

State of Arizona  
Senate  
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First Regular Session  
2015

**CHAPTER 273**  
**SENATE BILL 1260**

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 11-1013, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO ANIMAL CONTROL.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 11-1013, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 11-1013. Establishment of county pounds; impounding and  
5 disposing of dogs and cats; definition; reclaiming  
6 impounded dogs and cats; pound fees

7 A. The board of supervisors in each county may provide or authorize a  
8 county pound or pounds or enter into a cooperative agreement with a city, a  
9 veterinarian or an Arizona incorporated humane society for the establishment  
10 and operation of a county pound.

11 B. Any stray dog shall be impounded. All dogs and cats impounded  
12 shall be given proper care and maintenance.

13 C. Each stray dog or any cat impounded **AND NOT ELIGIBLE FOR A**  
14 **STERILIZATION PROGRAM** shall be kept and maintained at the county pound for a  
15 minimum of seventy-two hours or one hundred twenty hours for an animal that  
16 is **IMPOUNDED WITH A MICROCHIP OR** wearing a license **OR ANY OTHER DISCERNIBLE**  
17 **FORM OF OWNER IDENTIFICATION**, unless claimed or surrendered by its  
18 owner. Any person may purchase ~~such~~ a dog or cat on expiration of the  
19 impoundment period, if the person pays all pound fees established by the  
20 county board of supervisors and complies with the licensing and vaccinating  
21 provisions of this article. If ~~such~~ **THE** dog or cat is to be used for medical  
22 research, ~~no~~ **A** license or vaccination ~~shall be~~ **IS NOT** required. **ANY**  
23 **IMPOUNDED CAT THAT IS ELIGIBLE FOR A STERILIZATION PROGRAM AND THAT WILL BE**  
24 **RETURNED TO THE VICINITY WHERE THE CAT WAS ORIGINALLY CAPTURED MAY BE**  
25 **EXEMPTED FROM THE MANDATORY HOLDING PERIOD REQUIRED BY THIS SUBSECTION. FOR**  
26 **THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION, "ELIGIBLE" MEANS A CAT THAT IS LIVING**  
27 **OUTDOORS, LACKS DISCERNIBLE IDENTIFICATION, IS OF SOUND HEALTH AND POSSESSES**  
28 **ITS CLAWS.**

29 D. Any impounded licensed dog or any cat may be reclaimed by its owner  
30 or ~~such~~ **THE** owner's agent provided that the person reclaiming the dog or cat  
31 furnishes proof of the person's right to do so and pays all pound fees  
32 established by the board of supervisors. Any person purchasing ~~such~~ a dog or  
33 cat shall pay all pound fees established by the board of supervisors.

34 E. If the dog or cat is not reclaimed within the impoundment period,  
35 the county enforcement agent shall take possession of and may place the dog  
36 or cat for sale or may dispose of the dog or cat in a humane manner. The  
37 county enforcement agent may destroy impounded sick or injured dogs or cats  
38 if destruction is necessary to prevent the dog or cat from suffering or to  
39 prevent the spread of disease.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR APRIL 13, 2015.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE APRIL 14, 2015.