



## Euthanasia Certification Practical Verification

On \_\_\_\_\_ (date) \_\_\_\_\_ (student name) completed 14 hours of instruction in humane euthanasia by a Florida Animal Control Association, DBA Florida Animal Protection and Advocacy Association (FAPAA) approved instructor and took their final examination.

Students must pass their final examination with a score of 80% or above and complete two additional hours, one hour to euthanize a dog and one hour to euthanize a cat, under a veterinarian or a current FAPAA Euthanasia Instructor direct observation. They must demonstrate the technical skills, knowledge, and proficiency required for performing humane euthanasia and verifying death. Upon receipt of this form confirming successful completion of the hands-on portion of the course and a passing score on their final examination, the student will be added to the certified database and an official certificate will be mailed to your attention for distribution.

FAPAA asks that you not submit this form for completion of the course until you are comfortable in the student's proficiency in performing humane euthanasia. The practical must be completed within 90 days of the completion of the course. FAPAA will grant one extension, up to 90 days, for completion of the practical.

### **828.058 Euthanasia of dogs and cats.—**

(1) Sodium pentobarbital, a sodium pentobarbital derivative, or other agent the Board of Veterinary Medicine may approve by rule shall be the only methods used for euthanasia of dogs and cats by public or private agencies, animal shelters, or other facilities which are operated for the collection and care of stray, neglected, abandoned, or unwanted animals. A lethal solution shall be used in the following order of preference:

- (a) Intravenous injection by hypodermic needle;
- (b) Intraperitoneal injection by hypodermic needle; or
- (c) If the dog or cat is unconscious with no corneal reflex, intracardial injection by hypodermic needle.

(2) A dog or cat may be tranquilized with an approved and humane substance before euthanasia is performed.

(3) Succinylcholine chloride, curare, curariform mixtures, any substance which acts as a neuromuscular blocking agent, or a chamber which causes a change in body oxygen may not be used on a dog or cat for any purpose. However, whenever an emergency situation exists which requires the immediate euthanasia of an injured, diseased, or dangerous animal, a law enforcement officer, a veterinarian, or an agent of a local animal control unit or the designee of such an agent may humanely destroy the animal, as provided in s. 828.05.

(4)(a) Euthanasia shall be performed only by a licensed veterinarian or an employee or agent of a public or private agency, animal shelter, or other facility that is operated for the collection and care of stray, neglected, abandoned, or unwanted animals, provided the employee or agent has successfully completed a 16-hour euthanasia technician certification course. The curriculum for such course must be approved by the Board of Veterinary Medicine and must include, at a minimum, the pharmacology, proper administration, and storage of euthanasia solutions; federal and state laws regulating the storage and accountability of euthanasia solutions; euthanasia technician stress management; and proper disposal of euthanized animals. An employee or agent performing euthanasia before October 1, 1993, must obtain certification by October 1, 1994. An employee or agent who begins performing euthanasia on or after October 1, 1993, must obtain certification before performing any euthanasia. However, a certified veterinarian technician who is an employee or agent as defined in the subsection, may perform euthanasia without completing the certification course required by this subsection. Euthanasia must be performed in a humane and proficient manner.

(b) No dog or cat may be left unattended between the time euthanasia procedures are first begun and the time death occurs, nor may its body be disposed of until death is confirmed by a qualified person.

(5) The state attorney may bring an action to enjoin any violation of this act.

(6) Any person who violates the provisions of this act is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.



# Florida Animal Protection & Advocacy Association

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (name), Veterinarian/Euthanasia Instructor for  
\_\_\_\_\_ (agency), certifies that \_\_\_\_\_ (student  
name), under my direct observation, has demonstrated the technical skill and proficiency required by  
successfully, and humanely, euthanizing one dog on \_\_\_\_\_ (date), via  
\_\_\_\_\_ (method – IV, sedate/IC, etc.) and one cat on \_\_\_\_\_  
(date), via \_\_\_\_\_ (method - IV, IP, sedate/IC, etc.).

Students Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian/Instructor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian/Instructor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please email completed form to: [Info@floridaanimalcontrol.org](mailto:Info@floridaanimalcontrol.org)