

The proposed statute should be under Chapter 19A-60 of the North Carolina General Statutes. The definitions contained in 19A-23 shall apply with the following additions:

“Spaying” shall refer to the accepted surgical procedure used to render a female animal unable to bear offspring.

“Neutering” shall refer to the accepted surgical procedure used to render a male animal unable to impregnate a female.

PROPOSED:

- (a) Subject to the exceptions below, the owner of every animal as defined by chapter 19A-23(4) shall have said animal spayed or neutered within two (2) months of taking said animal into possession;
- (b) Persons or entities may apply for exemption from (a) above to the Animal Welfare Section of the Animal Health Division of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Such exemption shall only be granted in exceptional medical circumstances or for persons or entities which show just cause, including but not limited to licensed breeders.
- (c) Any person found in violation by any law enforcement officer, including Animal Control Officer as defined in Chapter 130A-184(1), shall be issued a written warning giving that person five (5) days to comply by either having the animal spayed or neutered or receiving an exemption.
- (d) Violations – Any persons failing to comply with (c) above shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. For the purpose of this section, “person” shall include any individual or responsible corporate or public officer or employee.

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We the undersigned, would like to see spay and neuter laws to be passed in NC to make it mandatory that dogs and cats are spayed and neutered by the age of 6 months or face a violation of NC law. This would exclude licensed breeders and hunters that register their animals and abide by all required laws pertaining to animals.

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