</p> <p>Municipal animal control facility</p> <p>Pound maintained by or under contract with any city, town or village</p>	<p>Municipal animal control facility</p>	<p>administered by a certified euthanasia technician, a licensed veterinarian or a licensed veterinary technician; and must be performed only upon animals that are heavily sedated, anesthetized, or comatose.</p> <p>Only a licensed veterinarian may perform euthanasia by intracardiac injection of sodium pentobarbital or sodium pentobarbital solution upon animals that are not heavily sedated, anesthetized or comatose and only when such licensed veterinarian determines that such intracardiac injection is the most humane option available.</p> <p>Intracardiac injection without sedation, anesthesia, or comatose is not allowed where animals are under the</p>	<p>cat that is suffering and cannot otherwise be aided.</p> <p>Any agent or officer of the ASPCA, or any police officer may humanely destroy any animal found abandoned and not properly cared for if a licensed veterinary surgeon certifies in writing that the animal is so maimed, diseased or infirm so as to be unfit for any useful purpose, or with consent from the owner.</p>
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					care of a duly incorporated SPCA, animal shelter, humane society or pound.	
OH	<p>Ohio Revised Code</p> <p>§4729.532 Method and requirements for euthanasia of animals by use of drugs</p> <p>§4729.531 License for euthanasia of animals by use of drugs</p> <p>§955.28(A) Dog may be killed for certain acts.</p>		<p>Licensed veterinarians</p> <p>Certified euthanasia technicians</p> <p>Veterinary technicians</p>	<p>Veterinary clinics</p> <p>Animal shelters who hold a license issued by the state board of pharmacy</p>	<p>Combination drugs that contain pentobarbital and at least one non-controlled substance active ingredient, in a manufactured dosage form, whose only indication is for euthanizing animals, or other substance that the state veterinary medical licensing board and the state board of pharmacy both approve by rule</p>	<p>A law enforcement officer may kill a dog that attacks a police dog.</p>
OK	<p>Oklahoma Statutes Annotated</p> <p>4 Okl. St. Ann. §501 Disposal of animals kept for pleasure – method</p>	<p>Oklahoma Administrative Code</p> <p>775:10-8-12 Registration of Animal Euthanasia Technicians to purchase and possess controlled dangerous</p>	<p>Licensed veterinarian</p> <p>A person trained for this purpose and approved and supervised by a licensed veterinarian</p> <p>Certified euthanasia</p>	<p>Veterinary clinics</p> <p>Certified Euthanasia Technician registered by Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control, Drug Enforcement Agency and who holds a valid</p>	<p>Sodium pentobarbital</p> <p>Carbon monoxide chamber using commercially compressed cylinder gas (but not for use on kittens and puppies under sixteen weeks of age)</p> <p>Any other method approved by the</p>	

		<p>substances</p> <p>775:10-8-16 Standards for euthanasia of animals in the custody of a law enforcement agency, animal control agency or animal shelter</p>	<p>technician</p> <p>Animal control officer registered by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control</p>	<p>certificate issued by OK Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners</p> <p>Animal control officer registered by OK Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control</p>	<p>Animal Industries Services Division of the State Dept. of Agriculture which shall include current acceptable euthanasia recommendations from the AVMA, with the exception of curariform derivative drugs</p>	
OR	<p>Oregon Revised Statutes</p> <p>§686-040 Application of licensing requirements</p>	<p>Oregon Administrative Rules</p> <p>§875-020-0030 Certification of Technicians</p> <p>§875-020-0040 Certification Standards for Agencies</p> <p>§855-080-0100 Animal Euthanasia</p>	<p>Licensed veterinarians</p> <p>A person trained to administer sodium pentobarbital as prescribed in the regulations</p>	<p>Veterinary clinics</p> <p>Humane societies</p> <p>Animal control agencies</p>	<p>Sodium pentobarbital and any other euthanasia substance approved by the Oregon State Veterinary Medical Examining Board</p>	
PA	<p>Pennsylvania Statutes</p> <p>Animal Destruction Method Authorization Law,</p>		<p>Licensed veterinarians</p> <p>Certified veterinary technicians</p>	<p>Veterinary clinics</p> <p>Licensed animal protection organizations</p>	<p>Decompression chambers, carbon monoxide gas from any source, and drowning are not considered acceptable methods of</p>	

	HB 2630, Act #182, signed into law on Oct. 24, 2012		<p>working under indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian</p> <p>Licensed animal protection organizations including municipality shelters</p> <p>Certified euthanasia technician</p> <p>Animal control organization</p>	Animal control organizations	<p>euthanasia</p> <p>Most current <i>AVMA Guidelines on Euthanasia</i> are adopted as guidelines.</p> <p>For small domestic animals, the use of commercially available solution approved by FDA is the exclusive method, with limited exceptions.</p> <p>An animal may be tranquilized with a substance approved by the FDA before euthanasia commences</p> <p>Limited rules and exemptions for veterinarians and certified veterinary technicians working under indirect supervision; agricultural, research or educational entities; and animal protection organizations</p>	
RI	General Laws of	Code of Rhode	Licensed	Veterinary clinics	Lethal injection	In the event of an

	<p>Rhode Island</p> <p>§4-9-12 Disposition of Animals</p> <p>§4-1-3.1 Prohibited Practices in Destruction of Animals</p>	<p>Island Rules</p> <p>§12 020 041 Destruction of Animals by Carbon Monoxide Poisoning</p>	<p>veterinarians</p>	<p>Animal shelters</p>		<p>emergency, if a licensed veterinarian cannot be secured without undue delay, and, in the opinion of the animal control officer, animal control administrator, approved humane investigator, or animal shelter employee the animal is so severely injured, diseased, or suffering in such a manner the animal cannot otherwise be humanely destroyed in an expeditious manner, the animal may be destroyed by shooting under specified conditions.</p>
<p>SC</p>	<p>Code of Laws of South Carolina</p> <p>§47-3-420 Allowable methods of euthanasia</p>		<p>Licensed veterinarians</p> <p>Euthanasia technician</p> <p>Department of Natural Resources employee, trained and certified for this purpose in a euthanasia</p>	<p>Veterinary clinics</p> <p>Animal shelter by direct licensing</p> <p>Governmental animal control agency by direct licensing</p> <p>Department of Natural Resources by direct licensing</p>	<p>Barbituric acid derivatives</p> <p>(a) intravenous or intracardial injection of a lethal solution;</p> <p>(b) intraperitoneal injection of lethal solution when location of an injection into vein is difficult or impossible;</p> <p>(c) oral ingestion of powdered barbituric acid derivatives in</p>	<p>Shooting may be used as a means of euthanasia only in an emergency situation to prevent extreme suffering or in which the safety of people or other animal life is threatened or where it is considered necessary by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources to eliminate or control the population of feral</p>

			training class taught by a licensed South Carolina veterinarian, which must be repeated every five years		capsules mixed with food by manual administration of a solution Carbon monoxide gas for dogs and cats over 16 weeks of age	animals.
SD	South Dakota Codified Laws §40-1-24 Authority of officer or agent to control dangerous animal – seizure, impoundment, or euthanasia authorized	Administrative Rules of South Dakota 12:68:20:03 Methods of Euthanasia	Licensed veterinarian		Methods that produce instantaneous unconsciousness and immediate death without visual evidence of pain or distress or by administering an anesthetic which causes loss of consciousness and death following loss of consciousness	Any peace officer, officer or agent of a humane society, or agent of the board may use all necessary means to control a dangerous animal so as not to immediately jeopardize the health or safety of themselves or others. Any officer or agent of a humane society, agent of the board, or peace officer may enter, search, and investigate premises, take testimony from the owner and witnesses and seize, impound, or euthanize a dangerous animal.
TN	Tennessee Code §44-17-303 Methods of Euthanasia § 44-17-304	Tennessee Rules and Regulations 1730-04 General Rules Governing	Licensed veterinarian Tennessee veterinarian	Veterinary clinics Animal control agencies that employ a certified	Sodium pentobarbital and all commercially available FDA approved euthanasia agents containing	Notwithstanding the provisions of this section or any other law to the contrary, whenever an emergency situation

	<p>Euthanasia- non-livestock animals</p> <p>§63-12-141 Restricted controlled substance registration certificates; euthanizing injured, sick or abandoned animals; certified euthanasia technician</p>	<p>Certified Animal Control Agencies</p> <p>1730-05 General Rules Governing Certified Animal Euthanasia Technicians</p> <p>1730-4-.13 Dispensing or otherwise distributing pharmaceuticals</p>	<p>medical technicians who complete a euthanasia technician certification course</p> <p>Employee or agent of a public or private agency, animal shelter or other facility operated for the care, collection and/or euthanasia of stray, neglected abandoned or unwanted nonlivestock animals</p>	<p>animal euthanasia technician may apply for a permit</p>	<p>sodium pentobarbital</p>	<p>exists in the field, which requires the immediate euthanasia of an injured, dangerous or severely diseased nonlivestock animal, a law enforcement officer, a veterinarian, or agent of a local animal control unit or the designee of such an agent may humanely destroy the nonlivestock animal.</p> <p>A non-livestock animal may be tranquilized with an approved and humane substance before any form of euthanasia involving a lethal injection is performed but the animal must be tranquilized if the euthanasia is performed by Intracardial injection by hypodermic needle.</p> <p>Before any public or private agency, animal shelter or other facility operated for the collection, care and/or euthanasia of stray,</p>
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						neglected, abandoned or unwanted non-livestock animals euthanizes a non-livestock animal that the facility knows or should know, by identification or vaccination tags, personal knowledge or otherwise, has an owner, the facility shall be required to hold the animal for at least three (3) full business days from the time it is brought to the facility before such animal may be euthanized. These provisions shall not apply where an emergency situation exists that requires the immediate euthanasia of an injured, dangerous or severely diseased non-livestock animal.
TX	Texas Statutes and Codes Annotated §821.052 Methods of Euthanasia §821.054	Texas Administrative Code §573.10 Supervision of Non-licensed	Licensed veterinarians Certified euthanasia technicians	Veterinary clinics Animal shelters	For dogs and cats: Sodium pentobarbital Commercially compressed carbon monoxide	

	<p>Requirements for Use of Commercially Compressed Carbon Monoxide</p> <p>§8221.055 Training for Euthanasia Technicians</p>	<p>Employees</p> <p>§169.81 Standards for Allowable Methods of Euthanasia for Animals in the Custody of an Animal Shelter</p>	<p>Non-veterinarians under the immediate supervision of a veterinarian</p>		<p>For dogs and cats in custody of an animal shelter – only sodium pentobarbital</p> <p>For any animal other than a dog or cat in the custody of an animal shelter – only in accordance with the methods, recommendations, and procedures of the AVMA Guidelines for the Euthanasia of Animals</p>	
UT	<p>Laws of Utah</p> <p>58-28-502</p>		<p>Licensed Veterinarians</p> <p>Animal shelter employees acting under the indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian</p>	<p>Veterinary Clinics</p> <p>Animal shelters under the indirect supervision of a veterinarian</p>		
VT	<p>Vermont Statutes</p> <p>§371 Euthanizing animals</p> <p>§3913 Euthanasia</p>	<p>Code of Vermont Rules</p> <p>20 022 DVR 020 Rules for the Humane</p>	<p>Vermont licensed veterinarian and persons in training under such program</p>	<p>Registered animal shelters may purchase, possess and administer approved euthanasia solution</p>	<p>Approved euthanasia drugs</p>	

	certification	Euthanasia of Animals in Registered Animal Shelters	Certified euthanasia technicians	to euthanize injured, sick homeless or unwanted pets and animals		
VA	<p>Code of Virginia</p> <p>§3.1-796.76 Injured or sick animal; action by veterinarian</p> <p>§3.1-796.119 Capturing, confining, and euthanizing companion animals by animal control officers; approval of drugs, etc., used</p> <p>§3.1-796.96 County or city pounds; confinement and disposition of animals</p> <p>§3.1-796.105 Animal control officers and humane investigators</p> <p>§3.1-796.114 When animals to be destroyed; procedure</p>	<p>Virginia Administrative Code</p> <p>18 VAC 110-20-580 Humane Societies and Animal Shelters</p>	<p>Licensed veterinarians</p> <p>Certified euthanasia technicians</p> <p>Animal control officers</p> <p>Humane investigator</p>	<p>Veterinary clinics</p> <p>Humane society or animal shelter when registered by the Board of Pharmacy</p>	<p>Euthanasia drugs</p> <p>No animal may be euthanized by means of a high altitude decompression chamber. No companion animal may be euthanized by means of a gas chamber.</p>	<p>A licensed veterinarian who comes upon an animal that is sick or injured and the owner cannot be immediately located, then the veterinarian may euthanize the animal without permission from the owner.</p> <p>Any humane investigator may lawfully cause to be destroyed any animal found abandoned or not properly cared for when in his judgment and the judgment of two reputable citizens who give their written certificate, the animal appears to be injured, disabled or diseased past recovery.</p>

	§ 54.1-3423. Board to issue registration unless inconsistent with public interest; authorization to conduct research; application and fees.					
WA		<p>Washington Administrative Code</p> <p>Chapter 246-886 Animal control – legend drugs and controlled Substances</p> <p>§246-887-050 Sodium pentobarbital for animal euthanasia</p> <p>§246-935-050 Animal health care tasks</p>	<p>Licensed veterinarians</p> <p>Specially designated agents such as a humane officer; animal control enforcement officer; animal control authority; peace officer authorized by police chief, sheriff or county commissioners who have been trained in handling and administering sodium pentobarbital</p> <p>Veterinary</p>	<p>Veterinary clinics</p> <p>Any humane society or animal control agency that designates a responsible individual may apply to the board of pharmacy for a limited registration to purchase, possess, and administer sodium pentobarbital to euthanize injured, sick, homeless or unwanted domestic pets</p>	Sodium pentobarbital	

			<p>technicians under the indirect supervision of a veterinarian</p> <p>Unregistered assistant under direct supervision by a veterinarian</p>			
<p>WV</p>	<p>Code of West Virginia</p> <p>§30-10A-2 certification required and requirements for certification</p> <p>§30-10A-4 Scope of Practice</p> <p>§30-10A-8 Drug selection</p> <p>Department of Agriculture, livestock Care Standards, Rule 61-31-2.11</p>		<p>Licensed veterinarians</p> <p>Certified euthanasia technicians under the supervision of a humane officer or licensed veterinarian</p>	<p>Controlled substance permits issued by the state board of pharmacy and the federal drug enforcement administration shall be issued to a municipal or county run animal control facility, or a humane society or animal shelter incorporated and organized under the laws of the state, with one or more duly appointed agents.</p> <p>The rule governing the care and well-</p>	<p>Sodium pentobarbital, however, the in event it is no longer approved as the “drug of choice” for the euthanasia of animals by either state or federal mandate, the board shall determine the replacement “drug of choice” by legislative rule. The board may also replace sodium pentobarbital as the “drug of choice” at any time by legislative rule.</p> <p>Use of gas chamber is prohibited for euthanasia provided, however, that any county which had a gas</p>	

				being of livestock, including beef cattle, bison, veal, dairy cattle, equine, swine, small ruminant and poultry, adopts methods specified as acceptable for that species by the AVMA Guidelines for the Euthanasia of Animals, 2013 Edition.	chamber in operation as of 2009 may continue to operate the chamber subject to certain conditions.	
WI	Wisconsin Statutes §173.25 Immunity for euthanizing animals					A political subdivision, a humane officer or a law enforcement officer who has reason to believe that an animal is dangerous is not liable for damages for the loss of the animal resulting from euthanizing the animal.
WY	Wyoming Statutes §33-30-219 Certified animal euthanasia technicians	Wyoming Rules and Regulations AI AETC Ch. 6 s 4 Ethical Standards	Licensed veterinarians Certified animal euthanasia technicians	Veterinary clinics	Humane manner consistent with current approved methods of the American Veterinary Medical Association, American Humane Association, Humane Society of the United States, or National Animal	

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