

## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SENATE SUB COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE AGRICULTURAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

- **Amend 47-1-170**

*SECTION 47-1-170. Penalties for violations of chapter. (Current Law)*

*The owner or person having charge or custody of an animal cruelly used who is convicted of any violation of this chapter forfeits ownership, charge, or custody of the animal and at the discretion of the court, the person who is charged with or convicted of a violation of this chapter must be ordered to pay costs incurred to care for the animal and related expenses.*

*HISTORY: 1962 Code Section 6-18; 1952 Code Section 6-18; 1942 Code Section 1602; 1932 Code Section 1602; Cr. C. '22 Section 566; Cr. C. '12 Section 917; Cr. C. '02 Section 632; G. S. 1710; R. S. 574; 1881 (17) 575; 1998 Act No. 367, Section 8, eff May 27, 1998.*

**To require anyone convicted of violation of this chapter will forfeit right to ever own another animal while they reside in the State of South Carolina. Any one previously convicted of a violation of this chapter found possessing an animal will be immediately incarcerated for no less than 30 days.**

- **Permit/license to breed dogs/cats/horses**

**Anyone wanting to breed any of the above animals must obtain a permit/license at the Department of Revenue.**

**Additionally, the breeder is subject to state and federal taxes in addition to the permit/license fee.**

**Inspection of breeders will be the responsibility of the Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services.**

- **Establish An Animal Offender Registry**

**An Animal Offender Registry will be established at the State Level and maintained by the State Judicial System. All County Animal Shelters, Humane Societies and any**

**establishment/individual offering animals for adoption shall have access to this Registry. Any of these agencies found adopting animals to people on this Registry will be subject to a fine.**

- **All Animal Rescuers Must Be Registered**

**Any Animal Rescue Group, Profit or Non-Profit Animal Rescue Group, Individual Animal Rescuer must be registered at the Department of Revenue. This permit must be presented in order to qualify for services at any Low Cost Spay and Neuter Facility.**

- **Requirements for Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinics/Wellness Clinic**

**Must fall under one of the following categories in order to use a Low Cost**

**Spay/Neuter/Wellness Clinic:**

- Must fall within a specified income level

- Must be a registered Animal Rescuer

- Show proof of Government Assistance

**For example: Social Security, Medicare, Food Stamps, and Disabilities**

**The Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic/Wellness Clinic will be able to provide the following services:**

- Spay and Neuters for dogs and cats

- Vaccinations

- Heartworm and flea prevention products

- Heartworm testing

- Basic medical care that does not require a veterinary

**specialist**

***For example: can treat a simple fracture, laceration, basic teeth cleaning,***

- **Prohibit the sale of ANY animal at a Jockey Lot/Flea Market**