

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-

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At the end of part 1 of subtitle A of title XII, add the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . PLACEMENT OF ANIMALS USED IN FEDERAL**
2 **RESEARCH.**

3 Section 14 of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C.
4 2144) is amended to read as follows:

5 **“SEC. 14. STANDARDS FOR FEDERAL FACILITIES.**

6 “(a) **LABORATORY ANIMAL FACILITIES.**—Any de-
7 partment, agency, or instrumentality of the United States
8 having laboratory animal facilities shall comply with the
9 standards and other requirements promulgated by the
10 Secretary under sections 13(a), (f), (g), and (h).

11 “(b) **ADOPTION AND NON-LABORATORY PLACE-**
12 **MENT.**—Any department, agency, or instrumentality of
13 the United States operating as a Federal research facility
14 shall, not later than one year after the date of the enact-
15 ment of this subsection, promulgate standards and other
16 requirements that, in the determination of the depart-
17 ment, agency, or instrumentality, facilitates the adoption
18 or non-laboratory placement of any eligible animal of the

1 facility no longer needed for research and determined to
2 be suitable for release to an animal rescue organization,
3 animal sanctuary, animal shelter, or individual.

4 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 “(1) ANIMAL RESCUE ORGANIZATION.—The
6 term ‘animal rescue organization’ means an organi-
7 zation—

8 “(A) described in section 501(c)(3) of the
9 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt
10 from taxation under section 501(a) of such
11 Code; and

12 “(B) with the purpose of rescuing animals
13 that are unwanted, abandoned, or otherwise in
14 need of placement and finding permanent adop-
15 tive homes for such animals.

16 “(2) ANIMAL SANCTUARY.—The term ‘animal
17 sanctuary’ means an organization described in sec-
18 tion 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986
19 and exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of
20 such Code that—

21 “(A) is registered with the Secretary;

22 “(B) operates a place of refuge—

23 “(i) where an unwanted, displaced, or
24 retired animal is provided care for the life-
25 time of such animal; and

1 “(ii) where an unescorted public visi-
2 tation of such an animal is not permitted;

3 “(C) does not engage in commercial trade
4 of such an animal;

5 “(D) does not breed such an animal;

6 “(E) does not permit direct contact be-
7 tween the public and such an animal;

8 “(F) does not allow the use of such an ani-
9 mal for performance or exhibition purposes; and

10 “(G) does not conduct research that pains
11 or distresses such an animal.

12 “(3) ANIMAL SHELTER.—The term ‘animal
13 shelter’ means a facility that accepts or seizes ani-
14 mals to care for such animals, place such animals in
15 a permanent adoptive home, or carry out law en-
16 forcement purposes.

17 “(4) ELIGIBLE ANIMAL.—The term ‘eligible
18 animal’ means any dog, cat, nonhuman primate,
19 guinea pig, hamster, or rabbit.

20 “(5) SUITABLE FOR RELEASE.—The term ‘suit-
21 able for release’ means an eligible animal that has
22 been evaluated and has received a certificate issued
23 by a veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary
24 medicine, certifying that they inspected the eligible
25 animal on a specified date that is not more than ten

1 days before such animal is released, and when so in-
2 spected, the eligible animal appeared free of any in-
3 fectious disease or physical abnormality which would
4 endanger the eligible animal, other animals, or pub-
5 lic health.”.

