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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. WEPRIN, COLTON -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. GLICK, McDONOUGH, SIMON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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:

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

3 § 374-a. Animal shelter annual reports. 1. Any animal shelter shall,  
4 by March first of each year, prepare an annual report disclosing:

5 (a) the number of animal intakes, including, but not limited to  
6 animals that were:

7 (i) surrendered by owners;

8 (ii) brought in by animal control, specified by jurisdiction; and

9 (iii) strays taken in by someone other than the owner;

10 (b) the number of animal dispositions, including, but not limited to  
11 animals that:

12 (i) were adopted;

13 (ii) were released to owners;

14 (iii) were transferred to other facilities, specified by facility; and

15 (iv) died, specifying the reason for death, including, but not limited  
16 to natural causes or euthanasia, and specifying the reason for such  
17 euthanasia; and

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

20 2. Each animal shelter shall send such report to the department elec-  
21 tronically, and such department shall publish such reports on its  
22 website.

23 3. Each animal shelter shall maintain at least one printed copy of  
24 such annual report to be viewed by the public on site upon request.

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

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1     § 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that  
2 animal shelters subject to this act shall have completed their first  
3 annual report no later than January 1, 2028.