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Illinois Begins Licensing Humane Euthanasia Agencies and Humane Euthanasia Technicians

SPRINGFIELD, IL – The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) today announced the availability of licensing applications for Humane Euthanasia Agencies and Humane Euthanasia Technicians.

“Euthanasia Agency” means an entity licensed by IDFPR for the purpose of animal euthanasia that holds an animal control facility or animal shelter license under the Animal Welfare Act. “Euthanasia Technician” means a person employed by a euthanasia agency or working under the direct supervision of a veterinarian and who is certified by IDFPR to administer euthanasia drugs for animals.

IDFPR and The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals worked together to pass legislation that provided effective means for the prevention of cruelty to animals. “The IDFPR is to be commended for getting this legislation passed,” said Ledy VanKavage, the Midwest State Government Affairs and Public Policy Director for The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. “The proper tools were not being made available to the shelters.”

“This legislation ensures that only certified euthanasia technicians or licensed veterinarians perform euthanasia of animals,” said Acting Director Daniel E. Bluthardt, Division of Professional Regulation. “Additionally, this legislation establishes requirements for the purchasing and storage of drugs used to euthanize animals.”

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Applications are available via the Internet at www.idfpr.com , by calling 217/782-8556, or by writing to:

Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Division of Professional Regulation
ATTN: Forms Unit
320 West Washington Street
Springfield, Illinois 62786
Fax: 217/557-8073

Humane Euthanasia Agencies are eligible for licensure if they hold an active unencumbered license under the Animal Welfare Act as an animal control facility or animal shelter.

Humane Euthanasia Technicians may be eligible for a license if the following requirements are met:

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Submit a criminal background check and provide verification of fingerprint processing from a designated agent.
- Must hold a current license or certification from one of the following organizations issued within three (3) years preceding the date of application:
 1. American Humane Association
 2. National Animal Control Association
 3. Illinois Federation of Humane Societies
 4. Humane Society of the United States

Until March 1, 2005, IDFPR may issue a license to an applicant who holds a license or certification from one of the above four organizations issued after January 1, 1997.

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