

State Animal Euthanasia Laws

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State	Code	Regulations	Who may perform	Who may possess	Method	Emergency Euthanasia
AL	<p>Ala. Code 1975 § 34-29-130 Permit to purchase, possess, and use certain agents for euthanizing animals</p> <p>Ala. Code 1975 § 34-29-131 Exemptions</p> <p>Ala. Code 1975 § 34-29-132 Euthanasia in emergency situations</p>	<p>Ala. Admin. Code r. 930-X-1-.35 Certified Euthanasia Technicians (CET) For the Humane Euthanasia of Animals</p> <p>Ala. Admin. Code r. 930-X-1-.36 Registered Animal Euthanasia Facility (RAEF) for the Humane Euthanasia of Animals</p>	<p>Licensed veterinarian</p> <p>Licensed veterinary technician who is the employee or agent of a licensed veterinarian or animal shelter</p> <p>Certified euthanasia technician employed by an animal shelter approved by the Board</p>	<p>Veterinary Clinics</p> <p>Animal shelters approved by the Board that operate for the collection and care of stray, neglected, abandoned, or unwanted dogs and cats</p> <p>Federally licensed wildlife rehabilitation centers</p>	<p>Injectable agents such as sodium pentobarbital, sodium pentobarbital with lidocaine, or other similar agents</p> <p>Oral Euthanasia Solution</p> <p>Carbon Monoxide, CO, and inhalant anesthetics</p> <p>Carbon monoxide chamber that meets the standards of the AVMA panel on euthanasia</p> <p>*After January 1, 2012, any animal shelters which operated a gas chamber prior to this date shall have dismantled and removed its gas chamber.</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.</p> <p>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>
AK	<p>AS § 03.55.030 Dogs that annoy or bite animals or birds</p> <p>AS § 03.55.010</p>	<p>7 AAC 27.020 Control of animal diseases transmissible to humans</p>	<p>Licensed veterinarian</p> <p>Peace Officer</p>	<p>Veterinary clinics</p> <p>Animal control agency</p>	<p>Injection of sodium pentobarbital, sodium pentobarbital with lidocaine, and other drugs authorized</p>	<p>Dept. of Health may euthanize an animal if the animal is determined to be carrying a disease transmissible to humans</p>

	<p>Killing of vicious or mad dog authorized</p> <p>AS § 03.55.130 Destruction and adoption of animals</p> <p>AS § 08.02.050 Permits for use of drugs to euthanize domestic animals</p>		<p>Public or Private Custodian</p> <p>Certified euthanasia technician</p>	<p>An entity that has contracted with a municipality or recognized governmental entity to perform animal control or animal euthanasia services</p>		<p>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>A.R.S. § 3-1213 Acquisition and use of sodium pentobarbital or a derivative by county and local pounds</p> <p>A.R.S. § 11-1014 Biting animals; reporting; handling and destruction</p> <p>A.R.S. § 11-1021 Proper care, maintenance and destruction of impounded animals</p>	N/A	<p>Licensed veterinarians</p> <p>County, city and town animal pounds under procedures established by the State Veterinarian</p>	<p>Veterinary clinics</p> <p>County, city and town animal pounds under procedures established by the State Veterinarian</p>	<p>Injection of sodium pentobarbital or a derivative of sodium pentobarbital</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 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>A.C.A. § 4-97-103 Definitions</p>	N/A	<p>Licensed veterinarian</p>	<p>Veterinary clinics</p> <p>Retail pet stores</p>	<p>A method that utilizes anesthesia produced by an agent that causes</p>	<p>Upon discovery or knowledge of the animal's condition, any animal</p>

	<p>A.C.A. § 4-97-107 Criminal offenses</p> <p>A.C.A. § 5-62-116 Sale, destruction, diseased animals</p>		Euthanasia Technician licensed by the DEA and certified by the Department of Health		painless loss of consciousness and subsequent death	having glanders or farcy shall be humanely killed by the owner or person having charge of the animal, or arrangements shall be made to have the animal euthanized.
CA	<p>West's Ann. Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 4827 Excepted acts</p>	<p>16 CCR § 2039 Sodium pentobarbital/ Euthanasia Training</p>	<p>Licensed veterinarians</p> <p>Registered Veterinary Technicians who have received proper training</p> <p>Employees of an animal control shelter or humane society who have received proper training</p>	<p>Veterinary Clinic</p> <p>Animal Control Shelter or Humane Society</p>	Sodium pentobarbital	A person may administer sodium pentobarbital for euthanasia of sick, injured, homeless, or unwanted domestic pets or animals without the presence of a veterinarian when the person is an employee of an animal control shelter and its agencies or humane society and has received proper training in the administration of sodium pentobarbital for these purposes.
CO	<p>C.R.S.A. § 12-42.5-118 Compounding--dispensing--sale of drugs and devices--rules--definition</p> <p>C.R.S.A. § 12-64-118 Emergency care and Treatment</p> <p>C.R.S.A. § 18-9-201 Definitions</p>	<p>3 CCR 719-1:16.00.00 Limited Licenses</p> <p>4 CCR 727-1:VI Supervised Practice</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</p> <p>Animal control agencies operated by a unit of government may apply for a permit to</p>	<p>Sodium pentobarbital or sodium pentobarbital in combination with other prescription drugs which are medically recognized for euthanasia</p> <p>Methods recognized by the American Veterinary Medical Association as humane</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.

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CT	<p>C.G.S.A. § 22-344a Euthanasia of animals by pet shops</p> <p>C.G.S.A. § 22-358 Killing of dogs doing damage; Euthanasia</p> <p>C.G.S.A. § 29-108g Destruction of Animal</p>	<p>Regs. Conn. State Agencies § 20-196-13 Veterinary Care</p> <p>Regs. Conn. State Agencies § 21a-262-6 Practitioners including but not limited to medical doctors, dentists, veterinarians, osteopaths, and podiatrists</p> <p>Regs. Conn. State Agencies § 22-344-25c Records</p>	<p>Licensed veterinarians</p> <p>Person under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian</p> <p>Agent or officer of the Connecticut Humane Society</p>	<p>Veterinary clinics Pet Shops</p> <p>Connecticut Humane Society</p>	<p>Lethal injection of sodium pentobarbital</p> <p>Schedule II or III controlled substance of the barbiturate type, for use solely for animal anesthesia or animal euthanasia</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 worrying any such domestic animal.</p> <p>Any person who is bitten, or who shows visible evidence of attack by a dog, cat or other animal when such person is not upon the premises of the owner or keeper of such dog, cat or other animal may kill such dog, cat or other animal during such attack</p>
DE	<p>16 Del. C. § 3001F Definitions</p> <p>16 Del. C. § 3002F Shelter Care and Treatment</p> <p>16 Del. C. § 3004F Euthanasia in Animal Shelters</p> <p>16 Del. C. § 3079F Violations for Owners</p>	<p>16 Del. Admin. Code 4501-10.0 Euthanasia in Animal Shelters</p> <p>16 Del. Admin. Code 4501-11.0 Euthanasia Methods and Procedures for Animal Shelters</p>	<p>Licensed veterinarians</p> <p>Certified euthanasia technician</p> <p>Licensed veterinary technician</p> <p>A person certified by a</p>	<p>Veterinary clinics</p> <p>Private or public animal shelters or agencies</p>	<p>By administration of sodium pentobarbital</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>An animal may be euthanized immediately if necessary to alleviate undue suffering or to protect shelter staff and/or other sheltered animals from an animal's severe aggression or contagious deadly health condition.</p> <p>Any dog declared dangerous, which, after having been declared</p>

	of Dangerous Dogs		licensed veterinarian, after passing both a written and practical examination, as proficient to perform euthanasia		The methods approved or conditionally approved by the most recent American Veterinary Medical Association Guidelines on Euthanasia. Under no circumstances shall carbon monoxide or carbon dioxide be used as a method of euthanasia	dangerous, kills, attacks or inflicts physical injury 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.
DC	DC ST § 3-1208.64 Certification of veterinary euthanasia technicians; Restrictions DC ST § 22-1004 Arrests without warrant authorized; Notice to owner DC ST § 22-1012 Abandonment of maimed or diseased animal; destruction of diseased animals; disposition of animal or vehicle on arrest of driver; scientific experiments	N/A	Licensed veterinarians A person certified as a veterinary euthanasia technician under general supervision of a licensed veterinarian	Veterinary clinics Humane societies Animal Shelters Animal Control Facilities Wildlife rehabilitation facilities	The Washington Humane Society shall have the authority to “humanely destroy the animal or animals”	Any agent or officer of the Washington Humane Society may lawfully destroy, or cause to be destroyed, any animal found abandoned and not properly cared for, appearing, in the judgment of 2 reputable citizens called by such officer to view the same in such officer's presence, to be glandered, injured, or diseased past recovery for any useful purpose.
FL	West's F.S.A. § 828.05 Killing an injured or diseased domestic animal	Fla. Admin. Code r. 61G18-15.0025 Minimum Standards for a Mobile Veterinary	Licensed veterinarian Certified veterinary	Veterinary clinics Any county or municipal animal control agency or	Barbiturate drug injection Public or private agencies, animal	Whenever any domestic animal is so injured or diseased as to appear useless and is suffering, and it reasonably appears

	<p>West's F.S.A. § 828.055 Controlled substances and legend drugs; Permits for use</p> <p>West's F.S.A. § 828.058 Euthanasia of Dogs and Cats</p> <p>West's F.S.A. § 828.065 Euthanasia of animals offered for sale by pet shops</p>	<p>Practice for Agricultural Animals Fla. Admin. Code r. 61G18-16.005 Euthanasia of Dogs and Cats; Technician Certification Course</p>	<p>technician</p> <p>Any law enforcement officer</p> <p>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</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>Animals offered for sale by pet shops may be euthanized by licensed veterinarians or a layperson who is humane and proficient in the</p>	<p>any humane society registered with the Secretary of State that meets certain requirements</p>	<p>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 methods used for euthanasia of dogs and cats.</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>Mobile veterinary practices serving agricultural animals shall contain AVMA approved chemical methods of euthanasia.</p>	<p>to an officer that such animal is imminently near death or cannot be cured or rendered fit for service and the officer has made a reasonable and concerted, but unsuccessful, effort to locate the owner, the owner's agent, or a veterinarian, then such officer, acting in good faith and upon reasonable belief, may immediately destroy such animal by shooting the animal or injecting it with a barbiturate drug.</p>
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GA	<p>Ga. Code Ann., § 4-8-25 Judge authorized to order euthanasia</p> <p>Ga. Code Ann., § 4-8-26 Euthanasia for causing serious injury on more than one occasion</p> <p>Ga. Code Ann., § 4-11-5.1 Substances and procedures for euthanasia of dogs and cats by animal shelters</p>	<p>Ga Comp. R. & Regs. 40-13-13-.08 Euthanasia</p> <p>Ga Comp. R. & Regs. 700-14-.02 Direct Supervision</p> <p>Ga Comp. R. & Regs. 700-15-.01 Immediate Supervision</p>	<p>Licensed veterinarian or physician</p> <p>A veterinary technician may perform euthanasia procedures under direct supervision</p> <p>A veterinary assistant may perform euthanasia procedures under immediate supervision</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 physician (does not require veterinarian to be present)</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>The judge of any superior court of competent jurisdiction may order the euthanasia of a dog if the court finds, after notice and opportunity for hearing, that the dog has seriously injured a human or presents a danger to humans not suitable for control.</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>
HI	HRS § 143-8 Seizure and Redemption	N/A	Licensed veterinarians	Veterinary clinics	<p>Pentobarbital</p> <p>Chloral hydrate</p>	Any police officer or animal control officer may seize and, after notice to

	<p>HRS § 143-13 Destruction of diseased or unfit dogs</p> <p>HRS § 329-16 Schedule II</p> <p>HRS § 329-20 Schedule IV</p> <p>HRS § 329-33 Registration</p> <p>HRS § 471-1 Definitions</p>					<p>the owner if the owner can be found, may kill any dog running at large which is so obviously diseased as to be a menace to the health of persons or animals.</p> <p>All dogs taken into the custody of the animal control officer which by reason of age, disease, or other causes, are unfit for further use or are dangerous to keep impounded, may be forthwith humanely destroyed by the animal control officer.</p>
ID	N/A	<p>IDAPA 46.01.01.201 Methods of Euthanasia, Pre-Euthanasia Sedation, and Chemical Capture</p> <p>IDAPA 46.01.01.202 Procurement and Administration of Approved Drugs</p> <p>IDAPA 46.01.01.204 Certified Euthanasia Agency</p>	<p>Licensed veterinarians</p> <p>Certified euthanasia technicians</p>	<p>Veterinary clinics</p> <p>Certified euthanasia agencies such as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Law enforcement agencies; 2. Animal control agencies; 3. A humane society; or 4. An animal shelter that has been inspected and certified by the COHE or the Board 	<p>Schedule II 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</p> <p>Oral administration of approved euthanasia drugs is permitted for any animal that cannot be captured or restrained without serious danger to human safety</p>	N/A

		IDAPA 46.01.01.205 Certified Euthanasia Technician				
IL	<p>510 ILCS 70/2.09 Humanely euthanized</p> <p>510 ILCS 72/10 Certification requirement, Exemptions</p> <p>510 ILCS 72/25 Euthanasia agency</p> <p>510 ILCS 72/57 Procedures for euthanasia</p>	N/A	<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>Instructor during an approved course in animal shelters or animal control facilities</p> <p>Employees of the Department of Agriculture acting under the supervision of a veterinarian</p>	<p>Veterinary Clinics</p> <p>A licensed animal shelter or an animal control facility</p> <p>Certified Euthanasia Agency</p>	<p>“Humanely euthanized” means the painless administration of a lethal dose of an agent or method of euthanasia as prescribed in the Report of the American Veterinary Medical Association Panel on Euthanasia published in the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association, March 1, 2001 (or any successor version of that Report), that causes the painless death of an animal.</p> <p>Schedule II and Schedule III (nonnarcotic controlled substances) drugs for the euthanization of animals</p> <p>Carbon monoxide by a licensed veterinarian in a facility licensed under the Illinois Animal Welfare Act.</p>	<p>Euthanasia by a certified euthanasia technician shall be conducted only within the physical premises of an animal shelter licensed under the Animal Welfare Act or an animal control facility licensed under the Animal Welfare Act, except that a certified euthanasia technician employed by an animal control facility licensed under the Animal Welfare Act may euthanize animals in the field in emergency situations.</p>
IN	IC 35-48-3-2	345 IAC 1-7-10	Licensed	Veterinary clinics	Sodium pentobarbital	When the board or its

	Limited permits for entities operating animal shelters	Euthanasia and disposal	veterinarians Trained employees of a humane society, animal control agency, or governmental entity operating an animal shelter or other animal impounding facility	A humane society, animal control agency, or governmental entity operating an animal shelter or other animal impounding facility	Means that are reasonably humane while allowing for efficient accomplishment of disease control objectives	agents condemn an animal, the state veterinarian may prescribe the means by which the animal shall be euthanized. If the state veterinarian prescribes a method of euthanasia, the method shall be one that is reasonably humane while allowing for efficient accomplishment of disease control objectives under the prevailing circumstances.
IA	I.C.A. § 162.2 Definitions I.C.A. § 162.13 Criminal penalties— Confiscation I.C.A. § 351.37 Dogs running at large – Impoundment – Disposition	Iowa Admin. Code 21-67.9(162) Acceptable forms of euthanasia	Licensed veterinarians Commercial establishments, such as animal shelters or pounds, that follow the 2007 AVMA Guidelines on Euthanasia	Veterinary clinics Commercial Establishments, such as animal shelters or pounds, that follow the 2007 AVMA Guidelines on Euthanasia	The humane destruction of an animal accomplished by a method that involves instantaneous unconsciousness and immediate death or by a method that involves anesthesia, produced by an agent which causes painless loss of consciousness, and death during the loss of consciousness 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.
KS	K.S.A. 47-1701 Definitions	K.A.R. 9-18-31 Euthanasia	Licensed veterinarians	Veterinary Clinics	Any means, method, agent or device, or in	N/A

	<p>K.S.A. 47-1712 Rules and Regulations</p> <p>K.S.A. 47-1718 Euthanasia, Approved methods</p>	Methods	An animal control officer, licensee, permittee, officer of an animal shelter, or officer of a pound	An animal control officer, licensee, permittee, officer of an animal shelter, or officer of a pound	<p>any way, except through the most current, approved euthanasia methods established by the American Veterinary Medical Association Panel on Euthanasia</p> <p>Inhaled carbon monoxide shall not be used as a method of euthanasia of dogs and cats</p>	
KY	<p>KRS § 258.095 Definitions</p> <p>KRS § 258.505 Use of gunshot as euthanasia</p> <p>KRS § 321.207 Certification of animal control agencies and animal euthanasia specialists</p>	201 KAR 16:090 Certification as an animal euthanasia specialist	<p>Licensed veterinarian</p> <p>Registered veterinary technician or technologist employed by and functioning under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian</p> <p>Certified animal euthanasia specialist</p>	<p>Veterinary clinics</p> <p>Certified animal control agencies that employ a certified animal euthanasia specialist with board approval and payment of fees</p>	<p>Sodium pentobarbital, sodium pentobarbital with lidocaine, and other drugs approved by the board</p> <p>Methods specified as acceptable for a particular species by the most recent report of the AVMA Panel on Euthanasia</p> <p>Gunshot shall not be used as a routine method of euthanasia in animal shelter settings</p>	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	<p>LSA-R.S. 37:1552 Definitions</p> <p>LSA-R.S. 40:1032 Permit</p> <p>LSA-R.S. 40:1034 Permit Issuance and</p>	<p>La. Admin Code. tit. 46, Pt LXXXV, § 1200 Definitions</p> <p>La. Admin Code. tit. 46, Pt LXXXV, § 1209</p>	<p>Licensed veterinarians</p> <p>Certified animal euthanasia technicians</p>	<p>Veterinary clinics</p> <p>Animal control agencies or facilities who have on staff a certified euthanasia technician</p>	<p>Sodium pentobarbital</p> <p>Euthanasia of dogs and cats by intracardiac injection is prohibited unless the animal is unconscious or rendered completely</p>	N/A

	<p>Conditions</p> <p>LSA-R.S. 40:1035 Permit revocation or suspension; Inspections</p>	<p>Pre-Euthanasia Restraint</p> <p>La. Admin Code. tit. 46, Pt LXXXV, § 1223 Maintenance and Security of Sodium Pentobarbital</p>			<p>unconscious and insensitive to pain through the injection of an anesthetic.</p>	
ME	<p>17 M.R.S.A. § 1041 Euthanasia by prescribed methods</p> <p>17 M.R.S.A. § 1042 Euthanasia performed by licensed veterinarian or certified person</p> <p>17 M.R.S.A. § 1043 Emergency Methods</p> <p>17 M.R.S.A. § 1044 Tranquilizing cats and dogs</p>	N/A	<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	<p>MD Code, Agriculture, § 2-305 Sodium pentobarbital, Humane societies</p>	<p>COMAR 15.14.04.06 Responsible Individual</p> <p>COMAR 15.14.04.09 Training Requirements</p>	<p>Licensed veterinarians</p> <p>Designated employee of an animal control facility</p>	<p>Veterinary clinics</p> <p>Animal control facilities with a license from the Board</p>	Sodium pentobarbital	N/A
MA	<p>M.G.L.A. 140 § 136A Definitions</p>	N/A	Licensed veterinarians	Veterinary clinics	Administration of barbiturates in a manner	An animal control officer can be directed to

	<p>M.G.L.A. 140 § 151A Issuance of warrant to officers; Duties; Confinement of dogs; Allowance for care; Records</p> <p>M.G.L.A. 140 § 174A Euthanizing of dogs or cats by barbiturates</p>		<p>Animal control officers in a manner deemed acceptable by the American Veterinary Medical Association Guidelines on Euthanasia</p>	<p>Animal control entities</p>	<p>deemed acceptable by the American Veterinary Medical Association Guidelines on Euthanasia</p>	<p>euthanize or cause to be euthanized only by the administration of barbiturates in a manner deemed acceptable by the American Veterinary Medical Association Guidelines on Euthanasia, or by gunshot in case of emergency</p>
MI	<p>M.C.L.A. 333.7109 Definitions; Terms commencing “p” to “u”</p> <p>M.C.L.A. 333.7333 Dispensing controlled substances; powers and duties of pharmacist; prescription form; oral or electronic transmission; refills; permits to practice euthanasia on and tranquilize animals; administration of solutions</p> <p>M.C.L.A. 750.49 Animals; fighting, baiting, or shooting; dogs trained for fighting; application; money seized, deposit, examination, return</p>	<p>Mich. Admin. Code R 338.3502 Animal euthanasia ; authorization to apply for permit</p> <p>Mich. Admin. Code R 338.3506 Animal euthanasia; trained personnel; notification of changes; documentation of training</p> <p>Mich. Admin. Code R 338.3507 Animal euthanasia; training of personnel</p> <p>Mich. Admin. Code R 338.3510 Animal euthanasia;</p>	<p>Licensed veterinarians</p> <p>A Class B dealer, an animal control shelter, or the employees of these entities if they have received a minimum of 16 hours of training, including at least 12 hours of content training and at least 4 hours of practical training, in the use of a commercially prepared, premixed solution of sodium</p>	<p>Veterinary clinics</p> <p>Dog Pound</p> <p>Licensed animal shelter registered with the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development</p> <p>Class B Dealer</p>	<p>Sodium pentobarbital</p>	<p>After confiscating a dog used in fighting operations, an appointed veterinarian, the humane society, or other animal welfare agency may humanely euthanize the animal if, in the opinion of that veterinarian, humane society, or other animal welfare agency, the animal is injured or diseased past recovery or the animal's continued existence is inhumane so that euthanasia is necessary to relieve pain and suffering</p>

		retention of records regarding dispensation of sodium pentobarbital Mich. Admin. Code R 338.3511 Storage of sodium pentobarbital	pentobarbital			
MN	M.S.A. § 347.58 Licensing and inspections	Minnesota Rules, part 1721.0520 Kennels Minnesota Rules, part 9100.0700 Unprofessional Conduct Minnesota Rules, part 9100.0800 Minimum Standards of Practice	Licensed veterinarians Commercial Breeder Kennels and kennel dealers shall establish and maintain a program of euthanasia under the supervision of a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine	Veterinary clinics Animal shelters Government animal control facilities	Euthanizing drugs	Upon a proper determination by a licensed veterinarian, an impounded or stray animal may be immediately euthanized if the animal is physically suffering and is beyond cure through reasonable care and treatment. An impounded or stray animal that has bitten a human may be euthanized and tested for rabies before the required five-day holding period if requested by the Department of Health.
MS	Miss. Code Ann. § 73-39-61 Construction of Chapter, Permitted activities Miss. Code Ann. § 97-41-3 Killing of injured or	N/A	Licensed veterinarians Animal shelter employees acting under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian or	Veterinary clinics Animal shelters	N/A	Any sheriff, constable, policeman, or agent of a society for the prevention of cruelty to animals may kill, or cause to be killed, any animal other than a dog or cat found neglected or abandoned, if in the opinion of three

	useless animal		<p>authorized by the board to perform euthanasia</p> <p>A law enforcement officer</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p>			<p>(3) respectable citizens it is injured or diseased past recovery, or by age has become useless.</p> <p>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.</p>
MO	<p>V.A.M.S. 273.325 Definitions</p> <p>V.A.M.S. 273.335 Substantial ongoing risk to health and</p>	<p>2 Mo. Code of State Regulations 30-9.010 Animal Care Facilities</p>	<p>Licensed veterinarians</p> <p>Temporary licensee under the direct</p>	<p>Veterinary clinics</p> <p>Animal shelters or licensed facilities</p>	<p>Putting an animal to death in a humane or instantaneous manner under guidelines and procedures established by rules promulgated by</p>	<p>If the animals being held in certain licensed facilities are found to be suffering unrelieved pain or distress or disease, the animals may be taken into</p>

	<p>welfare of animals, temporary or permanent injunction-- animals in pain or diseased taken into custody for euthanasia, when, costs to licensee</p> <p>V.A.M.S. 273.345 Canine cruelty prevention act-- citation of law-- purpose--required care--definitions-- veterinary records-- space requirements-- severability clause</p> <p>V.A.M.S. 578.005 Definitions</p>	<p>Definitions</p> <p>20 Mo. Code of State Regulations 2270 -4.060 Minimum Standards for Supervision</p>	<p>supervision of a licensed veterinarian 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>the director of the Department of Agriculture Lawful techniques deemed acceptable by the American Veterinary Medical Association Panel on Euthanasia</p>	<p>custody for humane euthanasia at the expense of the licensee.</p>
MT	<p>MCA 37-18-602 Definitions</p> <p>MCA 37-18-603 Powers of Board – Euthanasia certification</p> <p>MCA 37-18-604 Certified agency- Duties</p> <p>MCA 37-18-605 Certified euthanasia technician</p>	<p>Mont. Admin. R. 24.225.907 Board-Approved Training Program Criteria</p> <p>Mont. Admin. R. 24.225.920 Application for Certified Euthanasia Agencies</p> <p>Mont. Admin. R. 24.225.930 Approved Euthanasia Drugs</p>	<p>Licensed veterinarians</p> <p>Certified euthanasia technicians</p> <p>Support personnel under the supervision of a veterinarian</p>	<p>Veterinary clinics</p> <p>Certified euthanasia agencies</p>	<p>Sodium pentobarbital</p> <p>Means the act or practice of ending the life of an animal in order to end suffering or for some other humane purpose</p>	N/A

		Mont. Admin. R. 24.225.950 Unprofessional Conduct				
NE	Neb. Rev. St. § 54-641.02 Commercial dog breeder; veterinary care; review of health records; duties of breeder Neb. Rev. St. § 54-2503 Terms, defined	Neb. Admin. R. & Regs. Tit. 23, Ch. 18, § 003 Definitions Neb. Admin. R. & Regs. Tit. 172, Ch. 180, § 004 Standards of Supervision for Delegated Health Care Tasks	Licensed veterinarians Licensed veterinarian technician under the direction, supervision and control of a veterinarian provided the veterinarian makes a physical examination of the patient treated Commercial Dog Breeder Commercial Dog and Cat Operator	Veterinary Clinics	Sodium pentobarbital or any controlled substance used for the purpose of humane euthanasia of seized, stray, injured, sick, homeless, abandoned, or unwanted animals In accordance with recommendations for the humane euthanization of dogs as published by the American Veterinary Medical Association	N/A
NV	N.R.S. 453.381 Limitations on prescribing, possessing, administering, transporting, and dispensing controlled substances	NAC 638.505 Duties of euthanasia technicians NAC 638.510 Prerequisites to possession and administration of	Licensed veterinarians Veterinarian Technician under the direction and supervision of the veterinarian	Veterinary clinics Law enforcement agencies Animal control agencies Societies for the	Sodium pentobarbital Oral administration of sodium pentobarbital in accordance with the instructions of the manufacturer to an animal that can be captured or restrained	N/A

	N.R.S. 638.005 Euthanasia technician defined	sodium pentobarbital NAC 638.515 Standards for injection of animals NAC 638.520 Injection of sodium pentobarbital; Verification of death NAC 638.525 Oral administration of sodium pentobarbital	Euthanasia technicians	prevention of cruelty to animals who have a euthanasia technician on staff	only with serious danger to human safety	
NH	N/A	N.H. Code Admin. R. Agr 1704.05 Animal Health and Husbandry Standards	Licensed veterinarians Animal caretaker under the supervision and assistance of a licensed veterinarian	Veterinary Clinics	N/A	N/A
NJ	N.J.S.A. 45:16-14 Definitions	N.J.A.C. 8:23A-1.11 Euthanasia	Licensed veterinarians Persons under the direct supervision of a veterinarian Those certified	Veterinary Clinics Animal Shelters	Primary recommended method is intravenous injection of a barbiturate Administration of injectable solutions approved for use in dogs and cats	N/A

			by a licensed veterinarian in the acceptable euthanasia technique or techniques used at the facility		Administration of inhalant anesthetics Intravenous injection of combinations of chloral hydrate, magnesium sulfate and pentobarbital is acceptable for large animals, such as horses Humane disposal shall not include hypoxia induced by decompression or in any other manner or the administration of a lethal gas other than an inhalant anesthetic	
NM	<p>N. M. S. A. 1978, § 77-1B-2 Definitions</p> <p>N. M. S. A. 1978, § 77-1B-6 Euthanasia technician; License</p> <p>N. M. S. A. 1978, § 77-1B-7 Euthanasia instructors; Certification</p> <p>N. M. S. A. 1978, § 77-1B-8 Euthanasia agencies; inspections; exemptions</p>	<p>N.M. Admin. Code 16.24.1 Animal Sheltering Providers; General Provisions</p> <p>N.M. Admin. Code 16.24.2 Licensure and Certification</p> <p>N.M. Admin. Code 16.24.3 Duties of Licensees and Certificate Holders</p> <p>N.M. Admin. Code 16.24.6</p>	<p>Licensed veterinarians</p> <p>Euthanasia technicians licensed by the board</p>	<p>Veterinary clinics</p> <p>Licensed euthanasia agencies</p>	<p>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</p> <p>FDA approved sodium pentobarbital euthanasia solution, or any other board approved euthanasia solutions</p>	<p>In the case of emergency field euthanasia, euthanasia may be performed by a commissioned law enforcement officer by means of gunshot</p>

		Formulary for Euthanasia Technicians				
NY	McKinney's Agriculture and Markets Law § 374 Humane destruction or other disposition of animals lost, strayed, homeless, abandoned or improperly confined or kept	10 NYCRR 80.2 Exemptions 10 NYCRR 80.134 Authorization for the purchase, possession and dispensing of ketamine hydrochloride only to anesthetize animals for euthanasia, and of sodium pentobarbital to euthanize animals	Licensed veterinarians Certified Euthanasia Technicians Licensed Veterinary Technicians Authorized agent of an incorporated society for the prevention of cruelty to animals	Veterinary Clinics Authorized agent of an incorporated society for the prevention of cruelty to animals Municipal animal control facility Pound maintained by or under contract with any city, town or village	Injection of sodium pentobarbital or administration of a sodium pentobarbital solution 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. Intracardiac injection without sedation, anesthesia, or comatose is not allowed where animals are under the care of a duly incorporated SPCA, animal shelter, humane society or pound.	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 cat that is suffering and cannot otherwise be aided. 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.
NC	NC ST § 19A-23 Definitions	2 NCAC 52J.0210 Veterinary Care	Licensed Veterinarians	Veterinary clinics Certified facility	The humane destruction of an animal accomplished by a	For purposes of this Section, extraordinary circumstance or situation

	<p>NC ST § 19A-24 Powers of Board of Agriculture</p>	<p>2 NCAC 52J.0403 Definitions</p> <p>2 NCAC 52J.0404 Certification Requirements for Euthanasia Technicians</p> <p>2 NCAC 52J.0501 Intracardiac Injection</p> <p>2 NCAC 52J.0601 Carbon Monoxide Equipment</p> <p>2 NCAC 52J.0602 Prohibited Uses</p> <p>2 NCAC 52J.0605 Chamber Requirements</p> <p>2 NCAC 52J.0609 Persons Required to be Present</p>	<p>Certified Euthanasia Technicians</p>	<p>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>method that involves rapid unconsciousness and immediate death or by a method that involves anesthesia, produced by an agent which causes painless loss of consciousness, and death during such loss of consciousness</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>If the gas method of euthanasia is approved, rules shall require:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That only commercially compressed carbon monoxide gas is approved for use, and 2. That the gas must be delivered in a commercially 	<p>includes a situation which is offsite from the shelter, in which an animal poses an immediate risk to animal, human or public health and in which no alternative, less extreme measure of euthanasia is feasible.</p> <p>It also includes circumstances or situations in which it would be inhumane to transport an animal to another location to perform euthanasia.</p>
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					<p>manufactured chamber that allows for the individual separation of animals.</p> <p>Carbon monoxide may 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	<p>NDCC, 23-36-01 Definitions</p> <p>NDCC, 23-36-03 Enforcement authority</p>	<p>NDAC 87-05-02-01 Unprofessional conduct</p>	Licensed veterinarians	<p>Veterinary clinics</p> <p>Animal shelters</p> <p>Government animal control facilities</p>	<p>“Euthanasia” means the use of humane techniques to induce the most rapid, painless, and distress-free death possible in an animal</p> <p>Euthanizing drugs</p>	The Department, or an agency acting on the department's behalf, may seize and euthanize any animal if the state health officer, or the state health officer's designee, has probable cause to believe the animal presents clinical signs of rabies
OH	<p>R.C. § 955.28 Dog may be killed for certain acts</p> <p>R.C. § 4729.531 License for euthanasia of animals by use of drugs</p> <p>R.C. § 4729.532 Method and requirements for euthanasia of animals by use of drugs</p>	<p>OAC 901:1-6-05 Health</p> <p>OAC 4729-14-01 Definitions</p> <p>OAC 4729-14-03 Qualifications for licensure as an animal shelter</p> <p>OAC 4741-1-09 Euthanasia and Disposal of Animals</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</p> <p>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> <p>A dog that is chasing or approaching in a menacing fashion or apparent attitude of attack, that attempts to bite or otherwise endanger, or that kills or injures a person or a dog that chases, threatens, harasses, injures, or kills livestock, poultry, other</p>

		OAC 4741-1-23 Euthanasia technician certification course curriculum				domestic animal, or other animal can be killed at the time of that chasing, threatening, harassment, approaching, attempt, killing, or injury.
OK	<p>4 Okl. St. Ann. §501 Disposal of animals kept for pleasure – method</p> <p>4 Okl. St. Ann. § 502 Denatured sodium pentobarbital--Method of administration-- Possession and purchase by certified animal euthanasia technician</p> <p>4 Okl. St. Ann. § 503 Carbon monoxide— Administration</p> <p>4 Okl. St. Ann. § 506 Municipality not having proper facilities and personnel-- Manner of disposal</p>	<p>Okla. Admin. Code 775:10-8-2 Definitions</p> <p>Okla. Admin. Code 775:10-8-10 Duties of Animal Euthanasia Technicians</p> <p>Okla. Admin. Code 775:10-8-12 Registration of Animal Euthanasia Technicians to purchase and possess controlled dangerous substances</p> <p>Okla. Admin. Code 775:10-8-13 Authority of animal euthanasia technicians to purchase, possess and administer controlled substances;</p>	<p>Licensed veterinarian</p> <p>A person trained for this purpose and approved and supervised by a licensed veterinarian</p> <p>Certified animal euthanasia technician registered by Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control, Drug Enforcement Agency and who holds a valid certificate issued by OK Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners</p> <p>Animal control officer registered by the</p>	<p>Veterinary clinics</p> <p>Animal control agencies, law enforcement agencies, or animal shelters</p>	<p>Denatured 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 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>	N/A

		<p>limitations on authority</p> <p>Okla. Admin. Code 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>Okla. Admin. Code 775:10-8-17 Standards for injection of animals</p> <p>Okla. Admin. Code 775:10-8-18 Euthanasia by injection of controlled dangerous substances; Verification of death</p> <p>Okla. Admin. Code 775:10-8-19 Euthanasia by oral administration of denatured sodium pentobarbital; Verification of</p>	<p>Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control</p>			
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OR	<p>O.R.S. § 475.190 Exception to prescription requirement</p> <p>O.R.S. § 686.040 Application of licensing requirements</p> <p>O.R.S. § 686.510 Euthanasia Task Force</p>	<p>OAR 875-005-0005 Definitions</p> <p>OAR 875-015-0030 Minimum Veterinary Practice Standards</p> <p>OAR 875-040-0000 Certified Euthanasia Technicians (CETs)</p> <p>OAR 875-040-0010 Certification of Technicians</p> <p>OAR 855-080-0100 Animal Euthanasia</p>	<p>Licensed veterinarians Certified euthanasia technician</p>	<p>Veterinary clinics Humane societies Animal control agencies</p>	<p>Sodium pentobarbital and sedative and analgesic medications</p> <p>Any other euthanasia substance approved by the Oregon State Veterinary Medical Examining Board</p>	N/A
PA	<p>3 P.S. § 328.102 Definitions</p> <p>3 P.S. § 328.301 Prohibited means of destruction of animals</p> <p>3 P.S. § 328.302 Methods of destruction of animals</p>	N/A	<p>Licensed veterinarians</p> <p>Certified veterinary technicians working under indirect supervision of a licensed</p>	<p>Veterinary clinics Licensed animal protection organizations Animal control organizations</p>	<p>Required method of destruction shall be the use of a method that is approved for that purpose by the most current version of the American Veterinary Medical Association's Guidelines on Euthanasia</p>	<p>A person or animal protection organization can destroy an animal by means of firearms</p> <p>An alternative method of euthanasia may be used in cases where a small domestic animal under the care and control of any</p>

	<p>and exclusive method for small domestic animals</p> <p>3 P.S. § 328.303 Exclusions</p> <p>3 P.S. § 328.304 Animal protection organization use of drugs</p> <p>3 P.S. § 328.305 Disclosure</p>		<p>veterinarian</p> <p>Certified euthanasia technician</p> <p>Licensed animal protection organizations including municipality shelters</p> <p>Animal control organization</p>		<p>Decompression chambers, carbon monoxide gas from any source, and drowning are not considered acceptable methods of euthanasia</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>person or animal protection organization poses an imminent threat to human or animal life</p>
RI	<p>Gen. Laws 1956, § 4-1-3.1 Prohibited Practices in Destruction of Animals</p> <p>Gen. Laws 1956, § 4-19-2 Definitions</p> <p>Gen. Laws 1956, § 4-19-12 Disposition of Animals</p>	N/A	<p>Licensed veterinarians</p> <p>An agent of a veterinarian</p>	<p>Veterinary clinics</p> <p>Animal shelters</p> <p>Municipal pound</p> <p>Humane society,</p> <p>Pet shop</p> <p>Breeder</p> <p>Kennel</p> <p>Other licensed entities</p>	<p>“Euthanasia” means the humane destruction of an animal accomplished by a method that involves instantaneous unconsciousness and immediate death or by a method that involves anesthesia, produced by an agent that causes painless loss of consciousness and death during that loss of consciousness.</p> <p>Lethal injection</p>	<p>In the event of an 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</p>

					It shall be unlawful to dispose of any animal by using a carbon monoxide chamber, gas chamber, or a high-altitude decompression chamber.	expeditious manner, the animal may be destroyed by shooting under specified conditions.
SC	<p>Code 1976 § 47-3-410 Animal shelter defined</p> <p>Code 1976 § 47-3-420 Allowable methods of euthanasia</p> <p>Code 1976 § 47-3-620 Unlawful to torture, mutilate, injure, disable, poison, or kill police dog or horse</p>	<p>S.C. Code of Regulations R. 120-9 Practice Standards for: Licensed Veterinary Technicians; Unlicensed Veterinary Assistants</p>	<p>Licensed veterinarians</p> <p>Licensed Veterinary Technicians under the direct supervision of a veterinarian</p> <p>Euthanasia technician</p> <p>Department of Natural Resources employee, trained and certified for this purpose in a euthanasia training class</p>	<p>Veterinary clinics</p> <p>Animal shelters</p> <p>Governmental animal control agency by direct licensing</p> <p>Department of Natural Resources by direct licensing</p>	<p>Sodium pentobarbital or a derivative</p> <p>Oral administration of sodium pentobarbital is permitted for the purpose of anesthetizing animals, provided a lethal dose of sodium pentobarbital is administered to euthanize the animal</p> <p>Carbon monoxide gas, carbon dioxide gas, or other non-anesthetic inhalants may not be used to perform euthanasia</p> <p>A substance which is clinically proven to be as humane as sodium pentobarbital and which has been officially recognized as such by the American Veterinary Medical Association may be used in lieu of sodium pentobarbital to</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 animals.</p> <p>In cases of extraordinary circumstance where a dog or cat poses an extreme risk or danger to the veterinarian, physician, or lay person performing euthanasia, the person is allowed the use of any other substance or procedure that is necessary to perform euthanasia on a dangerous dog or cat.</p> <p>A police officer or</p>

					perform euthanasia on dogs and cats	veterinarian may perform euthanasia in emergency situations when delay would cause the dog or horse undue suffering and pain.
SD	<p>SDCL § 40-1-13 Euthanasia of fatally injured or diseased animal--Notice to euthanize--Violation as misdemeanor</p> <p>SDCL § 40-1-21 Killing, injuring, or mistreating animal of another as misdemeanor-- Authorized euthanasia excepted</p> <p>SDCL § 40-1-24 Authority of officer or agent to control dangerous animal – seizure, impoundment, or euthanasia authorized</p> <p>SDCL § 40-1-25 Administration and enforcement of provisions regarding livestock and dangerous animals-- Promulgation of rules</p>	ARSD 12:68:20:03 Methods of Euthanasia	Licensed veterinarian	Veterinary Clinics Municipality or under a municipality's animal control activities	Methods that produce instantaneous unconscious-ness 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	<p>Any animal injured or diseased past recovery shall be euthanized within twelve hours in a manner prescribed in rule by the board, by the owner or person in possession of the animal, after having been notified by any law enforcement officer, any agent or officer of any humane society, or any agent of the board to euthanize the animal.</p> <p>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.</p>
TN	T. C. A. § 44-17-303 Methods of	Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1730-04-	Licensed veterinarian	Veterinary clinics	Sodium pentobarbital and such other agents	Notwithstanding the provisions of this section

<p>Euthanasia</p> <p>T. C. A. § 44-17-304 Three day holding period for stray animals</p> <p>T. C. A. § 63-12-141 Restricted controlled substance registration certificates; euthanizing injured, sick or abandoned animals; certified euthanasia technician</p>	<p>.01 Definitions</p> <p>Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1730-04-.11 Unprofessional Conduct</p> <p>Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1730-04-.13 Dispensing or otherwise distributing pharmaceuticals</p> <p>Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1730-05-.01 Definitions</p> <p>Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1730-05-.11 Unprofessional Conduct</p> <p>Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1730-05-.14 Dispensing or otherwise distributing pharmaceuticals</p>	<p>Tennessee veterinarian 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 non-livestock animals</p>	<p>Certified animal control agency</p> <p>Public and private agencies</p> <p>Animal shelters and other licensed facilities</p>	<p>as may be specifically approved by the rules of the Board of Veterinary Medicine</p> <p>Lethal injection</p>	<p>or any other law to the contrary, whenever an emergency situation exists in the field, which requires the immediate euthanasia of an injured, dangerous or severely diseased non-livestock 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 non-livestock 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, neglected, abandoned or unwanted non-livestock animals euthanizes a non-livestock</p>
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TX	<p>V.T.C.A., Health & Safety Code § 821.052 Methods of Euthanasia</p> <p>V.T.C.A., Health & Safety Code § 821.053 Requirements for Use of Sodium Pentobarbital</p> <p>V.T.C.A., Health & Safety Code § 821.054 Requirements for Use</p>	<p>22 TAC § 573.10 Supervision of Non-Licensed Employees</p> <p>25 TAC § 169.82 Definitions</p> <p>25 TAC § 169.84 Allowable Methods of Euthanasia</p>	<p>Licensed veterinarians</p> <p>Certified euthanasia technicians</p> <p>Non-veterinarians under the immediate supervision of a veterinarian</p>	<p>Veterinary clinics</p> <p>Animal shelters</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> <p>Commercially</p>	<p>In an emergency situation where prompt treatment is essential for the prevention of death or alleviation of extreme suffering, a veterinarian may, after determining the nature of the emergency and the condition of the animal, issue treatment directions to a non-veterinarian by means of telephone, electronic mail or messaging, radio, or facsimile communication.</p>

	of Commercially Compressed Carbon Monoxide V.T.C.A., Health & Safety Code § 821.055 Training for Euthanasia Technicians				compressed carbon monoxide	
UT	U.C.A. 1953 § 58-17b-102 Definitions U.C.A. 1953 § 58-28-307 Exemptions from chapter U.C.A. 1953 § 58-28-502 Unprofessional conduct	N/A	Licensed Veterinarians Animal Shelter Employee who is acting under the indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian	Veterinary Clinics Animal Euthanasia Agency	Use of prescription drugs	N/A
VT	13 V.S.A. § 371 Euthanizing animals 20 V.S.A. § 3913 Euthanasia certification	Vt. Admin. Code 2-4-305: I Definitions Vt. Admin. Code 2-4-305: II Euthanasia Board for Animals Vt. Admin. Code 2-4-305: III Who May Administer Euthanasia Vt. Admin. Code	Licensed veterinarian Persons in training in a certification training program Certified euthanasia technicians	Veterinary Clinics Registered animal shelters	Approved euthanasia solution Lethal drug or chemical restraint drug	N/A

		<p>2-4-305: IV Certified Euthanasia Technicians</p> <p>Vt. Admin. Code 2-4-305: V Certification Standards for Registered Animal Shelters</p>				
VA	<p>VA Code Ann. § 3.2-6500 Definitions</p> <p>VA Code Ann. § 3.2-6505 Disposal of animals by means of decompression chamber and use of gas chamber for companion animals prohibited</p> <p>VA Code Ann. § 3.2-6507 Injured or sick animal; action by veterinarian</p> <p>VA Code Ann. § 3.2-6546 County or city public animal shelters; confinement and disposition of animals; affiliation with foster care providers;</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>Certain Schedule II-VI controlled substances approved by the State Veterinarian for the purpose of euthanizing injured, sick, homeless, and unwanted domestic pets and animals</p> <p>No animal may be euthanized by means of a high-altitude decompression chamber.</p> <p>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>

	<p>penalties; injunctive relief</p> <p>VA Code Ann. § 3.2-6562 Capturing, confining, and euthanizing companion animals by animal control officers; approval of drugs, etc., used</p> <p>VA Code Ann. § 3.2-6563 When animals to be euthanized; procedure</p> <p>VA Code Ann. § 3.2-6556 Training of animal control officers</p> <p>VA Code Ann. § 54.1-3423 Board to issue registration unless inconsistent with public interest; authorization to conduct research; application and fees</p>					
WA	<p>West's RCWA 16.52.011 Definitions--Principles of liability</p> <p>West's RCWA 16.52.210</p>	<p>WAC 246-886-010 Definitions</p> <p>WAC 246-886-030 Approved legend</p>	<p>Licensed veterinarians</p> <p>Personnel of a registered humane society or animal control</p>	<p>Veterinary clinics</p> <p>Any humane society or animal control agency that designates a responsible</p>	<p>Sodium pentobarbital</p>	<p>A law enforcement officer has the right of law to destroy an animal that has been seriously injured and would otherwise continue to suffer.</p>

	<p>Destruction of animal by law enforcement officer--Immunity from liability</p> <p>West's RCWA 69.41.080 Animal control--Rules for possession and use of legend drugs</p>	<p>drugs</p> <p>WAC 246-886-035 Sodium pentobarbital- Approved controlled substance</p> <p>WAC 246-886-040 Training of personnel</p> <p>WAC 246-886-050 Legend drug administration</p> <p>WAC 246-886-060 Responsible individuals</p> <p>WAC 246-935-050 Animal health care tasks</p>	<p>agency who have been trained in handling and administering sodium pentobarbital</p> <p>Veterinary technicians under the indirect supervision of a veterinarian</p> <p>Unregistered assistant under direct supervision by a veterinarian</p>	individual		<p>Such action shall be undertaken with reasonable prudence and, whenever possible, in consultation with a licensed veterinarian and the owner of the animal.</p>
WV	<p>W. Va. Code, § 19-20-8 Impounding and disposition of dogs; costs and fees</p> <p>W. Va. Code, § 30-10-3 Definitions</p>	<p>W. Va. Code St. R. § 26-4-2 Definitions</p> <p>W. Va. Code St. R. § 26-5-3 Certified Animal Euthanasia Technicians</p>	<p>Licensed veterinarians</p> <p>Certified euthanasia technicians under the supervision of a humane officer</p>	<p>Veterinary Clinics</p> <p>Municipal or county run animal control facility, or a humane society or animal shelter incorporated and organized under the laws of the state,</p>	<p>Hypodermic injection</p> <p>Any other humane euthanasia procedure approved by the American Veterinary Medical Association, the Humane Society of the United States or the</p>	<p>In an emergency or in a situation in which a dog cannot be humanely destroyed in an expeditious manner, a dog may be destroyed by shooting if:</p> <p>(1) The shooting is</p>

	<p>W. Va. Code, § 30-10-12 Requirements to be a certified animal euthanasia technician</p> <p>W. Va. Code, § 30-10-13 Requirements for certified animal euthanasia technicians program</p> <p>W. Va. Code, § 30-10-14 Scope of practice for an animal euthanasia technician</p> <p>W. Va. Code St. R. § 26-5-7 Chemical Restraint Drugs</p> <p>W. Va. Code St. R. § 26-5-3 Certified Animal Euthanasia Technicians Program</p> <p>W. Va. Code St. R. § 26-5-8 Requirements for animal euthanasia by carbon monoxide</p>	<p>Program</p> <p>W. Va. Code St. R. § 26-5-7 Chemical Restraint Drugs</p> <p>W. Va. Code St. R. § 26-5-8 Animal Euthanasia Technician Disciplinary Action</p>	<p>or licensed veterinarian</p>	<p>with one or more duly appointed agents</p>	<p>American Humane Association</p> <p>Use of gas chamber is prohibited for euthanasia provided, however, that any county which had a gas chamber in operation as of 2009 may continue to operate the chamber subject to certain conditions.</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>performed by someone trained in the use of firearms with a weapon and ammunition of suitable caliber and other characteristics designed to produce instantaneous death by a single shot; and (2) Maximum precaution is taken to minimize the dog's suffering and to protect other persons and animals.</p>
WI	W.S.A. 173.19 Animals considered	Wis. Adm. Code § ATCP 16.20	Licensed veterinarians	Veterinary clinics	Euthanized by a method described in <i>Appendix</i>	A political subdivision, a humane officer or a law

	<p>unclaimed</p> <p>W.S.A. 173.23 Disposition of animals</p> <p>W.S.A. 173.25 Immunity for euthanizing animals</p>	<p>Dog care; general</p> <p>Wis. Adm. Code § VE 1.02 Definitions</p>	<p>A political subdivision or a person that has custody of an animal considered unclaimed or an unwanted animal</p>	<p>A political subdivision or a person that has custody of an animal considered unclaimed or an unwanted animal</p>	<p>1 to the <i>Guidelines on Euthanasia</i> published by the American Veterinary Medical Association (June 2007)</p> <p>Euthanasia by injection</p>	<p>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.</p>
WY	<p>W.S.1977 § 33-30-202 Definitions</p> <p>W.S.1977 § 33-30-223 Certificate required</p> <p>WY ST § 33-30-224 Requirements for certification</p> <p>WY ST § 35-7-1010 Board of pharmacy designated agency to administer registration</p>	<p>WY Rules and Regulations 013.0001.1 § 6 Terms Defined Herein</p> <p>WY Rules and Regulations 013.0001.3 § 1 Requirements for Certification</p> <p>WY Rules and Regulations 251.0001.10 § 3 Animal Euthanasia Training</p> <p>WY Rules and Regulations 251.0001.10 § 9 Standards</p> <p>WY Rules and Regulations AI AETC Ch. 1 s 5 Terms Defined by</p>	<p>Licensed veterinarians</p> <p>Certified animal euthanasia technicians</p> <p>Any employee of the Wyoming game and fish department who is euthanizing wildlife in the course of his or her duties.</p>	<p>Veterinary clinics</p>	<p>All approved euthanasia drugs</p> <p>Any pentobarbital-based drug labeled by the manufacture for the purpose of euthanizing animals with the exception of Schedule 1 drugs</p> <p>Euthanized in a 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 Control Association.</p>	<p>N/A</p>

		<p>Statute</p> <p>WY Rules and Regulations AI AETC Ch. 3 s 2 Animal Euthanasia Training</p> <p>WY Rules and Regulations AI AETC Ch. 6 s 1 Standards for Euthanasia Area</p> <p>WY Rules and Regulations AI AETC Ch. 6 s 2 Standards for the Handling of Euthanasia Drugs</p> <p>WY Rules and Regulations AI AETC Ch. 6 s 4 Ethical Standards</p>				
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