

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
State of Illinois
2015 and 2016
SB1364

Introduced 2/18/2015, by Sen. Ira I. Silverstein

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Research Dogs and Cats Adoption Act. Requires (i) an institution of higher education located in this State that receives public funds for scientific, educational, or research purposes or (ii) a facility that provides research in collaboration with an institution of higher education with the use of public funds and that confines dogs or cats for scientific, educational, or research purposes and plans on euthanizing the dog or cat for other than scientific, educational, or research purposes must first offer the dog or cat to an animal rescue organization. Sets forth provisions concerning an agreement with an animal rescue organization and immunity.

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1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Research Dogs and Cats Adoption Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. In this Act:

7 "Animal rescue organization" means any nonprofit
8 organization incorporated for the purpose of rescuing animals
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in need and finding permanent, adoptive homes for the animals.

10 "Research facility" means an institution of higher
11 education located in this State that receives public funds for
12 scientific, educational, or research purposes or a facility
13 that provides research in collaboration with an institution of
14 higher education with the use of public funds.

15 Section 10. Research dogs and cats adoption requirement.

16 (a) A research facility that confines dogs or cats for
17 scientific, educational, or research purposes and plans on
18 euthanizing the dog or cat for other than scientific,
19 educational, or research purposes must first offer the dog or
20 cat to an animal rescue organization.

21 (b) A research facility that is required to offer dogs or
22 cats to an animal rescue organization under this Section may

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1 enter into an agreement with the animal rescue organization to
2 protect the research facility from liability.

3 (c) A research facility that provides a dog or cat to an
4 animal rescue organization under this Section is immune from
5 any civil liability that otherwise might result from the
6 research facility's actions, provided that the research
7 facility is acting in good faith.