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TITLE 97. CRIMES

CHAPTER 41. CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

Miss. Code Ann. § 97-41-3 (2016)

§ 97-41-3. Authority to kill injured, neglected, etc. animals other than dogs or cats; authorization to euthanize injured, diseased, etc. dog or cat under immunity of persons acting in good faith and without malice pursuant to section

(1) Any sheriff, constable, policeman, or agent of a society for the prevention of cruelty to animals may kill, or cause to be killed, any animal other than a dog abandoned, if in the opinion of three (3) respectable citizens it is injured or diseased past recovery, or by age has become useless.

(2) (a) After all reasonable attempts have been made to locate the legal owner of a dog or cat that is found maimed, wounded, injured or diseased, the dog or cat caused to be euthanized, by:

- (i) A law enforcement officer;
- (ii) A veterinarian licensed in Mississippi;
- (iii) An employee of an agency or department of a political subdivision that is charged with the control or welfare of dogs or cats within the subdivision; or
- (iv) An employee or agent of an organization that has the purpose of protecting the welfare of or preventing cruelty to dogs or cats and that possesses nonpr