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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CRUELTY TO ANIMALS; TO CREATE THE DOG AND CAT RESCUE ACT: DAISY'S LAW; TO AUTHORIZE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO SECURE A DOG OR CAT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO CREATE THE DOG AND CAT RESCUE ACT:
DAISY'S LAW.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Title.

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Dog and Cat Rescue Act: Daisy's Law".

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 5, Chapter 62, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

5-62-128. Law enforcement securing dogs and cats.

(a) In addition to the disposition of a dog or cat provided under § 5-62-106, following a complaint of cruelty to dogs or cats under this subchapter, a law enforcement officer may temporarily secure a dog or cat and transfer temporary possession of the dog or cat to an appropriate place of custody if a substantial likelihood exists that the condition of the dog or cat would deteriorate if the dog or cat was not secured by the law



enforcement officer.

(b) A law enforcement officer may use the condition or the securing of other dogs or cats belonging to the same owner as evidence to support securing the dog or cat under subsection (a) of this section.

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