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AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to requiring certain animal shelters to submit annual reports to the department of agriculture and markets

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The agriculture and markets law is amended by adding a new section 374-a to read as follows:

S 374-A. ANIMAL SHELTER ANNUAL REPORTS. 1. ANY ANIMAL SHELTER THAT RECEIVES STATE OR LOCAL FUNDING SHALL, BY JANUARY FIRST OF EACH YEAR, SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT DISCLOSING:

(A) THE NUMBER OF ANIMAL INTAKES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANIMALS THAT WERE:

(I) SURRENDERED BY OWNERS;

(II) BROUGHT IN BY ANIMAL CONTROL, SPECIFIED BY JURISDICTION; AND

(III) STRAYS TAKEN IN BY SOMEONE OTHER THAN THE OWNER;

(B) THE NUMBER OF ANIMAL DISPOSITIONS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANIMALS THAT:

(I) WERE ADOPTED;

(II) WERE RELEASED TO OWNERS;

(III) WERE TRANSFERRED TO OTHER FACILITIES, SPECIFIED BY FACILITY; AND

(IV) DIED, SPECIFYING THE REASON FOR DEATH, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO NATURAL CAUSES OR EUTHANASIA, AND SPECIFYING THE REASON FOR SUCH EUTHANASIA.

2. EACH ANIMAL SHELTER SHALL, PROVIDED SUCH ANIMAL SHELTER MAINTAINS A WEBSITE, POST A NOTICE ON ITS WEBSITE THAT THE SHELTER HAS FILED ITS REPORT WITH THE DEPARTMENT FOR EACH GIVEN YEAR.

3. EACH ANIMAL SHELTER SHALL MAINTAIN AT LEAST ONE PRINTED COPY OF SUCH ANNUAL REPORT TO BE VIEWED BY THE PUBLIC ON SITE UPON REQUEST. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ALSO MAKE EACH ANNUAL REPORT AVAILABLE TO ANY PERSON OR ORGANIZATION UPON WRITTEN REQUEST.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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