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Introduced by M. of A. WEPRIN, COLTON -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. GLICK, MALLIOTAKIS, McDONOUGH, MONTESANO, SIMON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Agriculture -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to requiring animal shelters to prepare annual reports

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:

§ 374-a. Animal shelter annual reports. 1. Any animal shelter shall, by March first of each year, prepare an annual report 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; and

(c) the number of animals that have been turned away from the shelter, and the reason such animals were turned away.

2. Each animal shelter shall send such report to the department electronically, and such department shall publish such reports on its website.

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

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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.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however that animal shelters subject to this act shall have completed their first annual report no later than January 1, 2024.